

ASUC SENATE MEETING

February 25, 2009

Sixth Week

This regular meeting of the ASUC Senate was called to order by Krystle Pasco at 7:17 p.m. in the ASUC Senate Chamber.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to the minutes from the February 18 meeting.

Ms. Flores said that on page 46, SB 54, In Support of Sigma Chi's Derby Days, the bill didn't say where the \$1,500 was coming from, and the minutes should read that the money was coming from the Greek Opportunity Fund. And on page 47, for SB 55, In Support of ASUC Major Madness Week, the Resolved Clause had two different numbers for the allocation. It read that the Senate "authorizes \$1,100 (one thousand four hundred dollars)," and the amount should be \$1,100. And the bill should note that the money comes from the Carryforward Fund.

Seeing no further changes, Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to approve. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Mr. Owens. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 18, 2009 MEETING, AS AMENDED, PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

Roll call was taken for attendance.

MEMBERS LEGALLY PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sarah Cho

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Pasco referred the following bills to committee:

SB 73, In Support of the Cal Veterans Group's Hail and Farewell Ball, to the Finance Committee

SB 74, In Support of Replenishing the Academic Opportunity Fund Again, to the Finance Committee

SB 75, In Support of the Eastbay Christian Fellowship, to the Finance Committee

SB 76, In Support of the Astronomical Society of Berkeley, to the Finance Committee

SB 77, In Support of the People's Test Preparation Service (PTPS), to the Finance Committee

SB 78, In Support of the Chinese Calligraphy Club at Berkeley, to the Finance Committee

SB 79, In Support of the 15th Annual Norouz Culture Show, to the Finance Committee

SB 80, In Support of the YWCA's Youth Mentor Program, to the Finance Committee

SB 81, In Support of POTCH (Putting On The Christian Hits), to the Finance Committee

SB 82, In Support of the Golden Apple Award, to the Finance Committee

SB 83, In Support of Funding for the Intellectual Community Fund, to the Finance Committee

SB 84, In Support of Replenishing the ASUC Senate Contingency Fund, to the Finance Committee

SB 85, In Support of The Global Business Brigades and the Berkeley Environmental Global Brigades, to the Finance Committee

SB 86, In Support of Commemorating Oscar Grant's Life, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee and to the University and External Affairs Committee

SB 87, In Support of a Non-Denominational Prayer and Meditation Space, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee and to the University and External Affairs Committee

SB 88, In Support of Tang Center Awareness Week, to the Finance Committee

SB 89, In Support of Project RISHI's Sustainable Development In India Symposium, to the Finance Committee

SB 90, In Support of Delta Delta Delta's "Sunday Funday" Philanthropy Event, to the Finance Committee

SB 91, In Support of the Berkeley Energy and Resources Collaborative's Energy Fair, to the Finance Committee

SB 92, In Support of the Berkeley Nanotech Club's 6th Annual Nanotech Forum, to the Finance Committee

SB 93, In Support of Berkeley Project Month, to the Finance Committee

SB 94, In Support of Camp Kesem's Summer Camp, to the Finance Committee

SB 95, In Support of Engineers for a Sustainable World's Photovoice Exhibition, to the Finance Committee

SB 96, In Support of Foresight's Act for Sight, to the Finance Committee

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SB 97, In Support of the Pre-Pharmacy Informational Learning and Leadership Society's 3rd Annual Symposium, to the Finance Committee

SB 98, In Support of Startups @ Berkeley, to the Finance Committee

SB 99, In Support of the 2nd Annual Activism Right There, to the Finance Committee

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

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (March 4)

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would point out that there will be a Special Order on the ASUC budget next week, from 8:00 to 8:30, by Director Permaul. She called for any changes to the agenda for next week. Mr. Tran moved to hear a Special Order from 7:20 to 7:45 for a presentation on Civil Engineering competition teams. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mairena. THE MOTION TO HEAR A SPECIAL ORDER FROM 7:20 TO 7:45, FOR A PRESENTATION ON CIVIL ENGINEERING COMPETITION TEAMS, PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

Mr. Mairena said he would like to add an appointment to the J-Council for that evening. Ms. Pasco said Appointments were part of the agenda and just because nothing was specified didn't mean an appointment couldn't be considered.

Ms. Pasco called for any other changes to the agenda. A motion to approve was made and seconded by Mr. Mairena Ms. Ude. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 4 MEETING PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

#### REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASUC

##### Report from the Faculty Representative

Prof. Lieu said he had a couple of committee meetings over the past couple of weeks. The first was the regular, monthly meeting of the Student Affairs Committee. He is now also the Co-Chair of a new committee, with the specific charge of taking a look at the issue of rising textbook costs at the University. The topic of discussion has been what they could do about the rising cost of textbooks.

Prof. Lieu said that about six months ago the California Board of State Audits (CBSA) did an audit of textbook costs in the State of California and the audit came up with four major recommendations. The CBSA submitted those recommendations to the University. The campus was supposed to respond to these recommendations over 180 days ago. It turns out that the campus was already in compliance with nearly all of these recommendations, except for one small part, which was the recommendation of looking

at the possibility of to do textbook rentals rather than textbook sales. Prof. Lieu said he wasn't sure how people feel about that, but that's something the campus planned to look at. But as far as all the other recommendations, the campus was in compliance.

Prof. Lieu said it was his personal opinion that these recommendations that were forwarded by the audit were really reactive, rather than proactive. That meant that they more or less assumed that textbook costs were going to rise, and these were things they could do about that, like making sure the faculty turned in their textbook requests online; searching online resources, such as Amazon, to get the best deal on books. But there wasn't anything that was revolutionary.

Prof. Lieu said he would like to propose an alternate that he thought was a little more proactive. It was actually proposed initially by a publisher, and now he thought it was worthy of very serious consideration. It was a very different model. The current model has a source of students as the source of all the funds. Students pay money for books, and part of that money goes to the publisher, part to the Bookstore to support student activities, and part of it goes to used book dealers for their part in supplying used books. The new model, which he thought may have quite a bit of merit, was that instead of selling books, publishers would sell viewing rights. That would mean that even though books would still be available in printed form, students could get viewing rights to the books from an online resource, for much less cost than to buy them. Instead of buying a book that would typically cost \$100 a student would buy viewing rights for six months or a semester, for maybe \$30. The idea would be to make it cheaper than buying it and selling it back, or renting it. And viewing rights would expire after a semester or six months. The book could be printed, if the student wanted to view a hard copy.

As to what this new model would do, the original proposal from the publisher was that they would sell these viewing rights directly to the university, to departments, which would sell them to the students. But Prof. Lieu said his thought was that another model would be to have the publishers sell the rights to student bookstores, and the bookstores would arrange distribution to the students. So the bookstore would still make money and students would have their activities funded. And yet, the ultimate cost would be cheaper than buying or renting the books. This would involve the ASUC Auxiliary, and he needed to talk to Mr. Permaul about this. Instead of being in the business of selling a lot of hard copies of books, the business would essentially be a data repository with servers that sell viewing rights. If there's a sink of money, the source would still be students. The money would go to the bookstore to support student activities and to the publishers, who need the funds to develop their material. And the people who would get cut out of the picture would be the resellers and used books. They would no longer be part of the equation. That's where the savings would come from.

Prof. Lieu said that was all he had to report. If people have opinions or questions about this, it's something he would like to pursue with both the Bookstore and with students.

Ms. Raffi asked what kind of system he would imagine to be in place to make sure the quality of textbooks stayed at a decent level. The last time she was in a situation where they borrowed books, in high school, the quality of the textbooks was horrible. Prof. Lieu said that presumably the books that would be available through this model for viewing rights would be exactly the same books they were currently buying off the shelves. Most textbooks are in electronic form. His textbook was already electronic, but it also happens that they also have it in print. But presumably, if other publishers did the same thing, most of the textbooks they have are now already in electronic format. It's just that they'd create a system where students could actually view them.

Mr. Zuo asked how he'd maintain the quality of electronic textbooks versus other textbooks. He has a class that uses electronic textbooks and there were a lot of typos. Prof. Lieu said he didn't think he was being understood. He wasn't saying these would be free, online sources. They are exactly the same textbooks that are currently used. The only difference is that students would view them electronically, so the quality would be same as print textbooks.

Mr. Nahabet asked if there were any other universities that have used this system. Prof. Lieu said there weren't, and to his knowledge, Berkeley would be the leader. Seeing no questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him very much for his report.

#### Report from the UCPD Representative

Sgt. Tucker said that on Tuesday they had a successful student panel for UCPD training. It was the second session. The first was held two weeks ago. He wanted to thank Sens. Owens, Shah, and Ms. Winston for helping to arrange this and finding panelists. Sgt. Tucker said they got to hear some great stuff from a group of students. It was a really good opportunity for officers and sergeants to listen and learn about the needs and values and perspectives of students and the community at that time. As he's said in the past, they've done this before and he was sure they'll do it again.

Sgt. Tucker said he wanted to remind them that the police were still very interested in a student forum, the monthly meeting. The next one was scheduled for March 11. Sgt. Tucker said he'll contact City Affairs and the EVP's office to follow-up on that and make sure they have a moderator. Hopefully they'll get some folks to come this time. They didn't have anybody in February. This effort really made sense because it was driven by students. So they need to make sure to retain credibility and make sure the initiative came from student government. But the police were happy to be there.

Sgt. Tucker said he only had one other item to report. On the 22nd, early in the morning, there was a theft of room 211 Dwinelle Hall, and there were some witnesses, who were able to give a good description of someone who might be the suspect. And the victim gave a good description of the property that was stolen. And at about 4 a.m. a few hours later, on the 22nd, there was a report of a prowler inside a sorority on the 2700 block of Channing Way. He was discovered inside the sorority house and actual committed battery against one of the sorority members, and grabbed her by the arms, as he understood it. But he then fled. UC and City police officers surrounded the area, did a search, and located the person, who was positively identified as the suspect inside the sorority house. He was discovered to be in possession of stolen property from the sorority house as well as stolen property from Dwinelle Hall. So they closed two cases, one on campus and one off-campus. He called for any questions.

Ms. Raffi said that in the event of some sort of crime off-campus, like on Channing, she asked if the UCPD was the correct number to call. Sgt. Tucker asked if she could clarify and said he wasn't sure he understood. Ms. Raffi said that people involved in the case he mentioned, who were present in the house at the time of the break-in, called the UCPD and were told that UCPD couldn't handle this claim, and were transferred to the Berkeley City police. She asked where the boundary was for UCPD enforcement. Sgt. Tucker he would address the specific issue. If there's an emergency or a crime in progress, the

UCPD will respond to things near campus, and they didn't have to be on campus. That was well within the UCPD's normal area. It was unfortunate to hear that that may have been the response for someone who called. He would only hope that the best explanation might be that there was a misunderstanding, and perhaps the dispatcher didn't understand it was in progress. But he didn't know that and was just speculating. Areas not on campus are the primary responsibility of the City of Berkeley. So they would be charged with the investigation and follow-up. If something wasn't in progress, they would send an officer at the appropriate time to take the report. If something was in progress, the UCPD will respond. In either case, the best thing to do was to dial 911. They could call the UCPD directly, but he would certainly hope they'd respond better. He'll have to follow-up on that.

Mr. Owens said that if there's a medical emergency on campus, he asked if it was better to call the UCPD, 911, or some other group. Sgt. Tucker said that if they call 911 from a campus phone, they'll get the UCPD. If they call 911 from a cell phone, they might get the CHP in Vallejo, who will transfer them to what they think is the most appropriate local agency, depending on what they hear and what the person says who was making the call, and the situation. They could call the City of Berkeley, or they might hear "UC" and transfer them to the UCPD. The Berkeley Fire Department actually dispatches out of the same unit as the Berkeley Police. But they should just call 911. It was the easiest thing to remember. And obviously on campus, the UCPD will get the call. Ms. Pasco said that seeing no further questions, she would like to thank him very much.

#### Report from the Store Operations Board

Mr. Permaul said he just wanted to remind them that the next meeting of the SOB will be March 17 at 6 p.m. in the Senate Chamber. Regarding Panda Express, Panda Express will send an Executive Officer to meet with members of the ASUC Senate, members of the SOB, and members of the GA, on Thursday, March 5. There was an issue at that time because the GA was having its meeting at the same time, from 5:00 to 7:30, also in the Senate Chamber, and will also be having elections. So Mr. Permaul said they'll try and stage the meeting at a time that will ensure that the GA can participate as well. Jordan Smith, the Chair of the SOB, will get back to those people they invite to participate.

Regarding the Bear's Lair Food Court, Mr. Permaul said that he and Mr. Spivey continue to work on the Request for Proposal at the direction of the SOB. They're working as quickly as they possibly can because they want to get the RFP out as soon as they can.

Regarding the ASUC Auxiliary budget, Mr. Permaul said that at the last Senate meeting, one Senator asked if they could meet with him to offer thoughts on priorities of the ASUC Auxiliary budget. Mr. Permaul said he took that request seriously and he established a time, which he announced last week in an e-mail to the Senate, to meet with him on Thursday. He made an error, and the meeting was 11:15, not 11 a.m. He had to come back from his class, and it took him about 15 minutes to get there. The meeting will be in the 4th floor conference room and they'll discuss budget priorities. He will distribute at the meeting a current copy of the Auxiliary organizational chart, the draft executive summary of the budget summation of 9/10, a list of department functions and activities related to the budget, and their broad goals and strategies. He's heard from some Senators, but only a few, and he hoped to see more on Thursday.

Mr. Permaul said that at next week's Senate meeting he, Madeline Batac, Tom Spivey, and Marilyn Stager, will present a 30-minute Special Order on the ASUC and the ASUC Auxiliary budgets. It's scheduled for 8 p.m.

Regarding spring budgeting, the ASUC spring budgeting process has been announced. Budget allocations were released on February 17. The first budget workshop is scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. in room 220 Wheeler Hall. The second workshop is scheduled for March 14, at 2 p.m., in room 220 Wheeler. Budget applications are due March 20 at 5 p.m. Applications for initial proposals and appeals are due on April 10. The appeals process will take place between April 13 and April 27. The budget will be finalized in the Senate on Wednesday, April 29.

Mr. Permaul said he didn't know if people have seen the posters, but the ASUC Finance Officer Madeline Batac made them, and they're very nice.

Regarding the CollegiateLink Web link and the student management group program, Mr. Permaul said that last week he introduced to the Senate the initiative of the ASUC Auxiliary in conjunction with its efforts to realign its resources to implement a new student group management system from CollegiateLink. The program is an online, Web-based application that will give significant functionality to student groups, officers, and members. Since that time, Senators interested in the program have organized a joint effort between the CLL and the ASUC Auxiliary and are inviting student leaders on the campus to work on a one-stop student portal that works in conjunction with a Web-based application that has functionality. They'll be sending out a message to the Auxiliary with 15,000 students that week inviting them to join focus groups associated with the portal effort. He wouldn't read it there, but it invites students who are interested in participating in inputting with the focus groups on the portal to join with the student portal team. If Senators want to learn more about this, they should speak to Sens. T. Tran, Zuo, or Felby Chen, from the Dean's office.

Mr. Permaul said that Sen. Mairena asked to be invited to future meetings organized by the Auxiliary around the new CollegiateLink application. Jan Crowder is planning another Webinar and he'll ask her to make sure she invites Sen. Mairena. Any other Senator who would like to attend, he would ask them to please let him know and he'd be happy to have them participate. They should drop him an e-mail and he'll be sure they're included on the list.

Regarding heat in the Library, Mr. Permaul said he received a charming message from one of his colleagues in the Senate about the lack of heat during the Finance Committee meeting in the Library on Monday. It was freezing up there. It was scandalous. They don't know why and have asked the campus to get their proverbial rear end in gear and get the heat back in the Library. Mr. Permaul said he would apologize to all students who went up there trying to use it. It's terribly frustrating to try to study or have a meeting up there and it's cold. Every day they've gone to the campus and asked them to get it repaired. The good news was that they tackled the persistence problem of leaks, and that weekend there weren't as many leaks as a result of the rain. But now they're struggling in which the heat. Fifty-year-old buildings don't react well in inclement weather.

Mr. Permaul said that coming week the ASUC Art Studio will host an art exhibit entitled "The X-Ray Project." In a statement from Kate Wees, the Studio Manager, she says:

As well as a working art studio, the ASUC Art Studio is also a venue for exhibitions. As the Art Studio Director, I am committed to hosting exhibitions that are both thought provoking and

aesthetically interesting. We invite any artist to submit work to be reviewed for exhibition. We also encourage the public to attend the artist's, Diane Covert's, talk on March 2, at 6:15, in Pauley Ballroom. She will be at the Art Studio making herself available to questions and open dialogue during the first week of the exhibition.

Mr. Permaul said he wanted to say something a little more somber. On February 22 there was a celebration of the life of Jengyee Liang, a former ASUC Senator in 2005. Sen. Liang grew up in Southern California. She graduated from Cal in 2005 with honors, with a degree in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research. Among her awards for academic work, she was the only North American recipient in her senior year of the Student Industrial Engineers Student Award of Excellence and was named the Bechtel Scholar for the year after having received the Bechtel Engineering Scholarship as the most outstanding sophomore and junior of Berkeley in Engineering. After graduating, Ms. Liang relocated to Ohio to take a position at Procter and Gamble. Unfortunately, her time was short. Soon after her arrival, she was diagnosed with lupus. She returned home to stay with her family and received treatment and was with them when she died. Jan Crowder attended the memorial on February 22 in her memory. Mr. Permaul said she wanted him to share this information with the Senate. Perhaps the Senate could observe a moment of silence in honor of Sen. Jengyee Liang. A moment of silence was observed.

Mr. Permaul said he would like to thank them and said he would submit the rest of his time to questions. Seeing no questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him.

#### Elected Official Announcements

Ms. Dhar said the consulting panel that the ASUC graciously funded two weeks ago will occur. There will be a panel discussion followed by a Q&A session. They're getting representatives from Triage, Deloitte, and others. It will be a really exciting and educational event, and she'd pass around fliers. Also, Indus' biggest event of the year, "Bollywood Berkeley," that was funded by Fi-Comm two weeks ago, will occur on Saturday. It's a really exciting show, basically Bollywood dancing. There will be teams from around the nation. If people were interested in buying tickets they should let her know. It should be a lot of fun.

Mr. Zuo said that he and Sen. T. Tran have been working on technology improvements and will have a planning meeting on Saturday at 5 p.m. in the 180 Dwinelle. They're inviting Senators to come out and help them. The point was to set up a student portal where student groups could access each other, collaborate, and share resources. It will be an update of CLL and the Auxiliary. He'd send out another e-mail, and would ask them to forward it out to their communities. And Mr. Zuo said he would ask people to please keep an eye out for that.

Ms. Yang said Senators got an e-mail from Jan Crowder, and Ms. Yang said she just wanted to reiterate that e-mail. An Event Planning 101 certification workshop will happen on Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 in the Senate Chamber. She would ask Senators to please inform their constituents about this event. After the successful completion of this workshop, individuals and organizations whose reps attend are entitled to special perks, such as flexibility in reserving outdoor locations and rooms in MLK. If people are

interested in attending, Ms. Yang said she would ask them to please send her an RSVP and to send out the e-mail to their organizations and friends.

Ms. Chen said the ASUC Women's Conference will be held Sunday, March 8. She just got the fliers, which she'll pass around. There will be a series of really cool speakers, people from the entertainment industry and CFOs. People will be there from GAP, Inc. And there will be a Contra Costa County Superior Court judge and a COO there. In addition, they'll have Flair Magazine will put on a professional attire fashion show to teach women how to dress for work. Also, SHAPE was putting on a sexual assault and safety program. The Career Center will also be in attendance for help with résumé building. The event is from 10:00 to 3:00 and it's a free event. Lunch will be provided. They hope to see everybody there. To RSVP, people should go to [asucwc@blogspot.com](mailto:asucwc@blogspot.com).

Ms. Flores said asked if she knew how many people have RSVP'd. Ms. Chen said they have 50 already and they just opened it up less than two days ago. Now that they have fliers, if people want to help, or wanted to give fliers out to their communities, they should let her know.

Ms. Ude said she was giving everyone in the room an update about that Tang Center Awareness Week, put on by Advocacy Agenda Committee Number 1. Planning was well underway. It will be the week of March 2 - 6. Monday from 3:30 to 5:30 will be "Know Your Tang Center," an open house in the Tang Center, with food and T-shirts. On Tuesday at 7:00 there will be "Be Ready to Stay Healthy," a preventative health care workshop facilitated by the Undergraduate Public Health Coalition. It will be in Barrows Hall. On Wednesday there will be "Are You Sex-e," or "sexually educated," a sexual health forum and presentation. On Thursday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the "Let's Talk About It" Community Health Forum, in the MCC in MLK. Fliers should be coming out soon. She would expect Senators to support Advocacy Agenda Committee Number 1.

Ms. Tran said the VSA is having a film night on Memorial Glade from 6:00 to 8 p.m. Also, that day was Ash Wednesday, so she and Sens. Rodriguez, Ude and Smelko were at mass earlier and have ashes on their forehead to signify the ashes are from the blessed palms from Palm Sunday of the previous year. It's on their foreheads to remind them that they are from ashes and that they should repent on what they do daily and for the whole year. This was the first day of Lent and they'll fast every Friday. She called for any questions. Ms. Chen asked what she was giving up for Lent. Ms. Tran said she hasn't decided yet. She'll give up a lot of TV shows and her Korean dramas.

Ms. Flores said on Friday, Cal Slam will have a "Battle of the Bay" from 7:30 to 9:45 at 2050 Valley Life Sciences Building. It's a really important event because it's the group's fundraising effort. They're going to compete at the college national in a couple of weeks in Philadelphia. The ASUC has had a couple of events from them and from folks from them. They really need the Senate's help in terms of supporting them in this way. It will be on Friday. Next week, the political fashion show for the Gabriela Network will be on Friday, March 6, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Multicultural Center. Tickets are \$7 pre-sale and at the door, on a sliding scale of \$8-10. All proceeds will go on towards the Purple Rose Campaign. The performances will be on illiteracy, joy, and fear on campus. EVP Pasco will be there to model an outfit, so people should check it out.

Also, March 7 will be the 40th anniversary celebration gala of the Pilipino-American Alliance. It's a really huge event. They networked and contacted alumni from the '60s, and people are flying in from

everywhere, from England, from New York, across the nation, internationally, so this will be huge a event. It will be at the I-House auditorium. If people were interested, tickets are \$20 for Berkeley students because they have to charge for food. People could RSVP at [paa.berkeley.edu](http://paa.berkeley.edu). The following week, March 14, will be Berkeley's 19th Annual Asian Pacific Islanders Issues Conference. The Senate funded this \$600. So if Senators could support it, that would be great. It will be a huge event. They confirmed the keynote speaker. It will be a major event, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Barrows. They'll also have a set of workshops so people could learn about particular issues that were important to their communities there. Lastly, the 2009 Recognition Banquet for the East Bay Community Scholarship Fund will be right after the Asian Pacific-American Issues Conference, at the Berkeley City Club from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. She was working with the Coordinators to get a Senate table because it costs a lot of money per plate, as this was the group's fundraising effort in order to come up with scholarship money for the following year. She'll let people know about this. People in the group were excited to have elected officials there, and the Senate has supported them throughout the year. She called for any questions.

Ms. Raffi said that evening she would like to read a statement by the Jewish Student Union on the subject of the instruction of the recall election. She read the following:

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Begin statement by the Jewish Student Union

To the students of the University of California, Berkeley,

On Monday, February 23rd, 2009 there is scheduled to begin an election to recall ASUC Senator John Moghtader. This two-day campaign is anticipated to cost the ASUC \$25,000. The Jewish Student Union, a 30-year ASUC sponsored student group and active member of the campus community, is opposed to this recall on the grounds that it is an imprudent use of student funds.

The basis of the campaign for this recall election is criminal wrongdoing on the part of Senator Moghtader. Because there has been no evidence to either support or to refute this claim by the police, the ASUC, or any student, a decisive stance on the criminality of his actions cannot be reasonably assumed. The arguments presented by the plaintiffs are unfalsifiable; they cannot be proven or disproven, and therefore it is not a sufficient reason to call for his removal from office.

If students believe that recent events have affected Senator Moghtader's ability to serve appropriately in his elected position, then a proper method of addressing those concerns is through processes stipulated in the Constitution for this specific purpose, such as impeachment or a "vote of no confidence."

Holding a recall election with such a burdensome financial cost in order to censure a Senator at such a time of economic downturn is a wasteful and inappropriate use of the money we pay in student fees to the ASUC.

Signed,  
Tara Raffi  
President, Jewish Student Union

End statement by the Jewish Student Union

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Ms. Raffi said she hoped elected officials understand that that such a statement is a method that student groups could take to critique and hopefully improve their student government.

Mr. Nahabet said the Council of Undergraduate Deans has been meeting to discuss some possible changes for undergraduates in the fall 2009 term. The purpose of the proposal was to try and support more full-time enrollments before the adjustment period and to reduce the number of students on the wait list. A couple of things they're proposing was to limit Phase 2 units to 16 units, and also to swap Phase 1 and Phase 2. So if a student was early in Phase 1, they'd be late in Phase 2. They're discussing this and there was a proposal that he'd send out to the Senate. As student leaders, he hoped they look at this and provide him with feedback, which he could then relay that and then hopefully talk about it at the next meeting. He send out an e-mail and he'd ask them to read it and let him know.

### Standing Committee Reports

Reporting for the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee, Mr. Mairena said they met last Monday and all members were present except for Solicitor General Hollihan and Attorney General Sinanian. SB 58 passed as amended; SB 59 passed as amended; and SB 60 passed as amended, and as sent out by the Chair that same night.

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Begin written report from the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

ASUC Standing Committee on Constitutional and Procedural Review

Spring 2009 session – Week 6

Monday, February 23, 2009

9:00 pm, Senate Lounge

Chair: Mairena | Vice Chair: Sakaue

Voting Members: Senators Chen, Cho, Mairena, Oatfield, Sakaue, Smelko, T. Tran

I. Call to order - 9:04pm

A. Roll call

II. Approval of the minutes from February 17, 2009

A. Passed

III. Approval of the agenda for February 23, 2009

A. Passed

IV. New business

A. Bills

I. SB 58

A. Amended as sent out by the chair

B. SB 58a passes

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

II. SB 59

- A. Amended the final resolved clause to remove the Daily Cal advertisement
- B. SB 59A passes

III. SB 60

- A. Amended to remove the final Be it Resolved Clause
- B. SB 60A passes

V. Committee business

- A. 3 new judicial council nominees, interviews next week

VI. Adjournment - 9:12

- A. Roll call
  - I. Senators Smelko, Sakaue, Mairena, Oatfield, Cho, T. Tran and Chen were present

End written report from the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee  
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Reporting for the Report from the University and External Affairs Committee, Ms. Yang said that for the second time they did not meet. They'll meet that coming Monday at 9:00.

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

Report from the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs

Mr. Dolores said he had a meeting with Vice Chancellor Basri on Tuesday. The Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion has agreed to come to a Senate meeting to address questions and discuss his strategic plan, although not in full. Secondly, the Vice Chancellor has forwarded his strategic plan. However, Mr. Dolores said that Mr. Basri requested that he not distribute it broadly. Many Senators would like to view the Plan, and Mr. Dolores said he would be more than happy to do that, but one stipulation the Vice Chancellor had in e-mailing the Plan was that it not be e-mailed out broadly to any listservs.

Mr. Dolores said Sens. Tran and Hussain forwarded a question to him about going to a dinner, and the Vice Chancellor said he couldn't make the dinner at 5 p.m. The perspective meeting Mr. Dolores discussed with Vice Chancellor Basri was April 22. So he'll be coming to a Senate meeting. The Vice Chancellor was open to any questions. However, he did make a request to be put on the agenda early,

since he had something to do that evening. Mr. Dolores said they also discussed mechanisms for community members to file grievances against the University Administration. The Vice Chancellor provided him with documents and worksheets to do that. If any Senators were interested in looking at the worksheets, Mr. Dolores said he could e-mail them out.

Mr. Dolores said he also wanted to announce the researcher for the Research Division, Anna Tran, the Issues Chair of AAA. She has considerable experience in doing community research in terms of issues and addressing those issues correctly. Also, addressing Sen. Ude's concern on communication with bridges, the Commission of Diversity Affairs was on continual progress in trying to get a representative from bridges. He called for any questions. Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him for his report.

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to move back to Standing Committee Reports. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Flores and passed with no objection.

#### Committee Reports (cont'd)

Ms. Pasco said the Standing Committee on the Advocacy Agenda didn't meet last week and will meet that week. But they had to reschedule the time because the ASUC Community Building Potluck was at the same time.

Reporting for the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Student Health and Mental and Spiritual Well Being, Mr. Sakaue said they met on Monday at 8 p.m. to finalize the details of Tang Center Awareness Week. They also discussed the submission of a bill in support of non-denominational prayer space. He believed those bills should be in the packet, at least by e-mail.

Reporting for the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Academic Resources, Improvement, and Employment Security, Ms. Flores said the Committee will meet on Thursday at 5:30 in the June Jordan Room.

Reporting for the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Physically, Environmentally, and Socially Responsible Businesses for Lower Sproul, Mr. Mairena said the Committee will meet on Monday at 8:00 in the office of the President.

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to move into Special Committee Reports. It was so moved and seconded by Ms. Tran and Ms. Yang and passed with no objection.

Mr. Nahabet call for a quorum. Ms. Pasco said they had a quorum. Mr. Mairena moved to recess for three minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, reporting for the Finance Committee, Ms. Hussain said the minutes were sent out. The meeting was called to order at 9:22. All members were present but Finance Officer Batac and Pres. Winston. All waivers were approved except for Students for Sustainable D., Fashion Trends, and the Women's Conference, which were tabled. For Old Business, SB 33 was approved; SB 39 was amended and passed; SB 50 was passed; SB 57 was amended and passed; SB 56 was tabled; SB 63 was amended and passed; SB 69 passed; SB 72 was amended and passed; SB 71 was amended and passed; SB 64 was amended and passed; SB 70 was tabled; SB 61A was amended and passed; SB 65 was amended and passed; SB 67 was amended and passed; SB 68 was amended and passed; SB 62 was amended and passed; SB 59 was passed; SB 60 was amended and passed. For the final roll call, everyone was present except for Pres. Winston and Finance Officer Batac. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 a.m.

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Begin written report from the Finance Committee

ASUC Standing Committee on Finance  
Spring 2009 Session – week 6  
Tuesday, February 23, 2009  
9:00 pm, Senate Chambers, Eshleman Hall

Chair: Senator Saira Hussain | Vice Chair: Senator Kifah Shah  
Voting Members: Senators Dhar, Flores, Hussain, Nahabet, Rodriguez, Shah, Zuo  
Non-Voting Members: President Winston, EVP Pasco, Finance Officer Batac

- I. Meeting Called to order at 9:22PM
- II. Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2009
  - a. Approved
- III. Roll Call 9:21pm
  - a. All present but Finance Officer Batac, President Winston
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for February 2, 2009
  - a. Amended SB 30 to read as SB 40
  - b. Approved
- V. Waivers
  - a. FAST tabled
  - b. SSDP tabled
  - c. Women's Conference tabled
  - d. Alpha Phi Alpha passed
  - e. South Asians in Politics passed
  - f. All others approved
- VI. Committee Business
  - a. Alex presenting for Oakland Kicks Asthma
  - b. Finance Officer Batac reported we have \$13,600 as of 2 weeks ago

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Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

- c. New groups who are not ASUC sponsored can apply for Spring Budgeting but must receive ASUC sponsorship immediately in fall
  - d.
- VII. Old Business
- a. SB 33
    - i. Approved
  - b. SB 39a
    - i. Amended to add Senators Flores, Shah, Zuo, Hussain, Smelko, Hussain, Mairena as cosponsors
    - ii. Amended to read \$536.83
    - iii. Approved
  - c. SB 50
    - i. Approved
  - d. SB 57a
    - i. Amended to add Senators Flores, Shah, Zuo, Hussain, Rodriguez, Dhar as cosponsors
    - ii. Approved
- VIII. New Business
- a. Appointments
    - i. None
  - b. SB 66
    - i. Tabled
  - c. SB 63a
    - i. Amended to add Senators Flores, Shah, Mairena, Hussain, Rodriguez, Hussain as cosponsors
    - ii. Approved
  - d. SB 69
    - i. Approved
  - e. SB 72a
    - i. Amended to add Senator Shah, T. Tran, Chen, Zuo, Rodriguez, Flores as cosponsors
    - ii. Approved
  - f. SB 71a
    - i. Amended to add Senator Rodriguez as a cosponsor
    - ii. Approved
  - g. SB 64A
    - i. Amended to read \$350
    - ii. Approved
  - h. SB 70
    - i. Tabled
  - i. SB 61a
    - i. Amended to add Senators Nahabet, Rodriguez, Flores, Shah, Zuo
    - ii. Approved

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Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

- j. SB 65a
    - i. Adopted the amended version
    - ii. Amended to read final resolve clause as: “that \$400 shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to CalTaiko's Spring Showcase 2009.”
    - iii. Amended to add Senators Rodriguez, Flores, Shah, as cosponsors
  - k. SB 67a
    - i. Amended to read \$383
    - ii. Amended to read
    - iii. Amended to add Senators Rodriguez, Flores, Shah, as cosponsors
    - iv. Approved
  - l. SB 68a
    - i. Amended read: “that \$1000 (one thousand USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to Tau Beta Pi's Pioneers in Engineers Outreach Project.”
    - ii. Amended to add Senators L. Tran, Zuo, Rodriguez, Flores, Shah as cosponsors
    - iii. Approved
  - m. SB 62a
    - i. Amended to read \$925
    - ii. Approved
  - n. SB 59
    - i. Approved
  - o. SB 60a
    - i. Adopted the amended version
    - ii. Adopted the amended version from con review
    - iii. Approved
- IX. Adjournment
- a. Roll Call
  - b. All Present but President Winston, Finance Officer Batac
  - c. Meeting Adjourned at 3:15AM

End written report from the Finance Committee  
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CONSENT CALENDAR

The following bills were up for consideration that evening under the Consent Calendar: SBs 58, as amended; 59, as amended; 60, as amended; 33; 39, as amended; 50; 57, as amended; 63, as amended; 69; 72, as amended; 71, as amended; 64, as amended; 61, as amended; 65, as amended; 67, as amended; 68, as amended; 62, as amended; 59; and 60, as amended.

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion for a one-minute recess. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, SB 33 was removed from the Consent Calendar.

The following bills remained under the Consent Calendar: SBs 58, as amended; 59, as amended; 60, as amended; 39, as amended; 50; 57, as amended; 63, as amended; 69; 72, as amended; 71, as amended; 64, as amended; 61, as amended; 65, as amended; 67, as amended; 68, as amended; 62, as amended; 59; and 60, as amended.

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

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE APPROVED UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR: SB 39, AS AMENDED; SB 50; SB 57, AS AMENDED; SB 58, AS AMENDED; SB 59, AS AMENDED; SB 60, AS AMENDED; SB 61, AS AMENDED; SB 62, AS AMENDED; SB 63, AS AMENDED; SB 64, AS AMENDED; SB 65, AS AMENDED; SB 67, AS AMENDED; SB 68, AS AMENDED; SB 69; SB 71, AS AMENDED; AND SB 72, AS AMENDED.

WAIVERS:

- FAST tabled
- SSDP tabled
- Women's Conference tabled
- Alpha Phi Alpha passed
- South Asians in Politics passed
- All others approved

The following Resolution, SB 39, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Nate Visconti and Ms. Dhar and was co-sponsored by Mr. Smelko, Ms. Flores, Ms. Shah, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Hussain, and Mr. Mairena:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SUICIDE AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, Student-to-Student Peer Counseling is a 19th-year SISG with a budget of \$2,679.77; and

WHEREAS, peer counseling group that provides free mental health counseling and counseling referrals to undergraduate and graduate students at Cal; and

WHEREAS, SSPC also facilitates programs to raise awareness about issues of stigma and counseling, suicide, and other general mental health issues; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SUICIDE AWARENESS WEEK (cont'd)

WHEREAS, Suicide Awareness Week was created to address the issue of many suicides on the Cal campus and other college campuses; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is the second largest cause of death on college campuses; and

WHEREAS, Suicide Awareness Week is meant to raise awareness about the issues of suicide and depression, help students learn the signs, and learn the resources available to them in dealing with such serious issues; and

WHEREAS, Suicide Awareness Week had a number of events, including a screening of the movie "The Bridge" followed by a discussion about suicide, stigma, and the media, a charity poker tournament to raise money for Crisis Support Services of Alameda County, and the distribution of information cards and wristbands on Sproul all week; and

WHEREAS, the budget is as follows: \$1,626.83;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$536.83 from the Senate Contingency Fund to wristbands and fliers for SSPC

The following Resolution, SB 50, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Garen Karnikian and Mr. Trần:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MATHEMATICS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the ASUC consistently supports a variety of academic, fellowship, and professional development initiatives, organizations, and thus interests; and

WHEREAS, the Mathematics Undergraduate Student Association (MUSA) is the only student group which serves UC Berkeley's rather large undergraduate body studying mathematics (pure, applied, and all affiliates); and

WHEREAS, MUSA's programs and services to the students include: student-faculty exchanges, faculty awards, Pi Day Celebration, peer advising for undergraduates, resources bank, and study lounge areas; and

WHEREAS, MUSA's former leadership decided not to become ASUC sponsored due to stringent requirements. However, the new leadership is setting a different tone in management and organization structure which is compatible and enhanced by ASUC sponsorship; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MATHEMATICS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (cont'd)

WHEREAS, MUSA has for the past year been dependent on personal contributions and departmental support for the larger events requiring food; and

WHEREAS, MUSA's operating budget for the 08-09 year, as of February 10, 2009, is as follows: Total, \$295;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes Mathematics Undergraduate Student Association as a first-year SAG (Student Activity Group).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$150 (one hundred fifty USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to the Mathematics Undergraduate Student Association.

The following Resolution, SB 57, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Doreen Bloch, Ms. Chen, Mr. Smelko, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Moghtader, Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Shah, Mr. Mairena, Ms. Raffi, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Dhar, Ms. Flores, Ms. Rodriguez, and Ms. Hussain:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BARE MAGAZINE'S FOURTH PRINT

WHEREAS, the ASUC supports a diverse array of student groups and publications to enrich the lives and serve the interests of students on the UC Berkeley campus; and

WHEREAS, BARE is an entirely student-run and student-created publication, with over 100 students contributing to its creation -- from student models and photographers, to writers, layout designers, student clothing creators, and bloggers; and

WHEREAS, BARE Magazine recently was honored with an invitation to send a student reporter to New York's Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week and won "Best New Publication" from the ASUC Publications Department last year; and

WHEREAS, BARE is a way for students to be able to express their creativity and engage with the fashion world in a uniquely Berkeley way -- bringing social, gender equity, and environmental consciousness to a fashion magazine; and

WHEREAS, BARE's previous issues have garnered huge excitement for BARE magazine -- a thousand copies have been printed, though many more students have heard about and have experienced the magazine through sharing of copies, events, and the blog; and

WHEREAS, BARE magazine distributes to a diverse array of students on-campus and any student or community member can get a copy of BARE for free - BARE also seeks out many groups of

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BARE MAGAZINE'S FOURTH PRINT

students who might enjoy BARE, such as students in sororities and fraternities, majors like business, English, art, music, and media studies, members of other campus publications and art-based student groups, as well as fashion interested students in classes and on campus;  
and

WHEREAS, BARE is currently going through a fourth print and in dire need of funds to be able to print their second issue of the year; and

WHEREAS, BARE magazine was funded \$328.72 in last year's budget; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the second printing of BARE magazine is as follows: Amount needed for Second Printing \$1,025;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$900.00 from the Senate contingency fund to BARE Magazine for their spring 2009 issue.

The following Resolution, SB 58, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Raffi, Mr. Smelko, and Mr. Tran, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Chen, Ms. Cho, Ms. Dhar, Ms. Flores, Ms. Hussain, Mr. Mairena, Mr. Moghtader, Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Oatfield, Mr. Owens, Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Sakaue, Ms. Shah, Ms. Tran, Ms. Ude, Ms. Yang, and Mr. Zuo:

## RESOLUTION TO STREAMLINE ONE ASPECT OF SENATE AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, this year so far the Senate has sponsored 244 bills; and

WHEREAS, for each bill, the Senator responsible is required to submit a hard copy of their bill to the ASUC Secretariat, in addition to e-mailing an electronic copy; and

WHEREAS, this current practice is in accordance to the following section of the ASUC By-laws section Article I Section 5.2.2:

### 5.2 New Business

2. Regular Meetings, bills must be submitted by hard copy and either via disk or email to the Senate Secretaries by 9 AM of the day prior to the Senate meeting to be included in New Business for that meeting, except as specified in 5.2.3 below. The Secretariat shall then forward the electronic copies of the bills to those Senators that request to receive bills via email weekly by 9PM on that same day.

;and

RESOLUTION TO STREAMLINE ONE ASPECT OF SENATE AFFAIRS (cont'd)

WHEREAS, this requires a considerable amount of extra time and energy on behalf of the Senators to physically submit a hard copy of their bill to the 2nd floor of Eshleman; and

WHEREAS, the Secretariat is already required by the By-laws to compile an electronic agenda packet to e-mail out; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the electronic agenda packet, the Secretariat must organize and write in the "SB" numbers for each bill in the hard copy; and

WHEREAS, the procedures and requirements concerning the agenda packet, including use of recycled paper, double-sided bills, and poor printing quality, create a considerable amount of procedural burden and preoccupation for both the Secretariat and the Senators; and

WHEREAS, it requires a negligible amount of additional work for the Secretariat to print one copy of the electronic agenda packet to use as the initial copy to be photocopied; and

WHEREAS, the net work for the Secretariat should heretofore be reduced in regards to agenda packets; and

WHEREAS, the new procedure of printing adds negligibly to the cost of the ASUC Secretariat's office;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article I Section 5.2.2 of the By-laws be amended as stricken and italicized below:

2. For Regular Meetings, Bills must be submitted by ~~hard copy and either via disk or email to the Senate Secretaries~~ *ASUC Secretariat* by 9 AM of the day prior to the Senate meeting to be included in New Business for that meeting, except as specified in 5.2.3 below. The Secretariat shall then forward the electronic copies of the bills to those Senators that request to receive bills via email weekly by 9PM on that same day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Article I Section 5.2.2 of the Bylaws be amended read:

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The following Resolution, SB 59, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Tran, John Viet, Norris Tran Duc, Ryan Quan and Ms. Chen, and was

co-sponsored by Ms. Yang, Ms. Flores, Ms. Hussain, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Shah, Ms. Cho, Mr. Mairena, Mr. Sakaue, Ms. Ude, Mr. Zuo, and Mr. Tran:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION 2009 CULTURE SHOW: MONSOON "GIÓ MÙA"

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA), since 1978, has sought to reflect the diverse, vibrant, and dynamic Vietnamese community on and off the University of California, Berkeley's campus; and

WHEREAS, through festive social events, academic forums, and cultural productions, VSA promotes discussion and awareness of Vietnamese culture and identity; and thus fosters a friendly atmosphere for any student who may want to participate whether they are ethnically Vietnamese or not; and

WHEREAS, VSA aims to create an inclusive community and positive atmosphere by encouraging students from all backgrounds to participate and engage in events; and

WHEREAS, VSA hosts an annual student-produced Culture Show that is not a mere congregation of singers, dancers, actors, and musicians, but rather, an integrated, all-live theatrical production; and

WHEREAS, all performance aspects of the Culture Show are combined into a seamless production, incorporating various ideas of Vietnamese culture that are examined by committees and groups, and collectively combined and re-examined to create the complete production; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned process of sharing of ideas and experiences of Vietnamese culture and identity is integral to the education of Vietnamese customs and culture to students who have not had the opportunity of this cultural education. It is also a valuable learning process for the participants who are of non-Vietnamese background; and

WHEREAS, the production of the Culture Show empowers students by fostering an artistic community and providing a space for creative expression, a place not easily found nor accessible, especially by Asian Americans who are continually under/misrepresented in media; and

WHEREAS, this year's Show will be held on April 19, 2009 in Zellerbach Hall, the only local venue large enough to host an audience that consists of students from many universities, community leaders, friends, and family members; and

WHEREAS, the cost of Zellerbach Hall alone has increased steadily over the past years, making it more financially difficult for VSA to host the Culture Show; and

WHEREAS, VSA has been actively seeking further funding from other resources including but not limited to private donors, ASUC grants, and fundraising activities; and

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Monsoon "Gió Mùa" (cont'd)  
-- SB 60, In Support of PAA's 33rd Annual Pilipino Cultural Night of UC Berkeley

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION 2009 CULTURE SHOW: MONSOON "GIÓ MÙA" (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the line-item budget for this year's culture show is displayed below: Total for Zellerbach, \$14,860.00; Total costs, \$25,755.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that VSA 2009 Culture Show: Monsoon "Gió Mùa", be recognized as an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate Allocate \$1,500 (fifteen hundred dollars) from the ASUC Senate Contingency fund to help cover the costs for VSA 2009 Culture Show: Monsoon "Gió Mùa".

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC make an attempt to support publicity and ticket sales by advertising for the VSA 2009 Culture Show on the ASUC Website.

The following Resolution, SB 60, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Angelica Dongallo, Nathaniel Lachica, Melanie Padernal, and Ms. Flores, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Hussain, Ms. Tran, Ms. Yang, Mr. Sakaue, Mr. Mairena, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Ude, Ms. Shah, Ms. Cho, and Mr. Zuo:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PAA'S 33rd ANNUAL PILIPINO CULTURAL NIGHT OF UC BERKELEY

WHEREAS, the Pilipino American Alliance (PAA) is and has been an ASUC-sponsored student activity group for 40 consecutive years (1968) and its members stand to promote a network of social support for students through the encouragement of political struggle, academic excellence, and cultural awareness, while celebrating cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, PAA produces an annual live showcase, Pilipino Cultural Night (PCN), which is the manifestation of various aspects of Pilipino Culture on stage each Spring Semester; and

WHEREAS, PCN is a community effort to express identity and evolution, a communication of stories and perspectives aimed to empower and educate the community, and a means to examine what it means to be Pilipino. PCN embraces the strengths and weaknesses of people and celebrates them through visual performing arts, dancing, acting, choreographed movements, and musical display; and

WHEREAS, PAA holds cultural and non-cultural workshops, called Feasables, held periodically the academic year by PCN Chairpersons. They are opportunities, such as events, experiences, or reflections that increase knowledge about the Pilipino community, which serve to

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PAA's 33rd ANNUAL PILIPINO CULTURAL NIGHT OF UC BERKELEY (cont'd)

understand the process of community building in PCN. Three of these need to be attended and are mandatory for individuals to participate in PCN. Feasible workshops allow participants to consciously engage in the PCN production process and learn Pilipino history, tradition, and current issues; and

WHEREAS, to address the needs of our larger community, PCN 2009 is mobilizing its participants and audience members to donate to a collective canned food drive as the student community's philanthropic event; and

WHEREAS, PAA is fortunate enough to be the first student group to use Zellerbach Hall at UC Berkeley. PAA will hold its 33rd Annual production of Pilipino Cultural Night in Zellerbach Hall on Saturday, April 11, 2008 inviting students, friends, family, and the Berkeley community, to attend the showcase; and

WHEREAS, PCN is the longest running cultural showcase on campus and the second longest running PCN in the nation; and

WHEREAS, PCN is one of the largest annual stage productions on the UC Berkeley campus and attracts many students and community members each year from many various backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the total budget for the 33rd Annual Pilipino Cultural Night is as follows: Total, \$31,700; Overall financial resources, \$27,250 (\$17,500 pending ticket sales and sponsorships); Total need, \$4,450;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$1500 from the Senate Contingency Fund to the Pilipino American Alliance for its 33rd Pilipino Cultural Night.

The following Resolution, SB 61, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Liz Eid and Mr. Smelko and was co-sponsored by Ms. Dhar, Mr. Tran, Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Flores, Ms. Shah, and Mr. Zuo:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALPHA DELTA CHI'S AMOR PHILANTHROPY

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of University of California strives to serve students' best interests by supporting, among other things, student groups that promote or sponsor community service, as well as encourage an awareness and understanding of different causes and issues; and

WHEREAS, eight women founded the Beta Chapter of Alpha Delta Chi at UC Berkeley in 1929 and the sorority is a member of the Multicultural Greek Council and in good standing; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALPHA DELTA CHI'S AMOR PHILANTHROPY (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the members of Alpha Delta Chi aim to be actively involved in service projects locally and globally, including previous community service projects such as the Bay Area Rescue Mission, the Berkeley Project, Night Strike with City Ministries International, Relay for Life, sponsoring a child through Compassion International, and work at various soup kitchens; and

WHEREAS, this planned project with Amor Ministries is an unprecedented outreach project for the sorority in that it will take its volunteers out of the country to serve in an impoverished area of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Amor Ministries House-Building Project is a five-day trip to Tijuana, Mexico in which the participants build a house for an impoverished family. The house will be a two-room, two-window house with one door that can be locked for safety purposes. It will measure 11 feet by 22 feet with a concrete foundation and stucco finish; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the trip is to build a secure house for an impoverished family whose current home cannot meet their minimum safety and space-related needs; and

WHEREAS, student volunteers will be actively involved in the construction of the house and will have the opportunity to develop a relationship with the family; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Delta Chi hopes that the event will also serve as an eye-opening experience for the student volunteers, increasing their awareness of international and even local poverty in such a way as to inspire them to take action to alleviate it; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the Amor trip is as follows: Total projected expenses, \$4,685.00; Fundraising, \$200; Amount remaining, \$4,485.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize Alpha Delta Chi's Amor philanthropy trip as an official ASUC sponsored event.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$1,000 from the Greek Opportunity fund to Alpha Delta Chi's Amor philanthropy trip

The following Resolution, SB 62, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Jenn Sternberg, Savayia Singh, and Mr. Smelko and was co-sponsored by Ms. Dhar, Mr. Tran, and Mr. Nahabet:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA'S RUNWAY SHOW

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of University of California strives to serve students' best interests by supporting, among other things, student groups that promote or sponsor community

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA'S RUNWAY SHOW (cont'd)

service, as well as, encourage an awareness and understanding of different causes and issues;  
and

WHEREAS, the Pi Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega was founded in Berkeley in 1909 in order to offer life-time opportunities for friendship, leadership, scholarship, and service; and

WHEREAS, nationally, Alpha Chi Omega raises money and donates time to help survivors of domestic violence, also focusing on the promotion of domestic violence awareness; and

WHEREAS, every year the Alpha Chi's at Berkeley donate between \$4,000-5,000 to A Safe Place; and

WHEREAS, a Safe Place exists to provide battered women and their children emergency and transitional services to enable them to break the cycle of violence and regain a sense of self-esteem, and is committed to creating community change in beliefs about domestic violence through outreach and education; and

WHEREAS, A Safe Place is Oakland's only comprehensive domestic violence program for battered women and children, providing a refuge for women and children, and has supplied each with services that include professional individual and peer group counseling, as well as advocacy and other professional supportive services; and

WHEREAS, one in ten high school females reports being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner. By college that figure goes up to 22%. As many as 324,000 women each year experience intimate partner violence during their pregnancy, and studies also suggest that between 3.3 and 10 million children are exposed to domestic violence annually; and

WHEREAS, last year Alpha Chi Omega raised around \$1,400 for A Safe through its first ever Runway event, where teams pay an entrance fee and are given materials to make one game day and one high fashion outfit which they model themselves. The winning team (based on audience vote & panel judges) also earns money for their philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, the budget for Alpha Chi Omega's Runway is as follows: Total, \$1,175;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$925 from the Greek Opportunity fund to Alpha Chi Omega's Runway show.

The following Resolution, SB 63, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Brandy DeOrnellas and Mr. Smelko and was co-sponsored by Ms. Dhar, Mr. Tran, Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Flores, Ms. Shah, Mr. Mairena, Ms. Hussain, and Ms. Rodriguez:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BEARS CARE FOR ELDERLY WELFARE

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of University of California strives to serve students' best interests by supporting, among other things, student groups that promote or sponsors community service, as well as, encourage an awareness and understanding of different causes and issues; and

WHEREAS, Bears Care for Elderly Welfare is a new student group recognized by the University of California Berkeley founded on the lack of opportunities catered to elderly-specific needs; and

WHEREAS, there does not exist another student group dedicated specifically to increasing the well-being of elderly alone; and

WHEREAS, Bears Care for Elderly Welfare was also founded out of the dire conditions of many individuals in local long-term nursing homes. Residents are given little stimulation of any kind, and based on State of California laws, nurses are only required to spend 3.5 hours tending to the needs and wants of a given patient per 24 hours, including providing medicines, feeding, bathing, and tending to them while they are asleep; and

WHEREAS, Bears Care is dedicated to not only providing increased comforts to those residing in such homes, but to increase awareness of the need to promote and protect the well-being of such individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of Bears Care for Elderly Welfare that these individuals have already paid their debts to society, and we must recognize that the youthful generation that exists today lives in comfort, with freedoms because of our elderly population, and we must pay them our respect and due appreciation; and

WHEREAS, seeing that this is a student-run, non-profit group, Bears Care for Elderly Welfare has limited opportunity for immediate funding and it is critical to get the name of the group, and their mission publicized, in order to get the group off the ground; and

WHEREAS, with the help of the ASUC funding for publicity materials, we may gain enough members to spread the word about our mission, and can better appeal to external sponsors who may be willing to donate for our cause; and

WHEREAS, the general operating budget for Bears Care for Elderly Welfare is as follows: Total, \$200;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize Bears Care for Elderly Welfare as an official first-year ASUC Student-Initiated Service Group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$200 from the Senate Contingency budget to Bears Care for Elderly Welfare

The following Resolution, SB 64, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Kenny Lee and Mr. Tran and was co-sponsored by Mr. Smelko, Ms. Dhar, Mr. Nahabet, and Ms. Chen:

#### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

WHEREAS, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) is a student chapter of a national organization that serves students of the Mechanical Engineering Department in the College of Engineering by encouraging advancement and quality of Mechanical Engineering education, serving as a representative on behalf of members in presenting their needs and objects to the faculty, department, and professional community, and setup meetings and socials to provide networking opportunity between students, faculty, staff, and industry; and

WHEREAS, ASME organizes an annual end-of-year crab feed banquet for all students, faculty, and professionals for the benefit of students at UC Berkeley (it is not exclusive to Mechanical Engineers); and

WHEREAS, ASME traditionally depends upon the ME department to fund most of the event's budget. However, the department can no longer afford to fund the event, meanwhile the event must continue this year due to heightened anticipation (~300 attendees), educational value from Tesla Motors design for sustainable motoring, and more collaboration with other engineering groups will surely increase attendance, reflecting the interdisciplinary value of the event; and

WHEREAS, the Crab Feed draws in many industry representatives providing student attendees a priceless opportunity to network and develop themselves professionally and intellectually; and

WHEREAS, the Crab Feed's budget, as of February 16, 2009, is as follows: Total, \$5,250.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASME Crab Feed be recognized as an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$350 (three hundred fifty USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to American Society of Mechanical Engineers via Engineers' Joint Council.

The following Resolution, SB 65, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by authored by Byron Yamanaka, Derrick Chen, Sam Lee and Mr. Trần, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Cho, Ms. Chen, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Flores, and Ms. Shah:

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT CALTAIKO

WHEREAS, CalTaiko was started in 2005 by a small, committed group of people who pooled their resources together and began practicing taiko on rubber tires in a fraternity basement. Eventually, they shifted their practices to Sproul Plaza; eventually, this group of several students grew into over 30 dedicated drummers in which each semester 80 people have to try out; and

WHEREAS, CalTaiko is the model organization displaying immense growth and progress over the years. Drummers who leave Cal leave transformed from drumming as an interest and a hobby to living the life and experience of taiko. Several alumni have even started taiko practicing facilities for their communities outside of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, CalTaiko now performs at prominent events consistently such as Cal Day and major events hosted by other student groups; and

WHEREAS, CalTaiko organizes an annual Spring Show at the Julia Morgan Theatre. This year the show will be on Cal Day, in an effort to expose incoming students to taiko performance, the experience, and the show; and

WHEREAS, the Spring Show's theme will showcase the evolution and progress the group has made over the past several years to culminate in a powerful, self-written repertoire; and

WHEREAS, the Spring Show's budget, as of February 16, 2009, is as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes CalTaiko's Spring Show as an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$400 (USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to CalTaiko to Fund CalTaiko's Spring Showcase 2009.

The following Resolution, SB 67, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Michelle Vu, Ryan Cabrera, Brian Yeh, Mr. Trần, and Mr. Smelko, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Dhar, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Flores, and Ms. Shah:

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS' WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) serve students of the Industrial Engineering and Operations Research (IEOR) Department and other business-related majors. The group encourages the advancement and quality of education for the said affiliated students by representing on behalf of members the needs and objects to faculty, department, professional and Cal community. Some of the regular group events involve networking events with

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faculty and industry, exceptional faculty dinners, test banks, IEOR department guide, socials for students in the Department, and youth outreach events through BEAM; and

WHEREAS, IIE has grown over the past several years from a humble group of several engaged, enthusiastic IEOR students into a portal for many undergraduate IEORs to access the IEOR Department; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the plethora of its current activities, IIE at UC Berkeley was chosen in a bidding process by the national organization to host the regional conference, which speaks to the excellence, prowess, and respect UC Berkeley's IEOR program has among professional and academic circles; and

WHEREAS, the IIE WC will be held from April 3-5 and include addresses from top keynote speakers (Coleman Fung being one of them), workshops, panel discussions, career fair, a paper competition, and socials; and

WHEREAS, IIE is dedicated to intellectual exchange among UC Berkeley students and have extended that to include high school students as part of their outreach efforts; high school students will be invited at a highly discounted rate while low-income students will be granted admission to the conference for free; and

WHEREAS, IIE has served its due diligence and is applying to ASUC ICF, potentially AOF, PSF, SOF, Departmental Funding, and potentially a grant from the Chancellors' office; and

WHEREAS, IIE WC's budget, as of February 8, 2009, is as follows: Total cost, \$5,918.00; Total revenue-Total cost, \$2,583;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes Institute of Industrial Engineers' Western Conference as an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$383 shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to Institute of Industrial Engineers' Western Regional Conference.

The following Resolution, SB 68, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Xiao-Yu Fu and Mr. Trần and was co-sponsored by Ms. Dhar, Mr. Smelko, Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Tran, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Flores, and Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TAU BETA PI'S ROBOTICS OUTREACH PROJECT

WHEREAS, Tau Beta Pi is the premiere engineering honor society with all of its membership drawing from students with GPAs rendering them atop their classes; and

#### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TAU BETA PI'S ROBOTICS OUTREACH PROJECT

WHEREAS, Tau Beta Pi is one of the largest organizations in the engineering community and has taken upon itself to lead a trend in applying engineering talent, intellectual development, and skill to mentor and outreach to the youth in the Bay Area community; and

WHEREAS, Tau Beta Pi, as of spring 2009, has launched the Robotics Outreach Program (Pioneers in Engineering) to inspire high school students to pursue engineering through hands-on experience, affordable but challenging competition, and dedicated mentorship from the UC Berkeley engineering community; and

WHEREAS, undergraduates will be helping high school students conceptualize, design, and build robots to compete in an annual competition in which the inaugural competition will be in April 2009; and

WHEREAS, this Robotics Outreach project will include many other organizations in the engineering community to support and advance the missions of this outreach project to sustain it, expand it, and enhance the experience of the Bay Area youth; and

WHEREAS, the Robotics Outreach budget, as of February 16, 2009, is as follows: Total expenses, \$7,617.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes Robotics Outreach as an ASUC-sponsored program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$1,000 (one thousand USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to Tau Beta Pi 's Pioneers in Engineers Outreach Project.

The following Resolution, SB 69, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Vanessa Coe and Ms. Flores and was co-sponsored by Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Shah, Mr. Mairena, Ms. Tran, Ms. Yang, Ms. Ude, Mr. Sakaue, Ms. Hussain, Mr. Tran, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Cho, and Ms. Chen:

#### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY OF BERKELEY

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Center for Democracy of Berkeley is to be "a wave of converging rising brilliance: active agents of change, each unique droplets of individual strength transforming ourselves, our communities, and our world"; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Democracy of Berkeley stands to push past the current, heading towards the shore, fighting for transformation, and always striving for more; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Democracy of Berkeley strives for democracy and social justice on this campus and throughout the entire nation by democratizing education, as this bridges the gap between academia and the outside community leaders; and

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WHEREAS, this organization allows anyone from differing backgrounds, skin color, creed, and more to be able to truly have their voices heard and experience true democratic equality; and

WHEREAS, the organization exists to restructure the education system in a democratic fashion, therefore it supports DE-Cal (Democratic Education at Cal) classes, which is the largest student-initiated education program in the country; and

WHEREAS, the organization, along with its active members are strong advocates and supporters of Education190 (ED190) classes, which are currently offered on campus; and

WHEREAS, fifteen years ago, Education190 (ED190) "Current Issues in Education" class began as a DE-Cal class that explores and focuses on alternative education model; and

WHEREAS, every semester, there have been 300 students who have taken ED190 classes, which totals to 9,000 students who have taken ED190 classes since its existence on the Berkeley campus; and

WHEREAS, due to the recent California budget cuts, sections of ED190 have been reduced from 6 sections to 4 sections, preventing 200 students from taking the class per year; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for \$20,000 to restore these ED190 courses per semester; and

WHEREAS, it would take student activism and community engagement to restore and preserve ED190 classes,

WHEREAS, the Center for Democracy of Berkeley is currently organizing and collaborating with various interests groups, students, faculty, staff members, and community members to save the ED190 classes through fundraising efforts, grants, community events, and other programming; and

WHEREAS, the group's operational budget is as follows: Total, \$200; and

WHEREAS, ED190 classes are essential and pivotal in providing students an enriching and holistic education, as well as an educational experience on the Berkeley campus and off to the bordering communities; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Democracy of Berkeley has been recognized by the Campus Life and Leadership as a student group on campus since fall 2007;

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

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocates \$200 to the Center for Democracy of Berkeley from the Senate Contingency Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 71, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Diana Hsu, Lynn Park, and Ms. Chen, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Tran, Mr. Nahabet, Mr. Smelko, and Ms. Rodriguez:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SIGMA PHI OMEGA AND SIGMA OMICRON PI'S 7th ANNUAL PHILANTHROPY EVENT

WHEREAS, this philanthropy event is open to everyone and it is a collaborative effort of two Asian interest sororities on the UC Berkeley campus; and

WHEREAS, the annual charity club party is a fundraiser that makes a donation to the California Medical Association Foundation's Cervical Cancer and HPV Project; and

WHEREAS, Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted virus (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention); and

WHEREAS, most of the time, our bodies defeat the virus asymptotically or we develop common symptoms such as genital warts. However, "high-risk" strains have been shown to cause deformities in cervical cells and are related to the development of cervical cancer in women; and

WHEREAS, the sororities are having their Divinity party at Blake's on Telegraph on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Tickets will be sold for \$5 and \$7 at the door. One hundred percent of the proceeds shall go towards the charity; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned sororities will also be holding a silent auction throughout the night in hopes to accumulate more money for the charity; and

WHEREAS, the line-item budget for this event is as follows: Total, \$390;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Divinity Philanthropy event be considered a ASUC sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$390 dollars from the Greek Opportunity Fund to Sigma Phi Omega and Sigma Omicron's 7th Annual Philanthropy Event.

The following Resolution, SB 72, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Dean Nehama, Ella Khan, Leah Rabkin, Sarah Nazarkhan, Holly McMannes, Zara Khan, Adam Rubin, Sahar Pirzada, and Ms. Hussain, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Shah, Mr. Tran, Ms. Cho, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Rodriguez, and Ms. Flores:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 3rd ANNUAL JEWISH-MUSLIM INTERFAITH DINNER

WHEREAS, the Jewish and Muslim communities are dynamic and growing minority communities; and

WHEREAS, the interactions of both communities has embedded within it relationships of harmony and tension; and

WHEREAS, students from both communities have formed the Jewish-Muslim Steering Committee, which meets on a weekly basis to further dialogue within both communities and plans activities that aim to unite students, regardless of political belief; and

WHEREAS, the students that make up the Jewish-Muslim Steering Committee have hosted a Game Night as well as participated in community service through the Berkeley Project in the Fall 2008 Semester; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish-Muslim Steering Committee will be hosting the 3rd Annual Jewish-Muslim Interfaith Dinner will be held on Friday, February 27, 2009, from 5-7 in the Multicultural Center/Heller Lounge; and

WHEREAS, the 3rd Annual Jewish-Muslim Interfaith Dinner is an attempt to create and reinforce a space of safe, open dialogue and communication with the objective of emphasizing unity through diversity; and

WHEREAS, the 3rd Annual Jewish-Muslim Interfaith Dinner is an integral part of the counteraction against the growth of extremism on campus; and

WHEREAS, the total budget for the 3rd Annual Jewish-Muslim Interfaith Dinner is as follows: Total, \$950;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 3rd Annual Jewish-Muslim Interfaith Dinner be recognized as an ASUC-sponsored event.

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to move back to Reports from ASUC Representatives. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

Report from the Graduate Assembly Representative

Mr. Daal said he would like to point out that next Thursday is the next GA Delegates meeting. George Breslauer will come and make a presentation and the GA will hold elections at that time. Secondly, he asked how many graduate students there currently were on the Judicial Council. Mr. Mairena said that as of right now there's one, and there was about to be two grad members. Mr. Daal asked if that was due to

the nominations he just sent out. Mr. Mairena said they approved one of his nominations last week, David Waks. Mr. Daal said they were considering, then, the nominations he put forward last time, and asked if that would be the second graduate student. Mr. Mairena said that would be third. Mr. Daal said he didn't need to worry, then, about nominating anybody else.

Mr. Daal said the big item he had was shared revenue. He would like to that evening introduce a draft bill to the Senate. It has not been submitted yet, and was just a draft. He would like to propose that the GA and the ASUC have a vetting session before he submits the bill, to get people's input on it and to find people who were willing to sponsor the bill. There were actually two bills, dealing with sharing the revenue as well as sharing expenses. He had the drafts that he'd pass out. He's spoken to most people in the room and would assume most people knew what he was talking about when he said "revenue sharing," and "expense sharing." What he'd propose is that Sunday night meeting to discuss these draft bills. He asked what people would prefer, 8 p.m. or 9:00. He was also available individually to discuss the bills, so they could e-mail him for discussion. He called for any questions.

Ms. Flores said he mentioned the GA will have elections at its next meeting. She asked if only Delegates got to vote or if it was all grad students. Mr. Daal said Delegates vote in elections.

Ms. Dhar asked if he's decided whether or not to run. Mr. Daal said he was going to run. Ms. Dhar asked if he had any opponents. Mr. Daal said that nobody has announced their candidacy, but he'd expect somebody will decide to run. Ms. Pasco said that seeing no further questions, she would like to thank him very much.

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to move into Immediate Consideration. It was so moved and seconded by Ms. Hussain and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

#### ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to table SB 33. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Mr. Owens. **THE MOTION TO TABLE SB 33 PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION, IN SUPPORT OF THE BERKELEY STUDENT FOUNDATION.**

#### APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Pasco said they had two appointments to the Judicial Council. The first nominee was Dan Mangels.

Mr. Mangels introduced himself and said he was from LA. Throughout most of his life he's been involved with working with others and with leadership. He was still active in the Boy Scouts, where he earned being an Eagle Scout and created his Eagle project. When he came to Berkeley he got involved in

his fraternity and he is now the President of Alpha Chi. He is also President of a club he founded on campus, where they help think up ideas to help hospitals throughout the United States. He wrote the Constitution for that. He is frequently involved in working with the Constitution and By-laws of Delta Chi. They negotiated a \$20,000 project to renovate their house. So he was very involved in dealing with laws and By-laws. The renovation involved zoning laws and how far they could push out to the sidewalk. Mr. Mangels said he's pre-med and hasn't really been involved in the ASUC. He sort of watched it from afar. He was definitely willing to step in and get more of a hands-on approach. He wasn't attached to any political parties and he wasn't trying to advance a pre-law sort of résumé. He really just wanted to get involved in the ASUC. He knew it was about bringing in people from different backgrounds to engage in their own social and political goals.

Mr. Mangels said he read the By-laws and the Constitution, and he knew being a Justice on the Judicial Council required a fair and responsible role. He looked forward to serving in the position. He called for any questions.

Ms. Hussain asked in what regard he's been involved in the ASUC or in ASUC roles in the past. Mr. Mangels said he has not been involved in the ASUC at all. This would be his first attempt to actually get involved. He hasn't done anything in the ASUC.

Mr. Mairena moved to call the question. The motion was seconded by Ms. Raffi and passed with no objection. **THE MOTION TO APPROVE DANIEL MANGELS AS ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ON THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE.** Ms. Pasco said she would like to congratulate him.

Ms. Pasco said the next nomination for consideration was David Waks, for the Judicial Council. Mr. Waks introduced himself and said he was a first-year Law student. He was an undergraduate at Cornell and just graduated in May, as an Economics major. He's from Sacramento and was really excited to be there. As for being on the Judicial Council, he was a believer in interpreting the meaning of the Constitution and By-laws. But as they could see in recent times, there are unforeseen consequences that come up all the time. Not everything was always accounted for. He was really excited to be reviewing these kinds of cases, and having interaction and feedback between the Senate and the J-Council, and to serve some justice.

Mr. Waks said he has not been directly involved with the ASUC in the past. He's familiarized himself with the Constitution and By-laws and was really excited about the position. Ms. Pasco called for any questions.

Ms. Flores asked what classes he's taken in Law School that will help him with the J-Council. Mr. Waks said he thought the class that would help him the most was Criminal Law. They look at statute and interpret that statute. It wasn't always clear cut how the statute applied to a given situation. And there are different canons of construction, and ways to look at it. He thought he could use those skills in criminal law to interpret the kinds of cases that arise in the Judicial Council.

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

TO APPROVE DAVID WAKS AS ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ON THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE. Ms. Pasco said she would like to congratulate him.

Report from the Executive Vice President

With Ms. Vir-Banks chairing the meeting, Ms. Pasco said she didn't think she's ever given a report to the Senate before that early in the evening. The internship program is meeting every week, on Wednesdays, from 5:00 to 6:00, in 215 Dwinelle. These meetings happen before the Senate meeting and she wanted to remind Senators to go to these meetings and meet the interns. They were all amazing people. She mentioned earlier that the Standing Committee on the Advocacy Agenda will reschedule its meeting for next week, March 5, from 5:00 to 6:00, because this week they were having the All ASUC Community-Building Potluck.

Regarding Lower Sproul redevelopment, Ms. Pasco said they had a Student Advisory Board meeting last Friday. It was really interesting. The architects came in and they all talked about the master planning phase. The architects were pretty much about to finish that part of the process for Lower Sproul redevelopment. Something came up in terms of the process. One thing the students had a lot of issues with was the programming. As of right now, the program for Lower Sproul, or the new student center, was not finalized. Basically, there's no money to do that part of the project; and that was really, really big. That's where a great many students should have a lot of input for a new student center. But because there's no money, that part of the process will have to be considered after the referendum is passed. There were a lot of issues with that, because if students didn't know what they were voting on in terms of a student center, then one had to ask why they would vote for it. So this was kind of a really big thing. It was like a Catch-22. They don't have money to plan the programming, but at the same time, the referendum needed to pass to even talk about that. So there are a lot of issues with program. And more funding was needed at that time to even do that part of the process. She'll give people more updates.

Regarding the SOB, Ms. Pasco said that Mr. Permaul talked about that earlier. Again, they had a meeting last Tuesday. A lot of students came in to voice their concerns about different issues regarding commercial activities. It was really good to see community members and students engage in the process. Mr. Permaul also mentioned that Panda Express will speak to student leaders. She would highly encourage all student leaders to attend that meeting and really ask questions. There were a lot of lingering questions that folks had. She knew she had some herself. So this meeting will be a really good opportunity to take advantage of. The next meeting of the Store Operations Board will be March 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 in the Senate Chamber.

Regarding prayer space, Ms. Pasco said she wanted to thank Sens. Hussain and Shah for submitting a bill that week, SB 87, In Support of a Non-Denominational Prayer and Meditation Space. It would put a little more pressure on the University as well as on the Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion, Gabor Basri, to really prioritize this issue for students. As she's said before, such a space wasn't necessarily something the ASUC should accommodate for students, and instead, was something the University should provide to students already.

Also, Ms. Pasco said the All ASUC Community-Building Potluck will be on Thursday. She would invite the new Judicial Council Associates to attend. It will be on the 2nd floor, in the Senate lounge, from 5:00 to 6:30. If people could attend, she would really appreciate it. They'll meet folks and do a bunch of activities to really build community within the ASUC. The EVP's office will hopefully contribute food from Hawaiian Barbecue, on Shattuck. People should bring food if they could, but if they couldn't, they wouldn't be turned away.

In terms of her office, Ms. Pasco said they had their staff retreat, finally. It was last weekend and was really, really good. It was an all-day event and they did a lot of community-building activities that were fun and energizing. She felt really connected to her staff. They were all really amazing people and they did such great work. People might not see them at events, or even in the Senate Chamber, but they were definitely doing a lot of work behind the scenes, and she really wanted to give a shout out to them. She really appreciated all the work they do for the EVP office.

Ms. Pasco said that Mr. Daal passed around two different bills for revenue and expense sharing with the GA. If people could, she would ask Senators to come out on Sunday, at 9 o'clock, at a place to be determined. This is something people have been working on since last semester. It would be really good to get more input on this venture, or opportunity, to make things fairer between the ASUC and the GA. She asked a question to Mr. Permaul on whether or not this was a wise decision to make at that time given the current economic situation that the ASUC was in. So it would be really good to get Senators' input on how they felt about this and what was being done at this point in time.

Ms. Pasco said the From All Perspectives staff has been doing a lot of amazing work. She wasn't sure if they'll report that evening, but they reported last week and they have a lot of events that they're trying to do, with a series of events leading up to the actual show. Senators could anticipate a bill in the next couple of weeks for more funding. But just to give people an update, the show will be in Wheeler, with a small, sliding scale donation.

Ms. Pasco said one thing she wanted to talk about was a panel to deal with multiculturalism. They'll discuss different issues surrounding campus climate, diversity, and what multiculturalism means. They're trying to get folks like Ronald Takaki to attend. He's an amazing and she's read his work in her Ethnic Studies classes. It will be interesting to learn what his perspective was on multiculturalism, given that he's written so much about the subject. But now, multiculturalism could mean different things, and could even look different to a lot of people. Ms. Pasco said she was actually going to moderate that panel, so she was really excited. She'll going to bring her book and get Mr. Takaki to sign it. The date and time were tentative and people the working around administrators' schedules.

Ms. Pasco said she wanted to talk a little about the American Cultures Requirement. She sits on the Academic Senate subcommittee for the American Cultures requirement. It's been a really interesting experience being in that space and knowing that the AC requirement was something that students from Ethnic Studies really pushed for pushed for on this campus. They're doing a lot of work. They have a new program where people are basically put in a community organization that they normally wouldn't be in, and they do work and connect with the people. So it's a really interesting project that they're trying to get off the ground. One of her classes actually requires a project, Poetry for the People, so she'll be doing some work culturally with Berkeley High School students, which should be fun.

Ms. Pasco said the ASUC was able to get a basketball team for intramural sports. They'll play on Sunday at 4:00 or 5:00. If people want to come out and cheer, or even be a part of the team, they should let her

know. It will be fun. They're in the "B" league. It will be really competitive, but they'll do their best. If any women want to play, she would ask them to please let her know, since she was the only one.

Ms. Chen asked who was currently on the team. Ms. Pasco said the team was herself, Mr. Nahabet, Mr. Zuo, Mr. Rajan, from the GA, Mr. Hemmati, the Web master, and possibly Jordan Smith, Chair of the SOB. They have a cool group of people.

Ms. Hussain asked if they'll have a dinner with the Chancellor. Ms. Pasco said that was still in the works and she'd get back to them on that. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Vir-Banks said she would like to thank her for her report.

With Ms. Pasco chairing the meeting, Mr. Mairena moved to go to Appointed Official Reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Flores and passed with no objection.

#### Report from the Elections Council Chair

Ms. Liedblad said she'd go over the costs of the recall election. They also have final numbers about voter turnout, and information about the results. Ms. Liedblad said the recall election actually did end costing about \$25,000, right about what she estimated. They've seen some invoices trickling in. For the general election, based on last year's cost, she thought it would be about \$35,000. So it didn't look like the Elections Council would need that much in extra funds. She believed the bill that was currently in the works would do it.

As for voter turnout, Ms. Liedblad said the number was 3,786 people for the recall. She was pretty satisfied with that number considering there was only one proposition on the ballot. There was a huge effort, with a really high cost, but she thought the turnout was pretty good considering the circumstances. They don't have the outcome yet, obviously.

Ms. Liedblad said she also wanted to go over a technology glitch that she knew many Senators were aware of. It was possible to vote from AirBears for a good portion of the first day of voting. It was actually Mr. Mairena who came up to her early in the morning to let her know about that. Right after he came in and told them, Ms. Liedblad said they got hold of IS&T. It was something that was not the fault of the Elections Council. Basically, it was in their contract that no votes could be cast from IP addresses that were linked to AirBears. But basically, what happened was that IS&T switched over to a new system that totally overlooked this problem when IS&T was in its testing stages. So she actually brought the Technical Coordinator of the Elections Council that evening who could explain a little more about the technicalities of that glitch. It was kind of a big deal.

Normally, the reason people aren't supposed to vote from AirBears was to prevent illegal campaigning. It prevents a candidate from sitting next to a friend in class and watching them vote, and telling them how to vote, illegally. But that kind of campaigning hasn't been an issue during this election. But it was still against the By-laws, and people weren't supposed to be able to cast those votes. Obviously, the Elections

Council was doing all it could to resolve that issue. They got on the phone right away with IS&T and complained, and the problem got fixed on Monday at 6 p.m. But that still meant that it was possible to vote with AirBears.

Ms. Liedblad said a lot of people have been asking her about the election results, and when they'll release the results. The By-laws state that the preliminary ballot tabulation should start within 24-hours of the filing period, and the J-Council ruled that still held. So they had to wait for the good faith filing period, the week-long period during which people could file a Charge Sheet. As a result, the Elections Council won't start tallying the votes until next Tuesday, at the earliest. However, they predict that they won't have the election results until around Thursday, March 5, basically because it will take a while to go through the data to determine how many votes were cast from AirBears. They want to make sure that when the results are released, that they're sound and have a final count, instead of having numbers floating around and the AirBears issue floating out there. Technical people will look through the data and IP addresses, which is a really tedious process. But that's what they'll do. So tentatively, results should be released sometime later next week. She knew that seems like a long time, but it will take time to ensure the results.

Ms. Liedblad said some people have asked her about the Charge Sheets, and her opinions about them. She hasn't familiarized herself too much with what was happening with them. It didn't appear that the Charge Sheets will affect the election. But that wasn't final. She'll use her efforts to start planning for the spring election, which is in just a few weeks. She'll be reporting more about that to the Senate.

Ms. Liedblad said she would yield her time to Calvin Ardi, who will explain more about AirBears. She introduced Mr. Ardi, the Elections Council Technical Coordinator. He did a lot of work that week. Mr. Ardi said that as they knew, there was sort of a little hang-up on Monday. At around 9:30 they received notification that someone was allowed to vote in the elections through AirBears, which is against the By-laws. They immediately contacted the Student Services Division of IS&T, which handles all voting software and servers. None of that stuff was handled by him or the Elections Council, and he didn't have any access to IS&T's data or voting software. Around 12:45 IS&T contacted the Elections Council and let them know what the problem was. IS&T had switched over to a new system for the voting software which overlooked the fact that all the IP addresses of people from AirBears, Eshleman, MLK, and Anthony Hall should be blocked from voting.

As a result, there were numerous votes that went through. They don't know yet how many votes went through in that fashion. They won't know until they get the official results from IS&T. At around 6:45 p.m. the voting software was fixed and updates were pushed out, and all the restrictions were in place. So all the voting data after 6:45 p.m. on Monday was valid and good to go.

Mr. Ardi said the problem they now had was what to do about the data or the voting ballots that had potential votes from AirBears. The way it works was that it's a little hard to just filter out all the AirBears votes. They can't tell which ballots were associated with AirBears IPs, but without having full information about the data that IS&T will give the Elections Council, his initial speculation about how to handle this was just to see whether or not the votes from AirBears actually made a difference in the outcome of the election. If they don't, then presumably it wouldn't really matter what happened with those votes. But that wasn't up to him. Other than that, he was still trying to get the full details as to what exactly happened. He was still in communication with IS&T and they'll probably release a report of some sort regarding everything that happened. He could go further into detail about the technical specifications of exactly what happened. People could feel free to e-mail him through the Elections Council e-mail.

Mr. Nahabet asked if they could be sure that this problem won't happen during the spring election. Ms. Liedblad said they could. IS&T basically fixed the problem. It was almost a good thing this happened because most likely, if they didn't have the recall, it wouldn't have happened until the spring election. It was literally outside the Elections Council's control. It was kind of frustrating. The reason IS&T overlooked this was because they've done this year and year again, and they kind of took the system from the previous year and just kind of messed around with it a little bit instead of starting from scratch. It was totally on IS&T's part, and it was frustrating to the Elections Council. But it definitely won't happen during the general election, and essentially, the problem has been fixed.

Ms. Shah said it was mentioned that it will probably cost \$35,000 for the spring elections. She asked if there were any cost-cutting measures that were instituted in the recall that could be institute in the spring election. Ms. Liedblad said it looked like it costs about \$10,000 a day to operate the elections. That pretty much follows. But they did cut out Dwinelle and the I-House. They'll get information on how many votes were cast at each polling station. But that wouldn't really translate to the general election because they're so different. She'll have some amendments or temporary By-laws to continue to not operate the Etcheverry/Soda polling station. That was probably the only polling station that will be eliminated, for now. She'll look more into the data. Also, she was hoping to eliminate the extended polling hours that were eliminated during the recall election. That will probably help cut down costs as well.

Mr. Owens said he first wanted to thank her for her work. He asked if they had an estimation of how many votes there were on AirBears. Ms. Liedblad said that when they first sent something out about the problem there were 50 votes that had been cast. But after that there was a six-hour window where votes could have still been cast on AirBears. That was the only number they had.

Ms. Rodriguez yielded time to Leticia Flores. Ms. L. Flores asked why there was an elimination of the prime polling places as discussed last month when she discussed eliminating costs. Secondly, she asked why there was new program set in place that would block the IP addresses when, in fact, as she recalled, when she was an undergrad student in the spring, 2007, they logged on to AirBears to vote in Cal-SERVE and Roxanne Winston. All AirBears votes should be counted irregardless because they use AirBears at the polling station. She went to each individual polling site on Tuesday night to make sure the operations were being held properly for this recall election, because it was \$25,000 out of their funds, the funds of all student groups, not just her organizations. She asked why there was a new program set in place to block IP addresses and why key polling places were eliminated to reduce costs. Third, she asked why polling stations at the I-House and Soda/Etcheverry would be eliminated for spring elections, because that's how Student Action and BEARS United get their votes.

On a point of clarification, Mr. Nahabet said he just wanted to let the previous speaker know that the Elections Council Chair's job was to basically carry out the functions that the Senate and By-laws give to her. So the questions the speaker wanted to be addressed should actually not go to the ECC, but to the Senate. She could ask why the Constitution states that IP AirBears addresses should be blocked. All Ms. Liedblad did was to carry out functions in the Constitution.

Ms. L. Flores said it never said in the Constitution when they converted from the old system, after Kris Primm was President, in 2002-2003, the Number 1 President ever. They converted after his election to the new system of polling places. She used to be able to write in her vote, and that's how they elected Kris Primm. With the new technology, they're messing the whole system up. Somebody needed to take

accountability. She asked if it was IS&T that needed to take responsibility, and said she didn't think so. Since 2006 they have always voted through AirBears, electronically. When she went to a polling site, she had to log on with her CalNet ID. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by three minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Chen and Ms. Yang and passed with no objection.

Ms. Liedblad said there's a difference between the polling locations and unsupervised campus locations, like individuals sitting in class. Polling stations do use AirBears to allow people to cast their vote, but the only AirBears that was normally blocked during elections were personal laptops, or in classes, or any other place besides unsupervised locations.

Ms. L. Flores said voting didn't even have to do with IP address, and people are tracked by their CalNet ID log in. She used to be an information tech and is a current administrator at one of the top research institutions on the campus and knew how their IT system works. So they couldn't fool her and continue to waste her funds and the funds of everybody else.

Ms. Liedblad said she was glad Ms. L. Flores was there expressing her opinion. She got a lot of e-mail. Ms. Pasco asked speakers to let people answer questions they were asked. If there were more questions, they could get an elected official to yield time to them.

Ms. M. Flores said that in terms of voter turnout, she asked if there was a number of how many students voted at different locations. Ms. Liedblad said she didn't have that information and was curious to find out. They're trying to keep tabs by just going out and asking poll workers how many people voted per hour during their shift. GPB said four or five people came per hour; Crossroads had 12 people an hour. It was extremely low, and probably not worth the expenditure. They don't have that information yet, but they'll have a breakdown.

Ms. Flores asked if she thought that would be the same turnout for the spring election, meaning people would prefer voting electronically. Ms. Liedblad said it will be really low again, most likely, in the spring election, but she thought it will definitely be higher. But that was just because more people vote. She couldn't say. Last year they had a breakdown of the polling stations and how many voted at each location. She sent that information out to the Senate in an e-mail. Votes ranged from the 12 cast at I-House to 360 that were cast on Upper Sproul. It varied from year to year. But she expected those numbers to be somewhat the same, unless more people decided to vote at home. It was 1-to-8 ratio between people who voted on campus and people who voted at home.

Ms. Chen said it was mentioned that they'll figure out which votes came from AirBears and see if that affected the election. When they find the votes that were from AirBears, she asked if the Elections Council will void those votes. Ms. Liedblad said the only thing they could find out about the AirBears votes were how many were cast. They wouldn't be able to tell who cast those votes or what the votes were.

Ms. Chen said that if it's a significant amount, she asked how the Elections Council would deal with that. Ms. Liedblad said that if they get to that point, they'll have to see if they could go further into inner lining and see if they could retrace their steps more. It will take a lot more time. If that does happen, that's the path they'll go down.

Mr. Zuo yielded time to a speaker. The speaker said that in order to reduce costs, a suggestion was to have volunteers for the polls. Ms. Liedblad said they actually thought about that. But they felt that to

ensure the volunteers showed up and that did their jobs correctly. So it was appropriate to pay them. It's also a good way for organizations and individuals to raise money. She thought it was pretty necessary to at least pay minimum wage. But having volunteers was something they talked about.

Mr. Mairena said that if the situation were to come up where the AirBears votes did make a significant difference, he asked if it would be up to the J-Council to decide on those votes, or up to the Elections Council. Ms. Liedblad said that ultimately, the decision would be up to the Judicial Council.

Ms. Raffi asked if she could clarify who would determine how to deal with the votes from AirBears. Ms. Liedblad said she didn't know too much about how that would work, but it was her understanding that they would just have to take further steps to try and re-link IP addresses. It's not like they would identify voters. It gets messy. If people have questions about that, she would ask them to please forward them to Calvin Ardi. At that point Ms. Liedblad said she didn't know.

Ms. Raffi said that since Mr. Ardi said this would only be an issue if the AirBears votes changed the outcome of the election, she said the votes could be considered with the results and without the results, and if the results were different at that point, and all that data has been determined, she asked how the Elections Council would move forward to properly assess the votes of students. Ms. Liedblad said they would do it just by going through the votes. They'll get a lot more information in the coming days. She just wanted to alert people to the problem. They'll have a better idea once they see how many votes were cast from AirBears and get a breakdown from each station. More information will hopefully help them define how to proceed.

Mr. Zuo said he mentioned this previously and asked if she's considered going to the Statistics Department. He took a class in statistics, and if they have 6-700 disputed votes out of 3,000, they could determine whether the percentage would influence the election. Ms. Liedblad said they'll employ all the resources to make sure the outcome was 100% sound. If that involved bringing in Statistics people and getting their professional opinion, that's what they'd do. That wouldn't be an issue at all. Mr. Zuo said they'd probably do it for free. Ms. Pasco said that seeing no further questions, she would like to thank her for her report.

Mr. Zuo moved to go to the Publicity Director report. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

#### Report from the Publicity Director (Title I)

Ms. Mak said she had three goals for the semester. The first was to help the ASUC publicize its events, and she's been working with several people on making fliers. She actually has been working with Mr. Nahabet, the first time she's worked with a Senator on a flier. She'll send out an e-mail that they could refer to if they need a flier from her and include specific points she would need from Senators in order to get it turned around faster. She really wanted a permanent display of Senate information that was updated constantly. She was working to get Dwinelle's display case to use and it turned out to be a huge bureaucratic problem. She's been running all around to different people trying to figure out how that will work.

It's a lot more difficult than she thought. She was currently working with Mr. Permaul in the ASUC trying to figure out ways to get plasma screens for students.

With regard to a Web site for Senators, she wanted to have either an addendum to the Web site they have, or something else that would allow students to make comments or have an open forum that wasn't comments or Daily Cal articles. She hasn't been able to do that yet because she's been preoccupied with the billboarding, which was supposed to advertise Web site updates. She had some questions about how they use their Web master. She wasn't sure if they have an annual Web master who changes the site every year. This was something she would want to stay on so that the next Publicity Director had something to work on.

Basically, overall, Ms. Mak said she's been trying to establish an infrastructure for her position so the next person had something they could adapt really easily. She called for any questions.

Mr. Mairena moved to go to Executive Officer Reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

#### Report from the ASUC President

Ms. Winston said Rachel was with her. They're transitioning a new member, Leon. There was a meeting of the Berkeley Student Foundation thought day and she would like to thank all the Senators who attended. It was very productive and she looked forward to continuing to work on offering those scholarships.

Rachel said they've been working in the OP on Mental Health Awareness Week, March 16-20. They wanted to give the Senate an update on their progress. On Monday they'll have a movie screening of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and a roundtable about mental health. On Tuesday they'll have a yoga and meditation workshop, for stress release. They're inviting UC workers to come because they feel it was an important way to reach out to the community. On Wednesday they'll have a Resource Fair that will include letting students know how to get involved and to know they have resources on campus. They're trying to get LGBT groups, minority groups, women's groups, and different peer counselors to come, as well as acupuncture therapists, various therapists, and yoga instructors, to show students ways they could get involved. They're also asking performance groups to come to show students a way to express their mental health positively. On Thursday they'll have a student panel about how to use passion for the arts for performances, for school, and to improve their mental health. Along with that they'll have performances, hopefully from several performance groups to go along with that theme, that art could really improve their mental health. The Senate will see fliers and hear more updates, and she would ask them to help publicize this event. The office thinks it will be a great event.

Rachel said she wanted to speak to the Senate about two other events she was involved with. She's the Publicity Coordinator for Winter Fest, a national film festival by, for, and about women. It's hosted and sponsored by Luna Bar, which is part of Clif Bar. It's a film festival of short films. All proceeds benefit

breast cancer and local and non-profit organizations, like the Gender and Equity Resource Center on campus. It will be next Friday, March 6, at 7 p.m. in 155 Dwinelle. Senators might have seen people tabling about this on Sproul. Tickets are \$5 and could be bought all next week at the Winter Fest table. They're \$6 at the door. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit women, both locally and nationally. Purchase of a ticket will include a free screening, raffle, and reception. They'll have food from Chipotle Food, Vitamin Water, and great local businesses that donate food and prizes. It will be a great event. Women and supporters of women were invited.

Rachel said she was also the Co-Coordinator of Amnesty International, and they've been working on the Raise Hope for Congo Speakers Tour, a national campaign hosted a Project that works with the Genocide Intervention Network and a student coalition to prevent genocide. This event will raise awareness about women's rights in the Congo. She didn't know if people knew about the situation in the Congo, but 5.4 million people have been killed since 1998. Thousands upon thousands of those people have been women. And rape has been used explicitly as a weapon of violence and control in the region. Berkeley was invited as part of the Raise Hope for Congo Speakers Tour. Leading activists on Congo and women's rights. Included are some coordinators of a project and a Congolese woman who is now an activist, raising awareness and international participation for women's rights on the Congo. That event will be next Tuesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. in 155 Dwinelle. It's completely free. There will be a panel and a Q&A segment, and people could get to meet leading national and international Congo activists. She had fliers for that which she would pass around.

Ms. Winston said she was still working on UCPD oversight, teaming up with Wasem Salahi, Sen. Shah's intern. They're in contact with Vice Chancellor Brostrom. This is not an easy venture. She could contact people as often as she wants, and they've been accommodating, but it was difficult to get through the bureaucracy to have meetings take place. But they're still continuing to work on this and will be in touch with the Vice Chancellor on this issue.

Ms. Winston said that for the ASUC lawyer committee, people receive a Doodle to meet again in the upcoming week. They had a small issue in terms of placing an ad. She wasn't sure where the money came from in order to put an ad in the newspaper. She contacted Mr. Permaul, and he didn't know about it. She talked to Mr. Himelstein about taking money for Senate out of the Legal Defense Fund. That's kind of slowed the process at that time, but she hoped to figure that out soon, so they could start advertising. The ad, once it's placed, will appear in *The Recorder*.

Ms. Winston said that on Sunday night, Mr. Daal talked to them about the Resolution between the ASUC and the GA. There will be a work group meeting at 9:00 and she hoped to see Senators there. If people had any interest in this, or if they thought this will be contentious, she would ask them to please come to the meeting and voice those concerns ahead of time so a bill could be submitted, and so people were comfortable with it and so it wouldn't take hours and hours on the floor.

Ms. Winston said that on Sunday she'll attend a meeting in Sacramento for Presidents across the UC System, which should be interesting. She looked forward to meeting all those people and seeing them again.

Lastly, Activism Right There was coming up in two weeks. It will be a very large event, and she hoped everybody comes out. It will be a week-long event. Tuesday, March 10 is when the major conference will occur. There will be more information about that later. She was still working with the Academic

Affairs Vice President on the early drop deadline and was speaking about specifically extending the early drop deadline to the third week because of the current academic calendar. She didn't know how many people were familiar with the academic calendar as it was currently structured, but as of that time, classes with Monday discussions don't meet until the third week, and the Chancellor agrees with this, that it's a viable reason to have the drop deadline extended to the third week. She called for any questions.

Mr. Nahabet asked what the reason was for the transition with Leon. Ms. Winston said his passion wasn't in OP. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank her very much.

#### Report from the External Affairs Vice President

Ms. Jirachaikitti asked how many people there were seniors. She's meeting with Liz Hall, Executive Director of the UCSA, and also a former EAVP of Berkeley. They'll talk about the UCSA budget. The UCSA budget had to be voted on by the Senate in order for the ASUC to be part of the UCSA. So that question will be brought before the Senate. Also, the Student Lobby Conference for the UCSA will be that weekend. She wanted to thank the Senate for the funding. They're bringing about 30 students. She was leaving on Friday and coming back on Monday. If people in the EAVP office don't respond to e-mails, that was why. There will also be a reception with Pres. Yudof on Friday. He'll be at the conference, which was pretty cool. He'll be there at 5:00 and will provide food. The office will also have coffee talks, a space to have conversation about certain issues. The Internal Department of the External Affairs office is putting together coffee talks on Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00, with the location to be determined. The issue will be about mental health on the campus. It's actually a really huge issue. In addition, the National Department is working on the federal DREAM Act petition. As she reported last week, the office wasn't going to do postcards like other campuses, but will have an online petition, to save money. In addition, regarding the Legislative Conference and the Statewide System Summit, the day before the Legislative Conference, she and Kortney McBride will be in Washington, D.C. to represent the UCSA at that Conference. They got the grant for \$1,800 to help pay for students to travel to the Leg. Conference, and they're taking eight students.

Ms. Jirachaikitti asked how many people knew what was going on with the federal stimulus package, and noted that some people did. It was really confusing. The USSA was nice enough to put together a really cool-looking PowerPoint about how the federal stimulus package will affect higher education. Ms. Jirachaikitti said she and Ms. McBride will present that next week in a Special Order, perhaps.

Ms. Jirachaikitti asked how many people knew there is an election in California on May 19, a special election the Governor was putting together. There will be a couple of things on the ballot, including a spending cap. That means there would be no new programs and existing programs would have to be cut by 10%. That will hurt higher education and hurt education as a whole, as well as hurt community services and other things. The vote will be on extending the spending cap one more year. The budget that just passed put a spending cap on California's budget until 2011. Other things on the ballot for the special election that might be of interest to people was Prop. 10 funding, which was funding for children, and Prop. 63, for mental health funding, and Prop. 98, for fire fighters and community colleges. Those Propositions have already passed, meaning the money for those Propositions goes to those things, because the

voters voted for that. The Governor will put those three on the ballot again for a vote in order to possibly be able to divert that funding into the General Fund, to help supplant the money the State didn't currently have in the budget.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said that what they were thinking in the External Affairs office of doing around this election was to obviously do voter registration. But since they've already registered a lot of people, she thought the main thing will be to get people to know what to vote on and what was going on with the special election.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said they met with District 4 City Council member Jesse Arreguín, who the Senate met. They'll also meet with District 8 City Council member Gordon Wozniak. She called for any questions.

Mr. Mairena moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded. Mr. Mairena asked to rescind the motion.

Ms. Shah moved to go to Elected Official Announcements. The motion was seconded by Ms. Flores and passed with no objection.

#### Elected Official Announcements (cont'd)

Ms. Shah said she needed everybody to sign up for tabling for next week for Tang Center Awareness Week. She didn't know if they got Ms. Tran's Doodle doc. She would ask them to sign up and to also put their interns down for tabling. She would ask them to please help with the events and tell their organizations about it, because it will be really amazing.

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to adjourn. She asked to rescind her motion.

Ms. Flores moved to go to Reports from ASUC Representatives. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah and passed with no objection.

#### Reports from ASUC Representatives

Reporting as the ASUC representative to the Academic Opportunity Fund, Ms. Flores said she would like to remind the Senate that she and Sen. Zuo put in a bill to replenish the AOF with \$12,000. They're still trying to figure out how much they'll need to replenish it again before the end of the semester. The \$12,000 was just a placer amount. They expect it might need to go up to \$16,000, because they have had an exponential number of applications going to the AOF.

Reporting as the ASUC representative to the Fifth Account, Ms. Shah said they were supposed to meet that week, but the meeting got postponed to next week. If they knew of student groups who might be interested in this, they should let them know that they could still apply. Requests will be considered next week.

Reporting as the ASUC representative to the Intellectual Community Fund, Ms. Hussain said that she and Mr. Tran have put in a bill to replenish the Intellectual Community Fund because it was used quite a bit, and over 20 groups were funded. So she would ask them to please consider that when it comes up.

Ms. Hussain moved to go back to Elected Official Announcements. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

#### Elected Official Announcements (cont'd)

Ms. Hussain said she wanted to give some finance updates. She and the Finance Officer, Ms. Batac, have been working together and they'll put in a bill next week for spring budgeting for \$70,000; a bill that replenish the Greek Opportunity Fund by \$5,000; and they're asking to replenish the Elections Council by \$20,000, as a result of the recall election. They'll also put in a bill for the Senate Contingency Fund for \$20,000. The Finance Committee that week spent over \$10,000 so they're going to change that bill to replenish the Contingency Fund by \$35,000. She would ask Senators to please remind student organizations that there will be a budget workshop on Saturday, February 28, at 2 p.m. in 220 Wheeler. They'll tell people about the spring budgeting process and the finance By-laws. Ms. Hussain said she'll keep people updated, with Ms. Batac, about the budget.

Ms. Shah said she and Sen. T. Tran will meet about textbooks. Prof. Lieu touched on this. She thought they should try and push for textbook differentials at the Bookstore, which would be very helpful to students. She buys a lot from Amazon.com, and that didn't help the ASUC when she did that. Such a policy would help the ASUC as well as students. She wanted to have a working group, even outside the affordability task force. If people wanted to start that with her they should let her know.

Ms. Flores said she would like to wish Ms. Rodriguez an early "Happy Birthday" because her birthday will be on Thursday.

Mr. Tran said that regarding the textbook affordability task force last semester, this was an ongoing issue. People joined the work group, so perhaps they could rekindle those flames and continue their meetings from last semester, so they continue with the work they did last semester. It was open to everybody and he'd send out an e-mail.

Ms. Shah said she would like to thank Ms. Rodriguez for putting everything on her credit card for Tang Center Awareness Week.

Ms. Yang moved to go back to Reports from ASUC Representatives. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

Reports from ASUC Representatives (cont'd)

Ms. Yang said the Berkeley Student Foundation met that day and they split up the different regions on where to outreach. If there are people from Northern California who knew high schools the BSF could outreach for scholarships, she would ask them to please let the BSF know. They'll also do outreach during Cal Day, April 18. If anybody was volunteering for Cal Day, if they could help them out, that would be greatly appreciated.

Ms. Rodriguez said she'll be in charge of BSF recruitment for Southern California and will be doing a trip there during Spring Break. If people are from the area and have contacts that they would like to forward, she would ask them to please send that information to her.

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

Report from the Finance Officer

Ms. Batac said they have \$5,000 in the Contingency Fund as of last week. The Senate passed a lot of bills. She was really worried about the Contingency Fund. She wanted to replenish it by \$35,000 because they spent over \$11,000 from the Contingency Fund just last week alone. If they could spend \$8,000 and have less than \$10,000 in their account, it would only stay for two weeks. And then they'd need to replenish it. So she would like to amend the bill to replenish it with \$35,000, instead of \$20,000. Obviously they'll be in the red considering all the bills that were considered last week. But nothing will happen to their groups so there was nothing to worry about. They'll just work something out with the Auxiliary if groups' bills were considered last week.

Ms. Batac said she wanted to talk about some big, upcoming bills, with money coming out of carryforward. She wanted to transfer money from carryforward to spring budgeting, around \$70,000. That shouldn't be a surprise because the same bill passed last year. That didn't include all the increases in expenses that she expected to have for this under consideration in the spring budgeting process. There will be an increase in the amount for the ASUC lawyer and an increase for the Lower Sproul referendum, and for publications, as she mentioned last time. So this shouldn't be a surprise, or too controversial. And she still didn't think that would be enough. And it proved not to be enough, because they put in \$70,000 from carryforward last year and they needed to take out an additional \$10,000 when all the appeals were processed.

Ms. Batac said she also wanted to replenish the Greek Opportunity Fund by \$5,000 because it's running low. In addition, she wanted to replenish the Elections Council account by \$20,000. She wanted to

congratulate the Elections Council Chair for a successful election. From this year, they expected \$50,000 in costs, but it actually turned out to be a \$20,000 event. So she wanted to congratulate the ECC for that. This will be more than enough to provide for the general election in the spring.

Ms. Batac said she wanted to address some confusion. Election costs will come from the carryforward. Just to give them a brief definition of "carryforward," it's revenues that exceed costs from previous Senate terms. All of the revenue that exceed costs go to the carryforward fund. If there are any unspent funds allocated from last year's spring budgeting process, they all go to carryforward. This included any extra revenues from commercial activities or investments, or a number of various other funds. They had a lot more funds than the Senate Contingency Fund and the Greek Opportunity Fund and have many other accounts that generate money for the ASUC, and those all go to the carryforward. To address any confusion that the Elections Council's costs or the election recall costs will come from the carryforward, that meant those cost will not come from current student fees. All student fees are strictly used for next year's spring budgeting process. When that money is spent after the financial year closes, then it becomes part of the Contingency Fund. So this year's current student registration fees won't be part of the carryforward fund until the academic year of 2011-12. So to address any confusion, the elections costs will come from carryforward, which comes from all the past student fees from previous Senate terms.

Regarding the spring budget, it's now been officially released. She's been doing a lot of publicity. With the help of the Auxiliary, she contacted all of the ASUC sponsored groups to make it fair for everyone and to reach out to the broader community, even groups that are not ASUC sponsored. She was trying to get in touch with Campus Life and Leadership to use their listservs and try to get out the flier she made, and to also put that on the Daily Cal as an advertisement. It was up on the ASUC Web site. She had some posters of the ad that she brought for people to give to their interns, as she didn't have interns herself. She would ask them to post it all over. It's all over Eshleman. She was really proud of the poster she made, and it was her hidden talent. If people have any questions, she'll have a budget workshop on Saturday. She'll get help from the Fi-Comm Chair. They'll also have the PowerPoint up on the Web site. So if groups can't make it to the workshop, they could look at that. She'll have a second workshop, and people could also get information from the Web site.

Ms. Batac said next week she'll talk about Fi-Comm and about which programs should be listed as a line item on the budget. So they know she's not just making decisions herself, she also wanted to include the Senate in the spring budget process. She called for any questions.

Ms. Dhar asked if she could e-mail out the flier to send to groups. Ms. Batac said she would.

Ms. Yang asked what will be covered at the workshop on Saturday. Ms. Batac said she'll talk about how the process works, what the application was about, frequently asked questions, and advising groups to go to the Senate if they need help, or if they weren't satisfied with their allocations, to go to Senators and ask how they could get more money from the Contingency Fund or from carryforward. She'll go step-by-step through the application, and where to list expenses, revenues, and programs.

Ms. Flores said she mentioned a bill for \$70,000, and asked what it would cover. Ms. Batac said that would go straight to the spring budget process. As in years past, \$1.5 million has not been enough to cover all the allocations they give to so many organizations. As they could tell from this year, there's been a spike in new student groups that have been established and some of those groups will expect funding from the ASUC. The Senate will also have more expenses for the ASUC lawyer. There will also

be the Lower Sproul referendum, which will cost a lot to present to students in the next academic year. It's proven not to be enough because they had to take out an additional \$10,000. And the year before, they spent the same \$70,000. And the year before, they spent \$50,000. So it's been around that range, so she wasn't making these numbers up. It's just been a tradition that \$1.5 million in student fees wasn't enough. This should signal to the Senate that what they have at that time was unsustainable. They can't always keep on drawing funds from carryforward and they need to somehow find ways to bring in money from the ASUC. She didn't know from where, and that was up to the Senate to work on. The \$1.5 million in student fees wasn't enough.

Report from the Elections Council (cont'd)

Mr. Vinit Sukhija, Elections Council Publicity Coordinator, said he wanted to address the Senate on his perspective of the recall election and his plan for the general election. For the recall election, publicity was somewhat contentious. He didn't know what their constituents have told them, but what he could tell them was that some nights he stayed up 24-hours working on publicity, e-mailing people. So he worked as hard as he could. He had to make the Voter's Guide in about 30 minutes and give it to the press so it could get into the Daily Cal on flier. He also had to make some fliers for the Daily Cal in 30 minutes to get in by the deadline. So he worked as hard as he possibly could. That they got 3,700 votes actually exceeded his expectations. He knew it may sound low. But he was so proud of what he did and what Ms. Liedblad did and what Lindsay Bailey, the Poll Coordinator did. Ms. Bailey was able to get together some 130 poll worker over the course of a week. Ms. Liedblad said she worked closely with Ms. Bailey e-mailing student groups and getting people together, and getting all the resources together. If any of their constituents have any issues, he would ask them to please send him an e-mail with any suggestions about how it could have been run better. He'd be glad to respond.

Mr. Sukhija said he wanted to go through his general election publicity plan because this was what he was truly excited about, and he could tell them that turnout will not be low under her watch. For publicity for the filing period, which starts next Monday, he'll first start with a complete election Web site redesign that will fit with the theme of this whole election. He'll have a candidate filing form and a flier that will go out to all student groups, residence halls, co-ops, fraternities, sororities, and academic departments. He'll have a specific flier for graduate students explaining that they have every right to participate in this process, even if they can't run. He'll have an ad every day in the Daily Cal during the entire filing period. He'll create an ongoing Facebook event for the filing period, and it will be up for the entire two weeks. He'll put up fliers in as many buildings as possible. At the Cabinet meeting, tentatively set for March 17, he'll release the new Voter's Guide template for the general election. He'll send out general election fliers to residence halls, co-ops, fraternities and sororities, and academic departments. What he was truly excited about was the work he'll do with the Daily Cal very closely to put on a structured presidential debate. And he'll make sure there's adequate publicity for that. His goal for the debate was to fill up Wheeler Auditorium, and he'll try his hardest to make sure that happens. He will also put out the Voter's Guide to all student groups, residence halls, co-ops, fraternities, sororities, academic departments, and of course, it will be published in the Daily Cal, as usual. He had a specific flier for publicity to graduate students for the general election. He will create an ongoing Facebook event for the general election through the Elections Council, like he did with the recall election. And for those students who don't read

the Daily Cal, there will be Facebook group for the Voter's Guide. So people could get the Voter's Guide that way.

Mr. Sukhija said that in his duties in the By-laws, it says he had to publish all propositions in the Daily Cal, and he will do that. Last but not least, he'll put out a campus-wide e-mail telling students how critical this election is. He'll try and create some YouTube videos that will be linked on the campus-wide e-mail. They're in the age of Web 2.0, so he thought they should actually utilize that. That was his comprehensive plan for the general election. It encompassed all of his duties as stated in the By-laws. He called for any questions.

Ms. Shah asked if there was something he would have changed for the publicity in the recall election, and what that would be. Mr. Sukhija said his biggest regret was not pushing harder for a campus-wide e-mail. He actually tried to have one sent. That was probably his biggest regret.

Ms. Hussain said they were very grateful for all his hard work.

Ms. Oatfield asked when the recall election results will be announced. Mr. Sukhija said he wasn't sure. They still had to get information from IS&T. Ms. Liedblad will inform the Senate about that.

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to adjourn. It was so moved and seconded and passed with no objection.

Roll call was taken for attendance. Members present were:

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

This meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

Steven I. Litwak  
Recording Secretary