

ASUC SENATE MEETING

February 4, 2009

Third Week

This regular meeting of the ASUC Senate was called to order by Krystle Pasco at 7:13 p.m. in the ASUC Senate Chamber. Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank Pres. Winston for helping out that evening by serving as Vice Chair.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to the minutes from the January 28 Senate meeting.

Ms. Chen submitted the following changes to her comment on page 27:

Ms. Chen said that just because they, as a collective body, were trying to come up with a fair allocation didn't mean people were forgetting how great the whole project and event actually was. She thought this event was really cool and she's expressed interest in it before. She really believed in this cause, and that's why she believed the Senate should fund the registration fee line item. *Fi-Comm Senators who served with her last semester could testify that she did not advocate for the ASUC to contribute to more than half the registration fees, and this was something she was saying she believed in.* In her history on Fi-Comm last semester, Ms. Chen said she never really advocated funding for even a majority of conference fees prior to this event. So she really actually did support this bill. But taking this bill and the line item budget into consideration, she thought an allocation of \$350 was really fair for this bill. Ms. Oatfield mentioned a certain number of individuals who were committed, ten she believed, and funding for five people who most likely couldn't go because of financial circumstances was not fair. That wasn't to say she wasn't being sensitive to people's financial situation. Ms. Chen said she herself was fundraising for a convention later on that year. But the Senate couldn't fund something just because of potential. She would ask them to think of all the hundreds of student groups on the campus who come there and ask for money for something that they already had plans for. If the Senate didn't fund them a bare minimum, the group couldn't make their events or projects happen. It wasn't for Senators to sit there and say they're going to give money to five people who are potentially going. If potential people were committed, that would be a completely different story. But in this case, considering the circumstances as they stand, the parameters of the bill, and the information that arose that day, and with registration at \$35 and ten students were committed, she believed \$350 was a fair allocation. She wasn't advocating for more or less.

Ms. Shah said that on page 47, in her Elected Official Announcement, the minutes should read that it was “Gaza Solidarity Week,” not “Arab Solidarity Week.”

Ms. Pasco said that seeing no other changes, the Chair would entertain a motion to approve, as amended. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Tran. **THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 28 MEETING, AS AMENDED, PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.**

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Pasco referred the following bills to committee:

SB 25, In Support of electONIC, to the Finance Committee

SB 26, In Support of For Christ’s Sake A Cappella Group, to the Finance Committee

SB 27, In Support of the UC Berkeley Early Childhood Education Program, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee and to the University and External Affairs Committee

SB 28, To Amend the By-laws to Clarify Procedures for Recall Elections, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

SB 29, In Support of Adequate Bicycle Parking on Campus, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee and to the University and External Affairs Committee

SB 30, In Support of Keshar Enoshi: Progressives for Activism In Israel, to the Finance Committee

SB 31, In Support of Global Water Brigades at Berkeley, to the Finance Committee

SB 32, In Support of Language Matters: Strengthening Asian and Pacific Island Language Education at Berkeley, to the Finance Committee

SB 33, In Support of the Berkeley Student Foundation, to the Finance Committee

SB 34, In Support of ASUC Recall Election Dates, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

SB 35, In Support of the Berkeley Model UN 57th Conference, to the Finance Committee

SB 36, In Support of the Engineer's Joint Council Engineering for Kids Day, to the Finance Committee

SB 37, In Support of Disability Awareness Week, 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 (Feb. 11)

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to the agenda for next week. Ms. Hussain said she would like to add a Special Order next week, from 7:30 to 8:00, for Relay for Life. **THE MOTION TO APPROVE A SPECIAL ORDER FOR THE RELAY FOR LIFE PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.**

Ms. Pasco said that seeing no further changes to the agenda, she would entertain a motion to approve. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Owens and Ms. Raffi. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 11 MEETING PASSED NO OBJECTION.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASUC

Report from the Faculty Representative

Prof. Lieu said the Student Affairs Committee of the Academic Senate met last Wednesday. There were a couple of items of business that were discussed. First, they heard a presentation from a representative from the International Affairs Office, which handles all foreign students and visiting scholars, anybody who was essentially a foreigner on the campus. It was a nice presentation. Prof. Lieu said the main thing he distilled from the presentation was the fact that because of the budget, the number of foreign students on campus will start to increase. The main reason for that is because foreign students pay a lot of tuition, approximately \$29,000 a year to be on the campus, as opposed \$9,000 that California residents pay. That was the main item.

Prof. Lieu said the second item of business was a discussion about the trend that was started by the College of Chemistry, a direct response to the budget situation. Chemistry is reducing the number of seats in both general chemistry and organic chemistry classes, going on to the summer. This was a fairly controversial move because it essentially forced students to go to summer session. Eliminating the number of seats a student could take more or less forced students to take classes during the summer, and to pay summer session fees. Unfortunately, the Student Affairs Committee was not able to reach any conclusion or recommendations from the discussion. A presentation was made in favor of such a move as the only response possible to a budget cut, and there was a presentation by the other side, saying that in effect, it was a fee raise, because students would now have to pay more to get the same degree.

Prof. Lieu said there were a couple of new items that were popping up. The campus was forming a committee to look at the issue of textbook costs; and not only textbooks, but all educational material, including things like software, dissection kits, anything that students are required to buy in order to take a class. Prof. Lieu said he's the Co-Chair of that committee, along with Barbara Davis. The committee was just forming at that time. The idea was for it to be a small committee with a definite mission to make recommendations to the Academic Senate before the end of the semester so that any recommendations could be implemented in time not the fall, unfortunately, but in time for next Spring Semester. They're looking for student members of the committee. The GA was looking for a grad student member and the Committee was also looking for an undergrad student member. So if anybody was interested in being a part of this committee, they should probably contact the person who made committee appointments on behalf of students.

Prof. Lieu said he mentioned something to the Senate last year, that the University was starting to discuss the possibility of having differential tuitions in direct response to the budget situation. It would mean that students on two campuses, Berkeley and UCLA, would be charged a higher amount on those campuses

because those campuses are highest in demand. Prof. Lieu said that what kind of disturbed him about that was that all of this discussion was being done without student input. So if people were interested in this, he would ask them to please contact him and he'd get them in contact with the proper people in the University Administration.

Roll call was taken for attendance.

MEMBERS LEGALLY PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oscar Mairena
Eddie Nahabet

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Christina Oatfield

Ms. Pasco called for any questions for Prof. Lieu. Ms. Raffi asked if negotiating prices included negotiating textbooks themselves. Prof. Lieu said they're looking at all issues, from the cost of educational materials for the students. Certainly they're looking at trying to get used books, which are cheaper than new books, and trying to conduct direct negotiations with the book seller was another way, and was something he was certain will be discussed, since it was possible to negotiate directly with publishers to lower academic textbook costs, especially for larger adoptions.

Prof. Lieu said that something else being talked about was the possibility of licensing or renting rather than selling textbooks, or licensing the use of software, instead of selling it directly to the students. It would be sold directly to the University, which would charge the students a fee. The idea was that in the long run, it would be less expensive for students. The cost of textbooks for students per semester, not the cost of buying the book itself, but the cost of buying the book and selling it back. A textbook that sold for \$50, if a licensing fee could be negotiated, they could rent it to the students for perhaps \$35. But they're looking at all issues. Nothing was solid at that point.

Ms. Raffi said she spoke to Prof. Lieu's predecessor, Prof. Heino Nitsche, and he discussed the unique leverage that UC Berkeley had with its name, and the interest that publishers had having the campus buy its books. She asked if that could be more of a focus. Prof. Lieu said he did, especially for large adoptions. In Chemistry and Physics classes, e.g., when a professor specifies a textbook to be used, the Bookstore really doesn't have much leverage any more to pick a textbook once a professor names the book. But if a professor went directly to the publisher and said the book could be purchased from their competitor for less, then that was a real incentive for publishers to reduce their prices. That's a strategy that he knew worked. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him for his report.

Mr. Mairena moved to go to Standing Committee Reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ude and passed with no objection.

Committee Reports

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Ms. Shah said the meeting was called to order at 9:21. Lindsay Bailey was appointed as the Poll Coordinator. They interviewed her last week and appointed her this week because the appointment at the time had not officially been made. All waivers were approved, except for Circle K, which was tabled. SB 18 was approved; SB 14 was amend and proved; SB 20 was amended and approved; SB 11 was tabled; SB 7 was amended and approved; SB 10 was tabled; SB 13 was tabled; SB 17 was amended and approved; SB 22 was approved; SB 19 was amended and approved; SB 9 was amended and approved; SB 12 was amended and approved; SB 16 was amended and approved; SB 24 was amended and approved; SB 21 was approved; and SB 15 was amended and approved. All were present beside Pres. Winston, Finance Officer Batac, and EVP Pasco. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 a.m.

Begin written report from the Finance Committee

ASUC Standing Committee on Finance
Spring 2009 Session – week 1
Monday, January 26, 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 9:16PM
- II. Approval of Minutes from January 26, 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. Approved
- V. Committee Business
 - a. Senate Contingency Fund is currently at negative \$18,000, but because we have encumbrances of \$10,000, we have negative \$8,000, giving us \$22,000 to work with this spring, as it was in the fall

Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

- b. Finance Officer Batac will update the amount currently in the Carry Forward Fund next week; we have approximately \$200,000 remaining in Carry Forward;
- c. Estimated, we have more in carry forward than we had last semester, and the additional funding is from the audit money set aside (\$97,000)
- d. Soft caps for organizations re-established: \$150 for Student Activity Groups (SAGs) and \$200 Student Initiated Service Groups (SISGs)
- e. Strop Hole for Bare Magazine, unanimously the Financial Committee supports the bill as it is

VI. New Business

- a. Appointments
 - i. Lindsay Bailey Approved as Poll Coordinator
- b. Waivers
 - i. Circle K tabled
 - ii. All Approved
- c. SB 18
 - i. Approved
- d. SB 14a
 - i. Amended to add Senators Shah, Nahabet, Flores, Rodriguez, Hussain, Zuo, Dhar as cosponsors
 - ii. Approved
- e. SB 20a
 - i. Amended to \$150
 - ii. Approved
- f. SB 11
 - i. Tabled
- g. SB 7a
 - i. Amended to add Senators Flores and Rodriguez as cosponsors
 - ii. Approved as amended
- h. SB 10
 - i. Tabled
- i. SB 13
 - i. Tabled
- j. SB 17a
 - i. Drew a blank
 - ii. Amended to \$800
 - iii. Failed
 - iv. drew a blank
 - v. amended to \$850
 - vi. motion to add Senators Rodriguez, Flores, Nahabet, Shah, and Zuo as cosponsors
 - vii. approved at \$850
- k. SB23a
 - i. Motion to amend bill as listed in email
 - ii. Motion to amend bill to \$843
 - iii. Approved as amended

Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

- l. SB 19A
 - i. Retroactive funding
 - ii. Motion to add Senator Zuo, Yang, and Shah as cosponsors
 - iii. Approved as amended
- m. SB 9A
 - i. Amend to remove 6th whereas clause
 - ii. Final resolve clause adjusted to \$1,160
 - iii. Motion to change amount to read \$400
 - iv. Motion to add Senators Rodriguez, Nahabet, Flores, Shah, and Zuo as cosponsors
 - v. Approved as amended
- n. SB 12a
 - i. Amended to add Senator Zuo, Dhar, Nahabet, Hussain, Shah, and Rodriguez as cosponsors
 - ii. Approved as amended
- o. SB 16a
 - i. Amended to add Senators Hussain, Shah, Rodriguez, and Flores as cosponsors
 - ii. Drew a blank, amended to \$1,0000
 - iii. Approved as amended
- p. SB 24a
 - i. Drew a blank, amended to \$6,200
 - ii. Approved
- q. SB 21
 - i. Approved
- r. SB 15a
 - i. Amended to read \$30,000
 - ii. Approved
- VII. Adjournment
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. All Present but Pres Winston, Finance Officer Batac, EVP Pasco
 - c. Meeting Adjourned at 3:25AM

End written report from the Finance Committee

Reporting for the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee, Mr. Mairena said they met on Monday. All members were present except for Solicitor General Hollihan. SB 5 passed as amended; SB 6 passed as amended; SB 8 was tabled; SB 22 passed. Con-Review is appointing John Sylak as the graduate Justice on the J-Council and Megan Cummins as the undergrad Justice on the J-Council. Con-Review will meet again that coming Monday.

Begin written report from the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

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Committee Reports (cont'd)

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

Spring 2009 Session – week #3

Monday, February 2, 2009

9:00 pm, Senate Lounge, Eshleman Hall

Chair: Senator Mairena | Vice Chair: Senator Sakaue

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

- I. Call to Order - 9:15PM
 - a. Roll Call - Taken at 9:20
 - A. Senators Cho, Chen, Mairena, Oatfield, Sakaue, Smelko, T. Tran and AG Sinanian are present
- II. Approval of the Minutes from 1/26/09
 - a. Passed with no objection
- III. Approval of the Agenda for 2/2/09
 - a. Passed with no objection
- IV. Committee Business
 - a. Senator Cho suggested that the chair ask for objections rather than asking for an aye-nay vote.
 - b. Senators Chen and Mairena proposed that a blank bill be submitted and that senators convene to work on issues around the by-laws
 - A. Meeting Thursday Feb 12, 2009: 5-6PM
- II. Old Business
 - b. Judicial Council
 - A. Interview of Melissa Demetral
 - B. Interview of Megan Commins
 - C. Interview of Sumeet Ajmani
 - D. Interview of Bradley Speer
 - E. Senator Oatfield motioned to nominate John Sylak as a Graduate Justice on the Judicial Council
 - F. Senators Mairena, Cho, Oatfield, Sakaue and T. Tran voted Aye
 - G. No Senators voted Nay
 - H. Senators Smelko and Chen abstained
 - I. the motion carried 5-0-2 to approve him
 - J. Chair Mairena motioned to nominate Megan Commins as an Undergraduate Justice on the Judicial Council

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

K. Passed with no objections

III. New Business

b. SB 5

A. Senator Cho motioned to amend the first RESOLVED clause to read:

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

a. *to be omitted

C. Passed with no objection

D. Chair Mairena motioned to list Senator Ude as a co-sponsor

E. Passed with Objection

F. Passed with no objection

b. SB 6

A. Senator T. Tran motioned to add President Winston as a co-sponsor

B. Passed with no objection

C. Passed with no objection

b. SB 8

A. Senator Oatfield proposed discussing the bill tonight and perhaps drafting language

B. Tabled with objection

C. Voice vote: ayes have it

b. SB 22

A. Passed with no objection

IV. Adjournment - 11:31PM

b. Roll Call: Senators Mairena, Oatfield, Sakaue, Cho, Chen, Smelko, T. Tran

End written report from the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

Reporting for the University and External Affairs Committee, Ms. Tran said the meeting was called to order at 9:15. Roll call was taken at 9:20 and everyone was present. SB 5 was approved as amended; SB 6 was approved as amended; SB 22 was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:23.

Begin written report from the University and External Affairs Committee

February 2, 2009

External Committee Meeting

Written report from the University and External Affairs Committee (cont'd)

Meeting called to order at 9:15
Roll Call: All Present at 9:20

Minutes approved from last meeting
Agenda approved for 2/2
New Business

SB 5:
Question: Who are we commemorating? The ASUC or the Student Body?
Motion to Amend SB 5 passes w/o objection [Now SB 5A]
4-1-1 (Passes)

SB 6:
6-0-0 (Passes)
Motion to Amend SB 6 Passes [Now SB 6A]

SB 22:
4-2-0 (Passes)

Meeting Adjourned at 9:23

End written report from the University and External Affairs Committee

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY -- Moment of Silence In Memory of Grace Rualo Asuncion

Ms. Pasco said the Special Order would be led by former ASUC Senator Dwight Asuncion. Mr. Asuncion said he'll be joined by the Auxiliary Associate Director, Tom Spivey.

Mr. Spivey said this was hard for him as well as for Mr. Asuncion. He would ask them to forgive his emotions. He was there on campus when this happened. He was sorry to cry in their presence, but it was tough for him.

Mr. Spivey said he told Mr. Asuncion that he would give this talk and told him he'd be emotional. The tragic death of Grace Asuncion in this building, 17 years ago, was a reminder of how fragile and priceless life was, and that safety was a concern of their community as well as their individual responsibility. Grace was honored in the room by a plaque on the wall of the Senate Chamber and by the loving dedication of her family and students on the campus who have gathered over the years to commemorate her life. And Mr. Spivey said it was hard for him as well. He remembered the first year of gathering.

They're continuing to work on plans to make Eshleman Hall a safer environment for students. They were pausing that evening to remember a life that inspired them to be vigilant. They thank former ASUC Senator Dwight Asuncion, like his cousin, a student involved in student government and leadership on this campus, for joining them to celebrate her life. Mr. Spivey said he would ask that members of the Senate be ever vigilant of open doors, their surroundings, who they're with, and where they were. People get wrapped up in things and sometimes don't pay attention. They're lucky to have Sgt. Tucker to keep them apprised of things on the campus. It was important that the Senate work with the President and EVP to make more changes. Later on, in his presentation for Mr. Permaul, he'll talk about what they've done and what they still had to do. He wanted to thank them.

Mr. Asuncion said he came there that evening to ask the Senate and students there to work on issues of safety because he didn't think any family should go through what his family did, or what he'd say was currently going through. It shouldn't happen. This was something that has affected them all. He would ask people if they felt safe walking around campus, or at home at night, and asked if they should have to feel unsafe. Something like this should never happen again.

Mr. Asuncion said he would like to remind them how precious life was and to maybe live life maybe differently than how they've lived it before. He asked if people called their family and told their mother or father they love them and appreciate them, because one never knew. The next time something might happen and they might not be there any more. People may not think it might happen, but 17 years ago they never thought this would happen. People might take solace in the fact that Grace might be in a better place, but it still didn't make sense. So he was asking them to re-examine their lives. He knew how busy all of them were as students and as student leaders, and he would urge them to make sure they took care of their relationships.

Mr. Asuncion he would ask them to ask themselves what they were without their family or their friendships, or without love in their lives. They might be an ASUC Senator, get straight A's, and accomplish all this or that, but without people in their lives and without love in their lives, they were nothing. So he would ask them to please re-examine their lives and hopefully improve their relationships.

Mr. Asuncion said he wrote a bill a few years ago that was up on the wall, the first bill that all 20 Senators and all five Executive Officers signed. He would like the Senate to unite around this. This was a universal issue, not a Cal-SERVE issue or Student Action issue. He would ask them to think about what they could do in their lives and what Grace was never able to do that she wanted to do. The picture on the wall of Grace was the last picture taken of her, in January, 1992.

Mr. Asuncion said he would like everybody to stand up, bow their heads, and to think of their loved ones in this moment of silence. A moment of silence was observed. Mr. Asuncion said he would like to thank them. Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him.

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY -- Presentation on the Early Childhood Education Program, by Laura Keeley-Saldana, Director

Ms. Saldana said she would like to thank the Senate for inviting her that evening. She was called to come and give a quick presentation and overview of the program and tell them a little about the status of what was happening as a result of all the budget cuts happening at the State, county, and federal levels. This program was hit by some severe cuts as well, so she just wanted to give the Senate the scoop on what was happening.

The Early Childhood education Program on campus serves 279 children of students, faculty, and staff at the University. More than 17 are children of students, and 162 are children of faculty and staff, and some community members. They get funding from the State, the Department of Education, which subsidizes 88 students, where students pay on a sliding scale anywhere from \$0 to about \$500 a month for childcare.

As for their rates, Ms. Saldana said that for infants it was \$1,700; for pre-schooler, \$1,233. So the prices were really high. Among their students, 29 pay full fee or were on scholarship. The ECEP has a small scholarship fund. There are 400 children on the waiting list. They have locations at Clark Kerr, Girton Hall, by the Haas School of Business, and the Anna Head Infant Childhood Study Center. Their newest site was on Haste, a green, LEED, building that was just built, opening two years ago.

Ms. Saldana said they currently employ 86 student assistants, all undergraduates.

As far as their operations, they get around \$750,000 from the State Department of Education, to serve low-income students, or people on Pell Grants. They also get campus funding, and that was the area that was being considerably cut. The ECEP was cut 14% last year and it was being cut another 15-25% again this year.

They also have private pay parents. They get money from foundation grants and scholarships. Some of that was to support low-income folks. A lot of money was put into the Haste St. site for operations and construction.

Ms. Saldana said her unit was part of RSSP, Residential Student Services Program, along with Housing and Dining. So they get a lot of support from RSSP, including human resources support, IT support, and marketing support. That was all in-kind, and the ECEP didn't have to pay for that. Their operating budget was just shy of \$5 million, at about \$450,000.

The screen showed their operating expenses. The ECEP paid about \$4 million in staff salaries; \$875,000 for S&E, including parking, janitorial, cooks who do organic meals for the children, utilities, food, and \$175,000 recharge for the campus.

As for their current budget status, their program has a \$350,000 deficit. They anticipate another \$150-250,000 off of their campus funding. They have some savings within their budget based on staff vacancies and some savings they have throughout the year. They also get foundation and grant support and some funding from Student Affairs and RSSP at the end of the year, at times, to balance their deficit. But Student Affairs and RSSP were also being hit by the cuts, so the ECEP will no longer likely get any support from them.

As for current budget issues, Ms. Saldana said that campus funding last year was reduced by 14%, about \$154,000. This year they'll be reduced again by 15-25%, \$150-250,000. They had been on target to

break even with their budget over five years, but that plan has been set back because of the budget cuts. Some of the things they're considering are to eliminate one program manager and to cut parking spaces by 50%. These are parking spaces they reserve for the parents to drop off and pick up. It just meant they'd have fewer spaces for that, which the parents were okay with. Another step they'd take was to eliminate NAEYC, the "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval" for childcare centers. It was very labor intensive and quite expensive to go through the process. So they're considering that. For all their program cuts, they'd have a cost savings of \$113,000.

Ms. Saldana said the last thing they were considering as a means of responding to the budget cuts, which was very controversial, was the elimination of 24 infant and toddler spaces, for a cost savings of \$125,000. That was a drastic measure they'd take. If they weren't able to meet their budget next year they'll have to limit one of their sites and eliminate infant and toddler spaces.

As for how the ASUC could help, it was really good to show their support for campus childcare. It was really important for a lot of reasons, both for faculty, staff, and students, but also because the ECEP provides locations for students to do observation. If they're in an early childhood program or they're part of IDH's research projects, the ECEP has children who are pulled out for some of those projects.

Ms. Saldana said she knew there was a bill to support the ECEP, and she would highly recommend that the Senate support that. Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank Ms. Saldana for the presentation.
(Applause)

Ms. Cho asked what things students could do to help out, and not just the ASUC as a body. Ms. Saldana said that what was happening was that faculty were kind of rallying around this. There are letters from the Law School, the Economics Department, and the graduate School of Education. They're really pushing hard to the Chancellor. All day she's been thinking about what students could do to really be active in helping the Early Childhood Program. Ms. Saldana said she would look to the students for that answer rather than answering it herself. She thought students knew what kinds of things they could do. She's heard great things about the activism and leadership of this team.

Ms. Yang asked if the ECEP was outreaching to students who might need its services. Ms. Saldana asked if she was referring to the subsidized service. Ms. Yang said she was. Ms. Saldana said the campus has a parent support person, Alice Jordan. She's the person that students contact, undergraduates specifically, and transfer students with children, and Ms. Jordan routes them to the program. They have a Web site. They're open to anybody who was affiliated with the University. They accept full-fee paying families, but they only have a limited number of subsidized spots, and the waiting list for a spot was about 200. It's a State subsidized program. Getting in was really difficult. Their infant and toddler care was the most expensive and was also the hardest to get into, with fewer spots than other spaces.

Ms. Yang asked about their Web site. Ms. Saldana said it was a little tricky because it was part of Housing and Dining. There's Early Childhood on the University site.

Ms. Ude said that since the program was so competitive for student parents get their children into, and a lot kids than the number of spots they have, she asked if there were any alternatives for these students the ECEP advocates. Ms. Saldana said there are resource and referral programs. The biggest one is Bananas, on the border between Oakland and Berkeley. It's a resource and referral program for all families. The

ECEP usually refers families to that program. It was really difficult to find infant and toddler care. And that was specifically the area most families were concerned about, both based on the cost and wanting to be close in proximity. For example, a student can take a child to a daycare center or a family daycare home far away from campus, but if they're breastfeeding or need to be near the child, it was difficult. So having on-campus centers was really convenient, especially for those kinds of situations.

Ms. Tran asked about the ratio of faculty and students, and said that in the presentation numbers were mentioned for faculty and students. She asked what that structure was. Ms. Saldana asked if she was referring to ratios in the classroom. The ratio for infants was 1-to-3, or 1 adult for every 3 children; for toddlers it was 1-to-4; and for pre-schoolers it was 1-to-8.

Ms. Cho asked what socioeconomic group was most affected by the budget cuts. Ms. Saldana said the group most affected by budget cuts were faculty and staff at this point. Last year when they took budget cuts, they impacted graduate students, or full-fee students. They were paying a lower monthly amount and the ECEP raised their rates to the full faculty-staff amount. That affected 12 graduate students who were on subsidy. At this point, Ms. Saldana said her plan was to continue to serve students to the capacity she was currently serving them. Typically, they serve their low-income families first, and they were the priority. They try to get them on State grants. And then the ECEP moves to its waiting list of full-fee families. Sometimes families were so desperate they ask even if the Program can't get them in on a subsidy, they ask to get their children on full-fee and take loans, or somehow manage to pay full fees.

Ms. Cho asked how the budget cuts will affect different economic statuses of students, low, middle, and high income. Ms. Saldana said they don't know what will happen with the subsidy money, the \$750,000 they get from the State. They don't know if the Governor will end up cutting childcare funds. That would be a significant hit and would impact the ECEP's low-income students, many of whom are undergraduates. The secondary part of that was that if the State did not cut funding, middle-income families were really the ones that would be affected. The costs were so high that there's a huge gap between the very low-income folks who get a subsidy and the very high-income folks who can afford the childcare. So ECEP wasn't reaching a big pot of middle-income and low- and high-middle income families to provide services for them. But the ECEP was also limited in its capacity. One problem was that because they only have spots for 280 or so children, and since there are 400 children on the waiting list, it was really difficult to get even get in in the first place. So once a child got in, parents want to hold onto the spot whether they could afford it or not. Students will be affected in different ways. If they happen to be very low income, the ECEP had to use that scale, lowest to highest in order to get them into the program. Once the ECEP reached its capacity, of \$750,000 for the year, then they admitting students.

Ms. Cho asked if she had examples of capital investment. People have talked about having childcare on Lower Sproul. She asked if there was anything else Ms. Saldana would recommend. Ms. Saldana said that one thing she was very interested in looking into was Albany Village, where family housing was located, and making sure there were childcare services at that location. Those would be big capital projects.

She'd also be interested in endowments so that the ECEP could have a pot of money that was used for middle-income students and those who don't qualify for subsidy. There were some grant and foundation money that they use for families who don't qualify due to their very, low income, but they're not able to pay the full fee. They subsidize that program with that grant funding. So looking at their operations and

trying to fill in the gaps would be of interest to her. But the capital campaign would be great. She also heard that day from Allison Guttman, a professor in Psychology, that the Early Childhood minor that the campus has might no longer be available after next year because there's no funding for it.

Ms. Flores said it was mentioned that the ECEP gets funding from RSSP, and asked if that will be the same amount with the budgetary cuts. Ms. Saldana said the ECEP was supposed to be a self-sustained program, and RSSP just back-filled when the ECEP got in a hole. The in-kind services were just by nature of being part of the RSSP group, and provided administrative and infrastructure support. They don't give the ECEP an amount every year and just make up the difference when the Program fell short. Student Affairs and RSSP usually team together and try to bail out the Program. That's what happened last year.

Ms. Ude asked if free childcare programs at Albany were planned to be put in place to finance disparities, or if any remedies were planned. Ms. Saldana said Albany Village actually has childcare on site and it's through the Albany school District, which runs childcare at that site, and an after-school program. They're in some of the older buildings that haven't been renovated. There are plans for Albany Village to re-do its community center and offices and do childcare. There was no infant/toddler care. There's a drop-in care in one of the apartments run by the Village residents but nothing that was formal. Ms. Pasco said that seeing no further questions, she would like to thank Ms. Saldana very much. Ms. Saldana said she would like to thank them very much. (Applause)

Report from the UCPD Liaison

Sgt. Tucker said they had three Crime Alerts come out over the last week. If there were any problems receiving them, he would ask them to please let him know. Also, to mention some other items, he wanted to highlight some of the actions that their Community Service Officers have done. Over the last week their CSOs provide nighttime walking, with their Walk Service. They also do other security assignments. They have occasion to stumble on things once in a while. On Friday, at about 2 a.m., a CSO saw some folks trying to steal a table from Clark Kerr campus. The suspects turned out to be students. The CSO saw them and called the police, who arrived. People might make light of this, and he had to admit it was a little funny, but stealing a table was potentially very serious. It's not difficult to imagine a piece of furniture at more than \$400, especially the durable stuff the campus buys. And that would make it a felony. Also, if there's more than one person agreeing to commit a crime together, that's a conspiracy, and that in itself is a felony. So potentially, there are some very serious consequences for something like this. In this case the students were very cooperative and were just referred to Student Conduct, and the table was returned.

Another CSO on Tuesday evening last night observed a bike theft in progress at the Moffitt bike racks. He called it in and officers arrived and arrested the suspect. Sgt. Tucker said he just wanted to recognize their CSOs and the contributions they make to the campus' safety, besides just walking folks here and there, which was, of course, incredibly important.

For a couple of other quick things, next Wednesday was very busy. There will be a Student Forum at 4 p.m. in Eshleman, upstairs. That was also the day for the Student Panel, which was an opportunity to bring students in to provide perspective to all of police officers and their training environment. He thought they were very close on this and were still working with Sens. Shah and Owens and Pres. Winston. So he thought they'll have a successful panel. He called for any questions. Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him for his report.

Report from the ASUC Store Operations Board

Mr. Spivey said that Mr. Permaul sends his regards. His son was having a very important birthday that day. Mr. Permaul will give a report next week. Mr. Spivey said it was a very interesting all-manager training for BASS that morning. They actually had a great mini-lecture from a professor from Physics about global warming. It was very exciting. Mr. Spivey said he believed the Director will update the Senate on that next week.

Mr. Spivey said he'd give an update on Eshleman security. He wanted to let the Senate know that several lighting improvements have been made on the patio, on lower and Upper Sproul, and in the Art Studio. They replaced two doors in Eshleman, which are brand new. They simplified the key issuing system. Senators used to have to put in a deposit to get a key, and it was a pain and a big deterrent in preventing doors from being propped open. The elevator was working after hours, so late at night, when there's a lockout, people could still get in the building with a card. He believed that's been working out very well, and he hasn't heard too much feedback from the Senate about that, so he thought it was working. They've also had better engagement with the homeless population in the area. One thing that this County does very well was the robust mental health services it has. After a person is picked up the second time, they're referred to the City. So when people see police stopping homeless folks and writing down information, what happens is that if they're in need of social services, that's what engages those services. The second or third pick up for either vagrancy or camping out can initiate that. He wanted to commend the police for working with them late at night. From midnight to 6 a.m., campus rules state that there cannot be anybody sleeping or hanging around on campus. So the police were doing a very good job.

In the future, Mr. Spivey said they'll replace the entryway doors on each floor in Eshleman. They're very old and in poor repair. They don't really shut properly or lock well. The Trilogy locks on several floors, where people punch their codes in, have failed or are failing. They're very expensive to fix. They had to fix the ones on the 4th floor, which cost several thousand dollars, even though the door was still broken.

Mr. Spivey said there will be a meeting next week, very early Monday morning, with the Chair and Vice Chair/President to talk with the UCPD about security. One big item was to replace video security in the building. It's very old and rarely worked right, as they found out last fall. They have to tie it into the campus police system, which was a big job and cost a lot of money.

Mr. Spivey said he wanted to close by saying that they're working very closely with the police on security. He would encourage the Senate to continue its work on student safety in their spaces. If they see things, such as something that was broken, or if somebody threw a rock through a window, they should

let him know. He'll fix even little things, such as when things were vandalized. Just let the Auxiliary know and they'll pick them up. They could contact him at tspiveyq.berkeley.edu. If they have a nice area, it needed to stay that way. If it started to look in disrepair, it tended to invite more trouble.

Ms. Ude said she noticed the door on the 2nd floor was being fixed and asked if there was an estimate of when it will be done. Mr. Spivey said that repair should happen in the next few days. The door wasn't closing. If they need to let somebody in, instead propping the doors open, they should plop somebody down on a chair to let people in. Seeing no questions Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him.

Elected Official Announcements

Ms. Hussain said there will be a Special Order next week on the Relay for Life. She participated in it last year and it was an amazing event. She thought this year they should get together an ASUC team and walk together all night. It would be a fun time. There's food and music and good exercise. She would ask people to spread the word to their interns about this.

Ms. Pasco asked if she would be willing to initiate the process for getting an ASUC team. Ms. Hussain said she would be. There will also be fundraising activities, and she'll give updates on those.

Ms. Flores said she wanted to invite them to the first general meeting of the Pilipino-American Alliance on Thursday at 7 p.m., in 56 Barrows. Mr. Asuncion was there to commemorate Grace Asuncion, and on Thursday they'll also have a commemoration during the meeting. The PAA does a yearly commemoration of Grace Asuncion, who was previous PAA Academic Chair in 1992. So the Filipino student community took strides to remember her, as she was a key leader in the Filipino-American community.

Committee Reports (cont'd)

Reporting for the Standing Committee on the Advocacy Agenda, Ms. Pasco said they met last Thursday, from 5:00 to 6:00 in the EVP's office. Members present were herself and Sen. Cho. Missing were Sens. Raffi and Shah. They talked a little bit about the Advocacy Committees from last semester and how they w. It was a really good conversation. Their next meeting is next Thursday from 5:00 to 6:00 in the EVP's office. They adjourned at 5:45. She sent out the minutes.

Begin written report from the Standing Committee on the Advocacy Agenda

ASUC Standing Committee On The Advocacy Agenda
Spring 2009 Session – week 2
Thursday, January 29, 2009

 Written report from the Standing Committee on the Advocacy Agenda (cont'd)

5:00 pm, EVP Office

VIII. Check In

- a. Call to order: 5:20 PM
- b. Roll Call
 - i. Present: EVP Pasco, Senator Cho
 - ii. Not Present: Senator Raffi, Senator Shah

IX. Committee Updates

- a. Evaluation/Reflection Questions
 - i. What do you feel like your advocacy committee accomplished last semester?
 1. Sarah: we were able to have healthy working dynamics in our group; we basically worked as a team. Each person had a project and we updated one another, for example, MJ and I worked on employment security, Tu working on academic issues, and Tara and Sheila worked on the 24 hour library
 - ii. What do you think are the strengths of your committee?
 1. Sarah: Each person has their own interest and specialty; we have range as a committee
 - iii. What do you think are the weaknesses of your committee?
 1. Sarah: we give a lot of updates because we meet every other week; there's no real accountability and its hard to accomplish a whole lot. There's also no communication that happens in the off weeks.
 - iv. What are areas of improvement (if possible, please refer to communication, meetings, working styles)?
 1. Sarah: we created a listserve, we need to get our interns more involved; we can work more collaboratively on certain projects (i.e. creating questions for the campus survey together)
 - v. What are ways that the EVP can support you?
 1. Sarah: None

X. Business

- a. Meeting Times and Locations
 - i. Advocacy Committee on Student Health & Mental/Spiritual Well Being (Shah)
 1. TBA
 - ii. Advocacy Committee on Academic Resources Improvement & Employment Security (Cho)
 1. Every other Thursday from 6-7p in June Jordan Room
 - iii. Advocacy Committee on Fiscal, Environmental & Socially Responsible Businesses for Lower Sproul (Raffi)
 1. TBA
 - iv. We will also be inviting the Vice Chairs to this meeting as well

XI. Adjournment

- a. Time: 5:45 PM
- b. Roll Call
 - i. Present: EVP Pasco, Senator Cho
 - ii. Not Present: Senator Raffi, Senator Shah

 End written report from the Standing Committee on the Advocacy Agenda



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Committee Reports (cont'd)

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Reporting for the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Student Health and Mental and Spiritual Well Being, Ms. Tran said that she would report as Vice Chair. They met that day at 6 p.m. in the June Jordan Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:15. Roll call was taken and Sen. Yang was absent. Tang Center Awareness Week will be postponed until March 6 as the earlier date was in two weeks, and at that point they weren't ready for it. They'll have T-shirts. They have to-do lists to fulfill. Each Senator was doing some grants. They'll have workshops on preventative care where the UPHC will come in. They'll have the Red Cross Club also come in and talk about doing training and workshops. There will be a SHEP and safe sex collaboration. Within the four days of Tang Center Awareness Week there will also be tabling. She sent out a document for tabling, but the dates will be revised for March. The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Begin written report from Advocacy Agenda Committee #1

ASUC Advocacy Agenda, Issues Brief Committee #1
Spring 2009 Session – week 2
Wednesday, February 4, 2009
6:00 pm, June Jordan Reading Room, Eshleman Hall

Chair: Senator Kifah Shah Vice Chair: Senator Lisa Tran
Voting Members: Senators Hussain, Sakaue, Yang, Shah, Ude, Tran

- V. Call to Order: 6:15
 - a. Roll Call: Senators Shah, Hussain, Ude and Sakaue were present
- i. Senators Yang was absent

- VI. Approval of the Minutes from January 29, 2009
 - a. Passed with no objection

- VII. Approval of the Agenda for February 4, 2009
 - a. Approved with no objection

- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Tang Center Awareness Week Updates
 - i. Bahar Khanjari-Navab is available for the Friday MCC event
 - ii. Kim Lapean works with tablers and health workers
 - iii. needs a list of workshops ASAP
 - iv. Robin Mills, Advisor for SHEP, robinmills@uhs.berkeley.edu
 - v. T-shirts are same price as on website, will probably need senate bill, grants
 - vi. Kifah and Lisa will write the bill
 - vii. Saira will do all the grants
 - viii. March 2-March 6

 Written report from Advocacy Agenda Committee #1 (cont'd)

ix. Monday, March 2 at 3:30

- A. Tang Open House
- B. Show video, presentation on mental health, Tour
- C. food and/or T-shirts
- D. Naked Juice? Trader Joe's, Safeway. Funded out of ES 5th Acct, SOF - maybe Stephanie and Lisa in charge of food.

x. Tuesday, March 3: 7PM on campus, perhaps 110 or 126 Barrows, reserved by Kifah

- A. UPHC workshop on preventive care
- B. Contact Dionne for contact with Griego
- C. Also contact Red Cross Club at Cal, do some trainings and workshops on some good issues. Lisa will contact.
 - a. Red Cross meeting is tomorrow 101 Moffitt

xi. Wednesday, March 4: 6PM

- A. SHEP/Fem Sex collaboration
- B. in dorm? Kifah will talk to Joan about reserving MPR, having an RA program
- C. Lyell will be see if Fem Sex interested in collaborating

xii. Thursday, March 5, 6-8 PM

- A. Forum in MCC
- B. Bahar will come, Prof Griego, NAPAWF

xiii. Will use and distribute fact sheet from NAPAWF for week

xiv. To-Do

- A. Kifah: Room Reservations, Bill, send Bahar's contact to Divya, talk to Joan
- B. Obi: Contact Robin Mills, organize Tang open house, Liaison to Tang
- C. Lisa: Write bill, RHA, Red Cross outreach
- D. Saira: Grants, T-Shirts, UPHC contact
- E. Steph: Food
- F. Lyell: Contact Fem Sex

b. Prayer Space Updates

i. Nothing from Gibor

IX. New Business

a. NAPAWF Statistics

i. Willing to put together a workshop

ii. SHEP will have National Condom Week the week before TCAW

X. Adjournment

a. Roll Call - Obi, L. Tran, Saira, Shah, Sakaue

i. Senator Yang was absent

End written report from Advocacy Agenda Committee #1

Ms. Cho said there was no report from the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Academic Resources, Improvement, and Employment Security. They'll meet every other week on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., starting next week.

Reporting for the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Physical, Environmental, and Socially Responsible Businesses for Lower Sproul, Ms. Raffi said they met on Monday. Their first order of business was to re-elect their chairs. Ms. Oatfield is the new Chair and Ms. Rodriguez is the new Vice Chair. Ms. Rodriguez said the meeting started at 8:00. For the first time ever they had full attendance, with all members were present. They had a discussion about things they want to bring up to the SOB. They'll work on a doodle doc because they want to make sure they produce a list of business practices to present. They'll set up a timeline and work diligently on that to make sure they get to out as soon as possible. The meeting ended at 8:33 and all members were present. They decided to maintain their meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month. They'll reschedule their next meeting for the fourth Monday of February due to a holiday.

Ms. Cho asked if the Committee would be willing to collaborate with the Committee on Academic Resources for services on Lower Sproul. Ms. Rodriguez said of course they would be.

Ms. Rodriguez said they'll meet in the OP's office.

Begin written report from Advocacy Agenda Committee #3

ASUC Standing Committee On Advocacy Agenda Issue #3

Spring 2009 Session – week 3

Monday, February 2, 2009

8:00 pm, OP Office Lounge

Chair: Senator Christina Oatfield Vice Chair: Senator Claudia Rodriguez

Voting Members: Senators Mairena, Dhar, Moghtader, Nahabet, Raffi, Rodriguez, Oatfield

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:08pm
- II. Chair and Vice Chair Selection
 - a. Chair nominations: Christina, Meghana, Eddie, Oscar
 - b. Chair: (by unanimous consent) Christina Oatfield
 - c. Vice Chair nominations: Claudia, Oscar, Eddie, John, Meghana
 - d. Vice Chair: (by unanimous consent) Claudia Rodriguez
- III. Roll call at 8:22pm
 - a. All present
 - b. Senators: Oatfield, Moghtader, Rodriguez, Dhar, Mairena, Nahabet, Raffi
- IV. RPF Discussion:
 - a. We will be sending our concerns to the members of the Store Operations Board regarding any possible monopoly that Panda Express could bring with them
 - b. Considering required/recommended language for special verification
 - c. Biodegradable packaging

Begin written report from Advocacy Agenda Committee #3 (cont'd)

- V. Discussion of Berkeley businesses to bring to campus
- VI. Committee Business:
 - a. Send out reminders about the meeting (chair or vice chair)
 - b. Meeting time: 1st and 3rd Mondays
 - c. Advocacy Agenda #3 will meet on 4th Monday this month since the 3rd Monday in February is a holiday.
- VII. By next meeting
 - a. Set a timeline for our list of business practices to be ready to go out
 - b. Work on the doodle doc that Christina will send out
- VIII. Motion to adjourn meeting by Eddie
 - a. Christina encouraged all members to work diligently on the business practices document
- IX. Roll call: all members present
- X. Meeting called to an end at 8:33pm

End written report from Advocacy Agenda Committee #3

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Ms. Hussain said she forgot to mention that their next meeting, for the 16th, will be moved to the 17th because of the holiday. They'll meet at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, the 17th, in the Senate Chamber.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following bills were up for consideration that evening under the Consent Calendar: SBs 18; 14, as amended; 20, as amended; 7, as amended; 17, as amended; 23, as amended; 19, as amended; 9, as amended; 12, as amended; 16, as amended; 24, as amended; 21; 15, as amended; 5, as amended; 6, as amended; and 22.

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to recess for two minutes. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Owens and Ms. Raffi and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, Ms. Flores moved to extend the recess by five minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

The following bills were removed from the Consent Calendar: SBs 16, as amended; 24, as amended; 5, as amended; and 22.

The following bills remained under the Consent Calendar: SBs 18; 14, as amended; 20, as amended; 7, as amended; 17, as amended; 23, as amended; 19, as amended; 9, as amended; 12, as amended; 21; 15, as amended; and 6, as amended.

Ms. Pasco called for any other changes to the Consent Calendar and seeing none, called for a motion to approve. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Sakaue and Mr. Owens.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION: SB 6, AS AMENDED; SB 7, AS AMENDED; SB 9, AS AMENDED; SB 12, AS AMENDED; SB 14, AS AMENDED; SB 15, AS AMENDED; SB 17, AS AMENDED; SB 18; SB 19, AS AMENDED; SB 20, AS AMENDED; SB 21; AND SB 23, AS AMENDED.

ALL WAIVERS WERE APPROVED, EXCEPT FOR CIRCLE K.

The following Resolution, SB 6, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Raffi and Ms. Chen and was co-sponsored by Ms. Cho, Ms. Dhar, Ms. Flores, Ms. Hussain, Mr. Mairena, Mr. Moghtader, Mr. Nahabet, Mr. Owens, Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Sakaue, Ms. Shah, Mr. Smelko, Ms. Tran, Mr. Tran, Ms. Ude, Ms. Yang, Mr. Zuo, and Ms. Winston:

RESOLUTION IN RESOUNDING SUPPORT FOR A 24-HOUR LIBRARY ON THE UC BERKELEY CAMPUS

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION IN RESOUNDING SUPPORT FOR A 24-HOUR LIBRARY ON THE UC BERKELEY CAMPUS (cont'd)

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

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

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

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

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

The following Resolution, SB 7, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Linh Pho, John Viet, Trinh Le, and Ms. Tran, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Sakaue, Ms. Hussain, Mr. Zuo, and Ms. Yang:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VIETHOPE CHARITY NIGHT

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for VietHOPE Charity Night is as follows: Total, \$800;

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VIETHOPE CHARITY NIGHT (cont'd)

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

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

The following Resolution SB 9, as amended in committee, was authored by Rebecca Millsop, Devin Rusky, Marko Stankovic, and Ms. Dhar, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Moghtader, Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Flores, Ms. Shah, and Mr. Zuo:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE PHILOSOPHY FORUM'S DONALD DAVIDSON PRIZE IN PHILOSOPHY

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum (UPF) is a fourth-year Student Activity Group with a spring budget allocation of \$300; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, thereafter, three graduate students in the Philosophy Department will decide which three papers should be awarded the prizes, then the winners will be announced on May 1st; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the budget for the event is as follows: Total, \$1,160;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$400 from the Senate Contingency Fund to the UPF Donald Davidson Prize in Philosophy.

The following Resolution, SB 12, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Joey Guzman, Klara Sputova, Stephanie Yang, and Tu Trần and was co-sponsored by Ms. Flores, Mr. Smelko, Ms. Dhar, Ms. Chen, Ms. Cho, Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Raffi, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Hussain, Ms. Shah, and Ms. Rodriguez:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MAGNOLIA PROJECT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Magnolia Project has grown every year and made tremendous impact for their philanthropy work. It has been recognized and awarded by Berkeley's Bears Breaking

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MAGNOLIA PROJECT (cont'd)

Boundaries, Center for Student Leadership OSKIS Award, and Chancellor's Award for Public Service; and

WHEREAS, the budget for The Magnolia Project's Summer Service Trip is as follows: Total, \$17,180;

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

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

The following Resolution SB 14, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Charlene Kemmerer and Mr. Trần and was co-sponsor by Ms. Shah, Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Flores, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Hussain, Mr. Zuo, and Ms. Dhar:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STUDENTS OF AILING MOTHERS AND FATHERS

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

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

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

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

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

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-- SB 15, In Support of Replenishing the ASUC Senate Contingency Fund
-- SB 17, In Support of Bollywood Berkeley

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STUDENTS OF AILING MOTHERS AND FATHERS (cont'd)

WHEREAS, SAMF's operational budget for the Spring 2009 Semester, as of January 24, 2009, is as follows: Total, \$450.91; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes Students of Ailing Mothers and Fathers as a first-year SISG (Student-Initiated Service Group).

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

The following Resolution SB 15, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Hussain:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REPLENISHING THE ASUC SENATE CONTINGENCY FUND

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) from Carry Forward to the Senate Contingency Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 17, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Jyothsna Talkad and Ms. Dhar and was co-sponsored by Mr. Smelko, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Chen, Mr. Owens, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Flores, Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BOLLYWOOD BERKELEY

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

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

WHEREAS, UC Berkeley's Indus will be hosting its Eighth Annual Hindi Film Dance competition, Bollywood Berkeley, on February 28th at Zellerbach Auditorium in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Bollywood Berkeley is the largest Hindi film dance competition in the nation and Indus' largest event during the year; and

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

WHEREAS, this year an audience of 2,000 is expected, making it the largest competition in the University's history; and

WHEREAS, more information can be found on the official Website, www.bollywoodberkeley.ucberkeleyindus.com; and

WHEREAS, the budget is as follows: Total, \$38,330.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate move \$850 from the Carry Forward fund to fund Bollywood Berkeley.

The following Resolution SB 18, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Veronica Canilao and Ms. Yang:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN YOUNG LEADERS MENTORSHIP OUTSTANDING STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

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

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

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN YOUNG LEADERS MENTORSHIP OUTSTANDING STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM (cont'd)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following Resolution, SB 19, as amended in committee and by the author, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Flores, Benito Delgado-Olso, and Peter Hsiue and was co-sponsored by Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Yang, and Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DELTA UPSILON AND ALPHA CHI OMEGA'S SCHOOL SUPPLY ASSEMBLY PHILANTHROPY EVENT

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

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-- SB 20, In Support of Student Commuters at Cal

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DELTA UPSILON AND ALPHA CHI OMEGA'S SCHOOL SUPPLY ASSEMBLY PHILANTHROPY EVENT (cont'd)

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the prospective budget is: Total, \$5,583.04;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$1,000 from the Senate Greek Opportunity Fund to Delta Upsilon and Alpha Chi Omega's School Supply Assembly Philanthropy Event.

The following Resolution, SB 20, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Flores and was co-sponsored by Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STUDENT COMMUTERS AT CAL

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

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STUDENT COMMUTERS AT CAL (cont'd)

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the projected expenses for spring 2009 is as follows: \$200.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes Student Commuters at Cal as a first-year Student Activity Group (SAG).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocates \$150.00 from the Senate Contingency Fund to Student Commuters at Cal.

The following Resolution, SB 21, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Flores and Mr. Zuo, and was co-sponsored by Academic Affairs Vice President de la Cruz:

A BILL IN SUPPORT OF REPLENISHING THE ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITY FUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

A BILL IN SUPPORT OF REPLENISHING THE ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITY FUND (cont'd)

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

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

The following Resolution, SB 23, as amended in committee and by the author, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Mr. Mairena, Mickey Kay, and Brittany Murlas, and was co-sponsored Ms. Cho, Mr. Smelko, Ms. Tran, and Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ROLL 'N SHOOT

WHEREAS, Berkeley is the birth-place of the disability rights and independent living movement; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Roll 'n Shoot -- a 3-on-3 wheelchair basketball tournament pairing able-bodied UC Berkeley students with wheelchair athletes -- will be hosted by the residence halls, the Cal Corps Public Service Center, and the Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP) on Saturday, March 7, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Recreational Sports Facility (RSF) Field House; and

WHEREAS, the Roll N' Shoot will consist of 24 teams. Each team:

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

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

- a.) To raise awareness around disability on campus, particularly adaptive sports.
- b.) To fundraise for BORP's youth wheelchair basketball team.
- c.) To increase student dialogue about disability awareness and accommodations.
- d.) To become an annual event, creating:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ROLL 'N SHOOT (cont'd)

- i.) A tradition of engaging, hands-on disability education.
- ii.) A movement to improve adaptive facilities and sports programs on campus.
- iii.) Excitement among students to participate in this fun, athletic event; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, over the past 10 years:

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

WHEREAS, the budget for the first annual Cal Roll N' Shoot is as follows: Total, \$3,328.22;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$843.00 (eight hundred and forty-three dollars) from the Senate Contingency Fund to support the Roll 'n Shoot.

Report from the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs

Mr. Dolores said he was approached by Sen. Flores to evaluate the sponsoring of the API Town Hall, which will happen on February 10. He spoke to his staff about it and they rendered the opinion that it

would be in the interests of the ASUC to sponsor it. That wouldn't be monetary sponsorship, but to use his network to advertise for it and help the event with people power should the need arise. He'll forward to the Senate the press release.

Mr. Dolores said he would like to introduce the Deputy Commissioner of Diversity Affairs. His choice was reflective of an individual who had the imagination, understanding, and ability to come up with cost effective and smart ways on including communities on the campus, to better the environment. He also wanted to talk about the tardiness of their first Community Relations Workshop, scheduled for January. Given the time constraints on the Commission, they were unable to deliver a comprehensive report in one month. They currently do not have a research wing to adequately revise the report so it reflects what was actually happening in the communities. They're currently creating an advisory structure so they could do this by the next report, the last Wednesday of February.

Mr. Dolores said questions were asked at the last Senate meeting. Sen. Owens asked a question that he discussed with the Commission, and they have made a commitment to use cost-savings methods in everything they do and come up with simple, elegant solutions that will accomplish their objectives. They'll submit a budget proposal hopefully by the first week of March. Sen. Cho asked about having open forums. The Commission decided that all documents and general meetings will be open to the public. He'll leave it to the other Deputy Commissioner to talk about issues the discussed at the staff meeting.

Jenna Zehler introduced herself and said she was the Deputy Commissioner of Diversity Affairs. That day at their meeting, which was their second meeting, they wanted to address the community relations worksheet from which they'll compose the report at the end of the semester. They were able to speak or at least begin broaching and introducing themselves into conversation with African-American Student Development, the Raza Caucus, and Gender Equity. They've had a rather short amount of time in order to compile information. But they have gone up to these communities and inquired about the issues that weren't necessarily plaguing their community, but that were on their members' minds. For the grander community, it was to be as inclusive of spaces that were accounted for and not accounted for on the campus. They came up with and enumerated an overview of what was given to them. Predominantly, the overarching issue was the lack of communication. They saw one of the contributing conditions to the lack of communication to be the multiple layers of the Berkeley campus, and that people don't know where to go or where the resources were, or who their resources were. The Commission saw that as one of the main functions of the Commission. They saw the Commission of Diversity Affairs to be that bridge of communication to help community organizations understand that the ASUC was there for them and that the Administration was also accessible vis-à-vis the ASUC and other rallying bodies. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by three minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Tran and Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

Mr. Dolores said they have goals and objectives that they can accomplish by the end of semester. They'll consolidate all the information on community resources, where people should go, who they should speak to, and how to navigate the ASUC. They think that would be very beneficial. They'll also serve as a training platform for new community leaders stepping into an umbrella position, or community leader positions. It will give them a chance to truly know how to navigate the system so there wasn't as much tension. They'll also meet with the President's office and her directors on diversity to discuss their entrance into what will be part of a coalition of diversity affairs. They hope to unify their agendas so they can come up with a list of objectives they can accomplish as the ASUC before the end of the semester. Hopefully they'll be able to get the voice from each community. He's already sent out a newsletter to the

Multicultural Student Development Directors calling for them to send a minimum of two representatives to the Commission's next general meeting. These individuals will be invited to the advisory board to the Commission and will also serve as liaisons. They won't be liaisons in the traditional sense, in that they come, sit down, and might not do anything at all, but rather, they want the liaisons to actually have an active role in participating in the Commission so that the communities know that they have a mechanism to truly effect change and progress and that they have a place where their voices can be heard. He called for any questions.

Ms. Flores asked if he could clarify what the API Town Hall was supposed to be for. Ms. Zehler said it will happen on February 10 and was actually called for by alumni to alumni, from past interns who, during their final year at Berkeley, compiled from surveys and focus groups, information on the Asian American Pacific Islander community at Berkeley, to try and understand the various ways in which they are not necessarily disparaged, but underrepresented academically and within the community. They are either not receiving enough resources in terms of personal and professional development or their academia doesn't correspond to their community experiences, etc. They wanted in particular to address that as an entire community, and in as holistically as possible, about presenting that information as well as getting into communication with administrators, individuals from the ASUC, and people involved on the campus, so that information could be further disseminated and they could come up with viable solutions to address whatever the research has found. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by three minutes was made and was seconded by Ms. Hussain and passed with no objection.

Ms. Zehler said the rationale as to why they're sponsoring this was because they, as a Commission, felt it was imperative that all the communities on the Berkeley campus realize that they have venues through which they could give research data and promulgate that information and issues plaguing the communities and their marginalizing experiences. They wanted to sponsor the API Town Hall and have the ASUC recognize that any community that should wish to have that type of venue could do it. They wanted to kind of use the API Town Hall as a template by which they could invite all other communities to do the exact same thing, knowing that the ASUC was behind them, because they were supposed to be representative of the student populace there and work in a way to give them those venues where they could do things, in addition to the Commission. Mr. Dolores said they'll invite individuals from other communities to come in and watch the API Town Hall and listen and see how it was done, so possibly it could serve as a foundation for future cross-cultural engagement among communities on campus.

Ms. Ude said that in addition to talking to the Student Development Offices, she asked if they have given thought to outreaching to the Recruitment and Retention Centers that are more student run. Student Development Offices were more faculty based. Although it was a great resource, it was still faculty-run and University-run. Student organizations were more on the ground level as to students who directly encounter and discuss educational and access disparities among their peers. Also, outreaching to R&RCs would give better and more straightforward and informative information. Mr. Dolores said that at present, he's only been able to successfully get one contact from R&RCs, but he'll look into contacting the others. That should be done by their next meeting. He would like to thank her for the suggestion. Seeing no further questions Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank them for the report.

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

Elected Official Announcements (cont'd)

Ms. Flores said that in terms of the API Town Hall that Mr. Dolores just mentioned, it will be held on February 10 from 5:00 to 7 p.m. at the MCC, also known as Heller Lounge. The Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion will be there as well as Barbara Davis, some faculty members, and graduate students. They'll talk about the research that two API students did last year, and will also address the current issue, what Asian Americans, and also Pacific Islander students on campus, face on a daily basis. If they could, she would ask Senators to please attend the Town Hall. It will be one of the proactive ways in which they could truly be accountable to students who voice their concerns or issues. From them, they can create some action, as an ASUC Senator, as individuals, or as student leaders in their respective organizations.

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

The following Resolution, SB 5, as amended in committee, was authored by Ms. Ude:

RESOLUTION IN COMMEMORATION OF CHANCELLOR ROBERT J. BIRGENEAU AND THE
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the inauguration of our 44th President, President Barack Hussein Obama, occurred on the day of January 20th, 2009; and

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION IN COMMEMORATION OF CHANCELLOR ROBERT J. BIRGENEAU AND THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (cont'd)

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

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

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

Mr. Owens moved to go into debate. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hussain and passed with no objection.

Ms. Ude said the bill commemorates the Chancellor pulling together the public viewing of the inauguration ceremony on the 20th of January. She thought it was a really wonderful thing for the Chancellor to do. She spoke to Mr. Permaul at the time and he told her the Chancellor was behind it and went out to find a sponsor. Over 10,000 people were in attendance, more people on Sproul than they've seen since the Free Speech Movement. It was an accessible and open venue to view the inauguration and be with people that morning.

Mr. Owens said he disagreed with both Chancellor Birgeneau's decision to host the watching party and with any sort of commemoration for one political candidate or another. He'll address this with the Chancellor's representative, Dean Poullard, very soon. He was proud to say he did not vote for current Pres. Obama's election.

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

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Owens and Ms. Ude.

Ms. Dhar moved to recess for three minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Flores and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, Ms. Chen moved to extend the recess by three minutes. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, Ms. Dhar moved to extend the recess for two minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Flores and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, roll call was taken on the motion to approve SB 5, as amended in committee:

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

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to close the rolls. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Owens and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 5, AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE, PASSED 16-1-1, RESOLUTION IN COMMEMORATION OF CHANCELLOR ROBERT J. BIRGENEAU AND THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

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

Report from the Graduate Assembly Representative

Mr. Daal said the GA will meet on Thursday and he hoped to see many of their smiling faces there. He's been in contact with a joint Senate/Administration task force on course evaluations and he's been asked to collect questions that students would like to have answered when they consider courses they'd like to take. The idea was to make course evaluations to students available online and to know what questions would help students in determining which classes to take. He asked this a couple of weeks ago and got one response. If there are any other responses, that would be great. He would imagine that there are some questions that all students would like to know in choosing courses they take. Mr. Daal said he would also give another plug for the GA's Women of Color Conference on February 14. He called for any questions.

Ms. Flores asked if anyone has contacted her about attending the Asian Pacific Islander languages event on February 19. Mr. Daal said he didn't think so. Ms. Flores asked if another graduate student could make an announcement at the GA meeting about the event. It will feature Ling Chi Wang, a well-known scholar and a professor who fought for Asian languages. Mr. Daal said he would suggest including that in the report from the ASUC. Ms. Flores said it's a student organization and the Senate has a bill to sponsor it, and they could make that announcement.

Mr. Sakaue moved to go to Standing Committee Reports. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

Committee Reports (cont'd)

Mr. Sakaue said he would like to amend the Con-Review minutes to state that the meeting originally scheduled for February 16 at 9 p.m. will be moved to Tuesday, February 17, at 9 p.m., in accordance with the President's Day holiday.

Ms. Hussain asked if they had to make that a main motion and post it. Ms. Pasco said they didn't.

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION (cont'd)

The following Resolution, SB 22, was authored by Mr. Mairena and was co-sponsored by Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN END TO DEATH SENTENCES IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) The District Attorney of Alameda County to stop pursuing the death penalty; and

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(cont'd)

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be sent to the Alameda County Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

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

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Moghtader and Mr. Owens.

Roll call was taken on the motion to approve SB 22:

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

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to close the rolls. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Sakaue and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 22 PASSED 13-2-3, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN END TO DEATH SENTENCES IN ALAMEDA COUNTY.

The following Resolution, SB 16, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Julia Piper and Ms. Dhar and was co-sponsored by Mr. Smelko, Mr. Zuo, Mr. Nahabet, Mr. Zuo, Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Chen, Ms. Raffi, Ms. Cho, Mr. Tran, Ms. Hussain, Ms. Shah, Ms. Rodriguez, and Ms. Flores:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SMART ASS MAGAZINE

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

WHEREAS, the Smart Ass is CLL-sponsored, and is an 8th year ASUC-sponsored PUB; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SMART ASS MAGAZINE (cont'd)

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the working budget of the Smart Ass is as follows: Total, \$4,034.35;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize the Smart Ass Magazine as an 8th-year ASUC Publication (PUB).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$1,000 from the Senate Contingency fund to sponsor the Smart Ass Magazine.

Ms. Dhar said she would defer to Ms. Cho's arguments on this.

Ms. Dhar moved to call the question.

On a point of information, Mr. Sakaue asked if she could clarify what she meant when she said she'd defer to Ms. Cho's arguments.

Ms. Dhar moved to go into discussion of the bill. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

Ms. Cho said she pulled the bill. She's a co-sponsor. She didn't support publications that got \$2,800 and then came again for more money from the Contingency Fund. As much as she supported publications, the Senate couldn't do this for every single publication. As all of them knew, publications were expensive and get a lot of money every year through spring budgeting. But it wasn't fair for a single publication to get extra funding during the school year while other publications were struggling to get outside sources because they've already been informed they shouldn't look to the Contingency Fund for extra funding.

She would propose to amend the bill to \$800. She still felt that was a lot, but it's already gone through Fi-Comm and she respected Fi-Comm's expertise.

Ms. Cho moved to amend the final amount to \$800. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

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

A roll call vote was requested by Ms. Shah and Ms. Oatfield.

Roll call was taken on the motion to approve SB 16, as amended in committee and on the floor:

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

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to close the rolls. It was so moved and was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 16, AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE And ON THE FLOOR, PASSED 15-2-1, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SMART ASS MAGAZINE. Voting comments were heard.

The following Resolution, SB 24, as amended in committee, was authored by Ms. Jirachaikitti, Chief-of-Staff Puentes, David Kirui, Kortney McBride, Ricardo Gomez, Kao Thao, and Selena An, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Shah, Ms. Flores, Mr. Sakaue, and Ms. Ude:

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE STUDENT LOBBY CONFERENCE AND THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the University of California Students' Association (UCSA), the official voice of over 200,000 UC students, has won numerous victories on behalf of UC students in the past, including fee rollbacks, fee freezes, whitelining privileges for UC students, and was instrumental in establishing the Student Regent as an official voting member of the UC Board of Regents; and

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

WHEREAS, the External Affairs office facilitated the ASUC Vote Coalition, which registered 10,499 students to vote, an unprecedented number, elevating the political importance of the campus to decision-makers at the local, State and national levels, and; the University of California Student Association, of which the ASUC is a member, registered 42,000 students to vote

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around the State; and the United States Student Association, which UC Berkeley is affiliated with, registered over 140,000 students to vote, elevating the political importance of the UC System and students nationwide to elected decision-makers at the State and national levels, and;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASUC Senate move \$6,200.00 from the Carry Forward Fund to fund registration and hotel costs for the Student Lobby Conference (\$5,400) and the United States Student Association's 40th Annual Legislative Conference (\$4,114.20) and transfer those funds to the EAVP account.

Ms. Shah yielded time to Ms. Jirachaikitti. Ms. Jirachaikitti said the bill was for the Student Lobby Conference the UCSA does in Sacramento at the end of February, beginning of March, and for the Legislative Conference the USSA does during Spring Break. Both of these lobby conferences are chances for UC Berkeley students to be a part of coalitions and to be a part of advocacy of students at UC Berkeley. They'll lobby at Sacramento and Washington at a time when higher education was being cut and students were constantly having to face fee hikes and cuts to financial aid. Ricardo Gomez and Kortney McBride will speak on the bill.

Mr. Gomez introduced himself and said he was the Legislative Liaison and one of the delegation leaders for the UCSA and the Student Lobby Conference. The goal of the SLC was to empower students to become engaged in the political process. There will be two days of workshops and issue briefings on higher education issues in the State. They'll talk about the budget crisis and how it was affecting education, how to get in contact with the offices of their representatives, how to talk to them. Then they'll very first week one day of direct lobbying and action in the Capitol. That will occur on March 2, with hundreds of UC students from across the State lobbying representatives from across the State at the Capitol. Mr. Gomez said he was fortunate enough to go last year and he could say that the Conference was really successful and accomplished a lot. It was really important to invest in this now because there were so many interests in the State and in Washington, D.C., all vying for the attention of politicians. If students didn't send other students there, they'd get drowned out by the other interests.

Mr. Gomez said they registered 10,000 students to vote on the Berkeley campus last semester. If people went to the inauguration viewing, regardless of what their political stance was, there were 10,000 people out there watching the inaugural address. So if people wanted to visualize how many people were registered, that was the number. In order to make use of that number, they had to be at these Conferences lobbying legislators. Or else on those numbers wouldn't matter because they need to remind the legislators of this vote. If Berkeley didn't bring a sizeable delegation, their work from last semester will be invalidated fairly severely.

Ms. McBride introduced herself and said she was the National Affairs Advisor in the External Affairs Office and was also a Board member for the US Student Association. She will be a delegation leader for UC Berkeley's delegation to the National Student Legislative Conference in March, in Washington, D.C. During that Conference there will be numerous workshops similar to the Student Lobby Conference in Sacramento. The workshops will take place over three days, Saturday to Monday, and then on Tuesday there will be a March to the Capitol, on Capitol Hill, along with a press conference and action. They'll focus on the federal budget and the economic stimulus package that has been proposed and passed by the House of Representatives, soon to be voted on, hopefully, by the Senate. In that package there are \$125 million allocated to education. It was really important for that to stay and for money to go to programs that are important to them as students, such as financial aid, Pell Grants, Work Study, and academic preparation programs for high school students to actually go to college. It was really important that students are there to represent UC Berkeley on Capitol Hill.

The USSA registered over 140,000 students, and George Miller, who has offices in Richmond and Vallejo, is the Chair of the Education and Labor Committee in the House, so it will be really important to have contact with him and make sure they're on the same page, advocating for students and expressing those views throughout the House and getting those members to co-sponsor bills and vote for them. She called for any questions.

Mr. Tran asked if UC Berkeley was a member of the USSA. Ms. Jirachaikitti said that question came up in Fi-Comm. Ms. Pasco said that speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by five minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection. Ms. Jirachaikitti said UC Berkeley is a representative member because it's part of the UCSA, and the UCSA was a direct member of the USSA because it pays dues. UC Berkeley was not a direct member and therefore did not get direct member price in terms of registration for the Conference, which would be \$50 less. That's because UCB doesn't pay kept fees to the USSA.

Ms. Cho asked about the difference between this event and the Cal Lobby Conference, because there's a bill on that, and she didn't see why there was such a big difference in price. Ms. Jirachaikitti said Cal Lobby Day is a program that came out of the EAVP's office three years ago. They could find bills going back to that time for Cal Lobby Day. What they did last year, and what they'll do this year, was not necessarily Cal Lobby Day, but a day in which they'll conference and lobby with all students in the UC System. That's part of 500 students from the UC System, as opposed to what Cal Lobby Day used to be, where it was one day in the entire year where only Cal students would go to Sacramento, have a really small press conference, and lobby their officials. Ms. Jirachaikitti said she decided to not have a specific day just for Cal Lobby Day was because she thought it would be a better use of their resources to advocate for students as a whole, in solidarity with people in the UC coalition. Also, with the budget that was given in the two bills before, it was only about 50 people who went, and this was for 400 people for the entire Conference, with the bill asking for 40 people. And instead of being one day for lobbying, they're going to go to a Conference with two days of workshops, lobby clinics, and legislative briefings, to teach about legislation on the floor at this time so people are prepared when they do lobby visits. In addition, the UCSA also schedules specific lobby visits with Gov. Schwarzenegger, speakers of the House and the Senate, really big legislators that students wouldn't have access to on their own. Cal Lobby Day was a little bit different, but this was kind of the same as Cal people going to lobby, but in a more efficient manner.

Ms. Cho asked why there was such a big disparity in the amount reflected for these events. Ms. Jirachaikitti said she didn't have the budget for Cal Lobby Day in front of her, but to her understanding, it was one day in which only a couple of students would go from here to Sacramento and lobby. That's probably just transportation or whatever. Even though they all can't travel. For the UCSA Student Lobby Conference, and also the Legislative Conference in DC, those were full-on Conferences in which people go. The budget request doesn't ask for travel to be paid, but the costs the ASUC would pay for are registration fees and hotels, since it's overnight for four days, and it would also pay for a lot of things that comes with the Conference, including registration and leave-behinds. In doing lobby visits, they only get 15 minutes at most. So they can't get all their issues out there, and there are certain information packets they leave for legislators. And that material comes from the UCSA, from legislative briefings, and information from their workshops.

Ms. Flores asked if she could elaborate on what types of programming her office has been putting on that year that took up a lot of her budget, as she was asking for more money for this Conference. Ms. Jirachaikitti said that as she recalled from spring budgeting last year, the EAVP took a cut of about \$1,000. So first of all, they started out with less money than they had last year. The EAVP staff has been working extremely hard that entire year to do different things. She already mentioned the vote campaign and the election. This was a huge election year and a lot of work went into that and visibility, which the office had to pay for. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. Ms. Raffi moved to extend by ten minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yang and passed with no objection. Ms. Jirachaikitti said another

thing was that the UCSA Congress, as some of them might remember, was held at UC Berkeley for the first time in a long time. The UCSA Congress actually brought over 300 students to UC Berkeley from all over the UC System. It's where students set their priorities for the rest of the year, for the entire coalition, which represents over 210,000 students in the UC System. Holding that at UC Berkeley cost money. Also, the Students of Color Conference is another huge Conference that they have every year. It was very intensive that year because of growing demand. They got over 700 or 800 applications. Also, last year that Conference was at Santa Cruz, which is a lot closer than UCLA. And the year before that it was a lot cheaper because it was at UC Berkeley, so they didn't have to send a delegation anywhere. So those things were big chunks of their budget. That didn't include other things they worked on, such as the voter education week, Know Your Rights Week, and a whole bunch of other things. Their budget was available online.

Ms. Raffi asked if she could clarify about 400 students or 40 students going from Berkeley this year. Ms. Jirachaikitti said there are 40 students. It was 400 students who go to the Conference from all over the UC System. It will actually be closer to 500 students this year. The Conference will be in Sacramento. In Washington, D.C. there will be 600 people. Ms. Raffi asked if 40 students will attend in Washington. Ms. Jirachaikitti said 40 students will go to Sacramento and 8 students will go to Washington, D.C., because it's a lot more expensive.

Ms. Cho asked how much her office was contributing. Ms. Jirachaikitti said they have \$2,300 left in the office budget and these Conferences were the two biggest things they're working on that semester. So she was committed to spending all of that for these two Conferences. The money will probably go towards transportation. Also, they're looking into other money. For instance, Ms. McBride has been working on different grants. They've applied for grants in Student Affairs, the AAVP, and the Federal Government Relations Office. Ms. McBride said the Government Relations Office was out of the Chancellor's Media Office. Ms. Jirachaikitti said they're also trying to work with other UCs to see if they could share rooms with them, or get rides with people. There were a lot of students who have already applied to go and a lot of students who want to go. The office doesn't have the money, but they'll make it work somehow. Ms. Cho asked if they were successful in getting any grants. Ms. Jirachaikitti said they haven't heard back from all of them yet.

Ms. Flores asked what will happen if they don't get proper funding for these Conferences that evening. Ms. Jirachaikitti said if they don't get funding that evening, it will drastically cut down how many students they could bring, especially to Washington, by probably more than half.

Ms. Ude asked how often these opportunities arise for Cal students, and if it was yearly or every once in a while that students get to be a part of this. Ms. Jirachaikitti said this Conference happens once a year, throughout the UC System. Megan, the Lobby Corps Director, said in-district lobby visits are held every month. But this was the biggest thing the office could do in the year, and it was very important.

Ms. Shah asked if she could repeat what she said in Fi-Comm as to how far she would go to make sure this University was represented by students at these Conferences. Ms. Jirachaikitti said that at Fi-Comm on Monday, they initially asked for \$10,414. The bill out of Fi-Comm was passed at \$6,200. Knowing they wouldn't get the full funding they wanted, and knowing that ideally they wanted to bring at least 40 students to the Student Lobby Conference in Sacramento and eight students to Washington, she told Fi-Comm that she would be willing to pay out of her stipend check so more students could attend.

Ms. Flores asked what kinds of results have occurred from past lobby efforts. Ms. Jirachaikitti said at Fi-Comm there was talk about what was spent at previous conferences, and she was sure that everyone tries to distinguish them from other conferences people go to, but she truly thought this was a different Conference because of the way in which they could measure what came back to the UC campus. When people say they're going to a conference for skate boarding, e.g., they say they'll bring back information to the campus, and that was really cool. That's how they serve the Cal community for the money they got to attend. But with the UCSA and the Lobby Conference, the work the UCSA and students have done include winning fee freezes and making sure that instead of a 10% increase last year, that they would get a 7% increase. And those numbers could actually be calculated. It affects every student on the campus, and every student in the UC System.

Ms. Yang asked if they go to this Conference every year. Ms. Jirachaikitti said that in the Constitution, in her job description, it states that they're supposed to be a part of the UCSA and the USSA. And these Conferences were the two biggest ways that students from the EAVP office can be involved. And it really influenced public policy in terms of higher education.

Ms. Chen asked if she could elaborate on the \$6,200 allocated in Fi-Comm and how that broke down, or what it would contribute towards. Ms. Jirachaikitti said they wanted to do half and half, for the Student Lobby Conference and the Legislative Conference. But knowing that the Student Lobby Conference was coming up very soon, they'd have to do that first. So far they've gotten a lot of applications and have had extensive recruitment. She asked if the question was in terms of exact numbers for each Conference, or how much for each. Ms. Chen said that if half of 62 was 31, she asked what that would go towards. Ms. Jirachaikitti said they didn't do specific calculations for \$3,100 or \$6,200. They did calculations on how many people they wanted to bring in terms of the final amounts and how many people they could bring with \$6,200, or whatever number they end up with, they'll figure out how many people could attend with what they actually get from the Senate. They'll also look into other financial requests they have outstanding. With \$6,200, that will cut students attending these Conferences by half.

Mr. Nahabet asked how many students go to the National Legislative Conference in total, from all over the State, how many schools. Ms. Jirachaikitti said there will be maybe 30 schools. They could find out on the Web site.

Ms. Flores asked about other UC budgets and the External Affairs office, and how they greatly differ from her office. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend speaking time by three minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Ude and Ms. Hussain and passed with no objection. Ms. Jirachaikitti said that compared to the rest of the UCs in the System, Berkeley had a sad budget compared to the other campuses. And that wasn't just for External Affairs, but for student government in general. Other external offices get at least double what the Berkeley office has. Comparing their resources Santa Barbara, which Berkeley was very close to beating in the vote campaign, Santa Barbara started with a budget of \$120,000 per year. And almost all the other UC campuses were direct members of the USSA because they could afford it and they bring at least double the number of students at every Conference they go to. A speaker said that UCSB was thinking of bringing 100 people to the Student Lobby Conference, and UC Santa Cruz was thinking of sending 20 people to the National Legislative Conference. If the External Affairs office doesn't get the funding, basically they're not going to be anywhere close to representing Cal compared to other UCs. That's what it ultimately came down to.

Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco called for any motions or discussion. Ms. Dhar moved to recess for two minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cho and passed with no objection. This meeting was

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recessed. Back in session, Ms. Tran moved to extend the recess at the discretion of the Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, the question was called and debate closed. A roll call vote was requested.

Roll call was taken on the motion to approve SB 24, as amended in committee:

YES

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

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to close the rolls. It was so moved and seconded Mr. Mairena and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 24, AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE, PASSED 17-1-1, RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE STUDENT LOBBY CONFERENCE AND THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE . Voting comments were heard.

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Pasco said the first appointment up for consideration was Lindsay Bailey. Ms. Hussain moved to call the question. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mairena and passed with no objection.

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Mairena.

Roll call was taken on the motion to approve Lindsay Bailey as Poll Coordinator:

YES

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

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

THE MOTION TO APPROVE LINDSAY BAILEY, AS ELECTIONS COUNCIL POLL COORDINATOR, WITH A STIPEND OF \$800, PASSED 18-0-0.

Ms. Chen asked how many roll-call votes there have been that evening. Ms. Pasco said there have been five.

Ms. Hussain moved to go to Executive Officer Reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rodriguez and passed with no objection. Ms. Pasco said that for a time check, it was 10:30.

Report from the President

Ms. Winston said she would like to thank them for allowing her to be their Vice Chair that evening, and said it's been an amazing experience. She thought she missed the Senate Chamber, but she realized that evening that she didn't.

Ms. Winston said she would like to make three nominations to the Judicial Council, all undergraduate nominations: Alvaro Leiva, Nathan Windt, and Chris Haugh. She'll send out the names. She's talked with the Graduate Assembly to make three other nominations for the current open grad student position on the J-Council, and the GA will get back to her probably by the end of the week.

In terms of other things she's been doing, she recently met with Victoria Harrison and a few other members of the UCPD to discuss police oversight and really getting more transparency into the methods their University uses in terms of accountability for police officers. They're making headway on that. She'll meet with Nathan Brostrom's office next week to talk about hosting a community town hall meeting to discuss the actions of the police on the campus.

On Friday she has a meeting with the Chancellor and she'll probably use that opportunity to give him the letter that was requested that evening by the Senate as well as to discuss the status of student liability insurance. Some students have been really interested and invested in this, and she'll see where his office stands in helping to fund that, if a decision to do that is made.

Regarding Lower Sproul, students have been emphasizing the need for square footage that a lot of administrators have said that students didn't need. This was really important to students, and she'll express that to the Chancellor. She'll also talk about Welcome Week and move-in days for the upcoming year. She'll recommend a longer Welcome Week and to extend move-in days for folks who aren't able to take off Mondays to move their children in, or to have a long weekend to move their children in on Friday through Sunday. She'll also get an update on the budget and stay abreast of that.

On a little more personal note, that day was Black AIDS/HIV-Positive Awareness Day. By no means did this only affect the black community. She would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of them to be tested, if they have not already been tested, and to just be aware of their status. AIDS was a scary

thing and something that they could protect themselves from, if they make the right decisions. So she would ask them to just be safe. One wrong decision might be regretted the rest of their lives. Ms. Winston said she would yield time to Lauren Klein.

Ms. Klein introduced herself and said she was a new intern in the OP. They had an ASUC retreat and a lot of great ideas were brought forth that past weekend. Probably the most fundamental was that they were doing some restructuring of the office. Instead having a breakdown of committees in the President's office, they'll have a presidential projects. They decided they'll focus on mental health and have Mental Health Awareness Week from March 9-13. They have a lot of great things planned, ranging from meditation, yoga, and exercise, mind, health, and body, and a healthy and rejuvenating symposium. On that same week, Activism Right There, art, the concert will be on Tuesday night. It will be a lot of fun. Also, Disability Awareness Week was happening that same week. They'll work with the DSU and other student organizations on that.

What was really up and coming, on February 9 - 13, will be UC Workers Rights Week. The OP is having a kind of victory because UC just signed a contract raising UC workers' minimum wage by \$3.00. Ms. Winston called for any questions.

Ms. Hussain asked if the OP was aware that the ASUC will hold Tang Center Awareness Week in February, and they'd love to collaborate with the OP on Mental Health Awareness Week. Ms. Winston said they were aware of that. There were so many things taking place in a small span of time. They want to extend things out longer so students have more options about things they could attend, since otherwise they'd be so concentrated. Ms. Klein said they had students working with the Tang Center and they'll collaborate and extend a different focus.

Ms. Hussain said they'll have a mental health event on the very broad aspect of mental health and hopefully the OP can support that and provide resources and advertise for Mental Health Awareness Week. Ms. Winston said they could collaborate, but if it was "resources" in terms of money, they'd have to talk discuss that. But staff in the office was really committed to working on these issues.

Ms. Shah asked if she gotten in touch with the Art of Living Club for meditation exercises. Ms. Winston said one of their interns contacted organizations like Yoga for the People to see if they could do so pro bono work to get rid of the stress. She'll add that group.

Ms. Ude asked if Mental Health Awareness Week was separate from CPC and the Tang Center. Ms. Winston said it wasn't complete separate, and they'll collaborate with them. They'll extend that Week.

Ms. Cho said that by restructuring their office, if they'll no longer be in committees, but just work on specific projects. Ms. Klein said a big goal was working more collectively and as one body, as opposed to different facets, in an attempt to get rid of some of the bureaucracy that was happening. They decided to have a presidential project, Mental Health Awareness, and the entire office will work on that. But within that, they're still having groups, committees if they will, that will work on specific projects that were ongoing from the past semester. So they're still doing a lot of labor focused projects and will still work on sustainability, including increasing recycling on campus and in the res halls, the Women's Coalition, the DE-Cal on diversity. Those are all projects that the office will continue to work on. As they structure this, they could let the Senate know that list, so people could contact people working on specific projects. But on the whole, they're trying to take titles away and work all together as an OP.

Ms. Cho asked if the OP could update the Senate on how its projects were going so they could be informed. Ms. Winston said they'd do that.

Ms. Winston said she wanted to thank the Senate for helping to sponsor the Student Lobby Conference and the National Legislative Conference. She applied and she really wanted to go. And there's no money for that. So the Senate was doing good things for students. Ms. Pasco said that seeing no further questions, she would like to thank her for the report.

Report from the Executive Vice President

With Ms. Winston chairing the meeting, Ms. Pasco said they did a communications check last week, but she was kind of curious to see where folks were in the room. She actually felt really good energy. So she wanted to see what folks were feeling at that time. So she would ask to go around the room for people to state how they felt communications were, with 10 being highest. Senators gave the following numbers: 8.3, 8, 9, 5, 7, 8, 5, 7, 5, 4, 6, 5, 7, 4, 6, and 7.

Ms. Pasco said she'd guess she was wrong about what the numbers would be, but they could continue to work on that.

Ms. Pasco said they had a meeting with the Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion that was really interesting. All four students who met with the Vice Chancellor were women. They talked about trying to secure a more permanent space for students to pray on a daily, drop-in basis. Basically, the Vice Chancellor said he would get back to them in the next two or three weeks. He had some ideas in mind for spaces. They asked if he didn't want to let them know what he was thinking, but hopefully he'll get back to them in two or three weeks.

Ms. Pasco said that recently they went to the "rat room," a room in Eshleman, in the basement, right next to the new OCF. She allocated \$2,500 to do an assessment of the room from the Capital Improvements account, to hopefully get it to be functional so that students could use it for either office space or storage space. But it would primarily be for students. Because as it was, they don't have a lot of space for students to store their things or have offices. So hopefully the assessment will come back that they can upgrade the space and use it. It used to be an old darkroom a couple of decades ago. So hopefully this will work out. As Mr. Spivey mentioned earlier, Ms. Pasco said she and Pres. Winston will have a meeting about security on Monday, February 9, from 9:00 to 10 a.m. If people want to come, she believed the meeting will be in the Senate Chamber. People were free to come to that.

Ms. Pasco said that for the retreat at the Cal Lodge, they'll leave Berkeley at 5:00. She would ask everyone to meet in the Senate Chamber on Friday at 5:00. They'll get picked up at the Senate Chamber. They'll go to Tahoe and they should get there around 9:00. It should be good weather. It was supposed to be sunny with a little snow. They should return on Sunday around 2:00 to 3:00. They'll leave Tahoe at 11 a.m. people should bring sleeping bags if they're not comfortable in using the bedding that was provided. They should also bring toiletries. She'll e-mail out things for them to bring. She called for any questions.

Ms. Tran asked who wasn't going to attend the retreat. Ms. Pasco said that as she recalled, people who have told her that they wouldn't be attending were Mr. Moghtader, Ms. Oatfield, Mr. Owens, Mr. Tran, and Ms. Yang. If that was incorrect or inaccurate, she would ask them to please let her know. She asked if anybody else wasn't going to attend. Ms. Rodriguez said she couldn't attend. Mr. Mairena said he believed Mr. Smelko wouldn't be attending.

Ms. Hussain asked if she could e-mail out an agenda for the weekend. Ms. Pasco said she intentionally didn't set one up. She'd send out a skeleton version of an agenda. She didn't want to create expectations of the experience.

Ms. Cho asked if she got a response from the Web master. Ms. Pasco said he was still working on getting all listservs and their rosters. It was a lot of work. Ms. Cho asked if she could send that to the entire Senate. Ms. Pasco said she would.

Ms. Flores asked how much each Senator will have to pay to attend the retreat. Ms. Pasco said hopefully people won't have to pay for the retreat, unless they plan to do extra activities, such as snowboarding or skiing. The ASUC couldn't cover those because of liability issues. Such activities could range from \$30 to \$50, according to their group discount.

Ms. Dhar asked if there was any progress on what Sen. Yang e-mailed out about suspending the By-laws for attendance for the retreat. Ms. Pasco said she spoke to Jan Crowder about that because there were a lot of scheduling issues at the beginning of the semester, and it was okay if Senators couldn't attend. They wouldn't be penalized.

Ms. Cho asked if the retreat will add to the budget of Executive Offices. Ms. Pasco said the budgets of her office, the SAO, and the Academic Affairs VP were online, under "documentation."

Ms. Winston said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by one minute was made and seconded by Mr. Sakaue and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

Ms. Rodriguez asked if she could send Senators who aren't going a little summary of how the retreat goes. Ms. Pasco said she would. She would like Senators who were participating to also share, and not just her.

Report from the External Affairs Vice President

Ms. Jirachaikitti said she wanted to thank everybody for how the Lobby Conference bill went. She appreciated it. She would encourage people to apply to attend.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said she was taking a DE-Cal from 7:00 to 9:00 on Wednesdays, in case they get to Executive Reports before then. She wanted to congratulate everyone for Public Policy and National Affairs Program that summer that Stephanie Puentes participated. Ms. Puentes was also working with externs, who are interns in the External Affairs office, and she'll work with Jeremy in Ms. Pasco's office

about working with interns. They're also ordering EAVP hoodies, which they'll pay for out of pocket. It will have an Obama quote, "We are the change we have been waiting for," along with a fist. If people want one they should let her know.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said there was a Regents meeting that day, which will continue on Thursday, at UCSF. Ms. Oatfield was chosen as a whiteliner for Thursday, speaking on behalf of students on issues of sustainability. There was a press release Ms. Jirachaikitti said she sent to the Senate from the UCSA about the UCSA's stance on the Blue & Gold Opportunity Plan, a financial aid plan she talked about last week. The UCSA Board meeting will be that week at UCSF. She, Ricardo Gomez, and Kim Dam, and other people in the office will go. If people wanted her to relate any message they should let her know. The meeting will be on Saturday all day and half a day on Sunday.

Applications for the Student Lobby Conference are on the ASUC Web site. She would ask them to please apply. They already have 38 applications. The Legislative Conference application in D.C. has also been sent out. Next week they'll do a postcard campaign for the UCSA. Christine Byon, their Field Organizer for the UCSA, will come to answer any questions about the UCSA. Also, the EA is starting coffee talks, where they'll set a time, bring coffee, and hope people come. The first one will come out of the Internal Department of the office, on students and the budget situation in the State. It's just a conversation to educate students. They'll provide coffee and good conversation. It will be Tuesday, February 10, from 7:00 to 8:00, hopefully in the Senate Chamber. Ms. Jirachaikitti said she wanted to give a movie recommendation, "Slumdog Millionaire," which was awesome. Ms. Pasco called for any questions.

Ms. Ude asked if there will be tea alternatives. Ms. Jirachaikitti said that was a good point and they'd bring tea too. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank her.

Ms. Tran moved to go back to Standing Committee Reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mairena and passed with no objection.

Committee Reports (cont'd)

Ms. Tran said the University and External Affairs Committee will meet on Monday, the 16th, the same time and place, 9 p.m. in the June Jordan Room.

Ms. Shah said that for Advocacy Agenda Committee #1, for Tang Center Awareness Week, they'll write a bill, and she would ask Senators to please support it. If people have ideas for speakers for the Week, they're trying to a holistic picture of health on campus. They'll have a day for access to health for communities of color, a day on sexual health, and on preventative care and different issues. She would ask them to please let them know if they had any ideas for groups or speakers. Sen. Hussain had an idea for publicity, to have 500 buttons that say "sexE" and "healthE," as in "sex educated" and "health educated," on T-shirts and buttons. A group that supported their bill, conducted a survey and connected two surveys. One was the Tang Center and how many students actually utilize it, and on sexual assault and sexual experience. They had a good return of students. Usually they only have 15%, but they had a response of 33%. They're compiling the data and it will be available that week.

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to move back to Appointed Official Reports. It was so moved and seconded and passed with no objection.

Report from the Finance Officer

Ms. Batac said she worked on the numbers all day and all night yesterday. She sent out an e-mail earlier. From the amount they had last Fall Semester in the Contingency Fund, they started this semester with a negative \$18,338. Now they'll get \$10,723 from encumbrances and they replenished the Senate Contingency Fund through a bill that evening. That was approved, so the Contingency Fund was \$21,034. She added the running balance, total expenditures, and deposits. In all accounts there's a running percentage, and when it starts nearing about 20% remaining, they'd need to start replenishing or slowing down their spending. She'll try to have updates every week, if there were any.

For the Greek Opportunity Fund, they started the semester with \$6,197. In carryforward, they started with \$300,316. They spent a total of \$98,742 in the fall. That was a lot. Last year in the fall, they took out \$58,000 from carryforward. They have 67% remaining in carryforward and they're not even halfway into the semester, in the third week. Their ending balance was \$201,000. From the beginning of the semester, there was an audit taking place and \$97,000 was withheld from the Senate's carryforward account. She talked with the Auxiliary and that money will actually be going back to the Senate pretty soon. Once that's official, she'll announce that. But for now, they had to base their decisions on the numbers they have.

Ms. Batac said she wanted to talk about her work ethic. She was extremely dedicated to this group and she doubles and triple checks her numbers with two or three people from the Auxiliary. So she really appreciated the Senate's patience when she presents these numbers. She loved her job. They have a recall election coming up, so they needed to be careful about their finances. For the recall, she'll closely watch the ECC's expenses and make sure she doesn't go over her budget. The Elections Council Chair currently had \$58,000 in her account. The Senate funded her \$48,000 and the GA pays one-third; and \$10,000 for that came from the GA. Last year for the general election, the Elections Council Chair did a great job at streamlining costs and it came down to about \$35,000. If people multiply that by two, they're looking at \$70,000 in expenditures to hold ASUC elections. And if they subtract from the current balance, the Senate would be short about \$12,000. They want to streamline things so they don't use money coming from carryforward, since they spent \$98,000 last semester.

Ms. Batac said spring budgeting was coming soon. Mid-year budget reports were due on Friday. If Senators' constituents didn't know about that, she would ask them to please inform them. She called for any questions.

Ms. Hussain asked where she'll get the mid-year reports from. Ms. Batac said they'll come from the Auxiliary.

Ms. Chen asked if groups had to turn in a mid-year report by that week in order to be included in the spring budget process. Ms. Batac said that was extremely recommended since they were one of the main documents she'll look at when she doing spring budgeting. But she believed it was only required for student activity groups. But publications needed to do it as well.

Ms. Cho asked if the ASUC Auxiliary has notified groups about the mid-year reports. Ms. Batac said they have. Seeing no further questions Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank Ms. Batac very much

Report from the Elections Council Chair

Ms. Liedblad submitted the following:

Begin written report from the Elections Council Chair

Election Council Update 2/5/09

Submitted by Emily Liedblad, 2009 Election Council Chair

Here are some recent updates for you all –

Polling Locations:

For the recall election, I have preliminarily set the following polling stations. I replaced the Etcheverry/Soda and Evans polling stations with one at North Gate, and eliminated the Dwinelle polling station so that the traffic will be directed to the Upper Sproul location. Also, there will be no on-campus polling stations with extended hours. Online voting will be available from 9am Pacific Daylight Time on February 23rd to 11:59 pm on February 24th.

Campus Polls (9 am – 4:10 pm)

Upper Sproul Plaza

Kroeber Hall, East Entrance

North Gate

Moffitt Undergraduate Library, South Entrance

Recreational Sports Facility

Residence Hall Polls:

Crossroads Dining Facility

(4:50 pm – 9:30 pm)

Unit III Residence Hall Dining Commons

(4:50 pm – 9:30 pm)

Clark Kerr Campus Residence Hall Dining Commons

(5:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

Foothill Residence Hall Dining Commons

(4:50 pm – 8:30 pm)

International House

(5:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

Written report from the Elections Council Chair (cont'd)

I was able to obtain the polling station voter turnout statistics from 2008. Here they are FYI:

Dwinelle	360
Sproul	337
Moffitt	226
RSF	217
Kroeber	191
Evans	103
Xroads	89
Gpb	86
Etch/Soda	63
U3	44
Foothill	31
CKC	19
Ihouse	12

total voted: 10459
-- campus: 1778
-- other: 8681

**this should make it clear that the By-laws / Constitution need to be adjusted for future elections. It is hard to justify spending hundreds of dollars on 12 votes cast over 3 days.

The Ballot:

The Attorney General and I have finalized the ballot statement. It will read:

Proposition to Recall John Moghtader from the ASUC Senate

Should John Moghtader be recalled from the ASUC Senate?

Yes
No
Abstain

(and alternately)

No
Yes
Abstain

Please contact me if you have any questions about the ballot statement.

Other/ Misc.:

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Written report from the Elections Council Chair (cont'd)

Poll worker recruiting from student organizations will begin by the end of the week. If students have asked you about poll worker opportunities, please have them contact Lindsay Bailey, the poll coordinator, at lbailey@berkeley.edu

I have selected Calvin Ardi (cardi@ocf.berkeley.edu) as the Technical Coordinator for the election. He will be gathering volunteers from the OCF to assist with the technical aspects of the election.

More to come next week about publicity/ voter's guide. The polling station details above are subject to change in the coming weeks.

See you next week!

End written report from the Elections Council Chair

Special Committee Reports

Reporting for the ASUC Student Recognition Program, Ms. Yang said they nominated Tika Chadarupal, to head the committee. She'll come in next week to introduce herself. She was a recipient of an award last year. Ms. Hussain said they'll send out the application form.

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

Reports from ASUC Representatives

Reporting as the ASUC representative to the Residence Hall Assembly, Mr. Zuo said the RHA met on Monday. They have an event on April 11, team competitions. Last year was the first year they held it, and this will be its second year. It was all funded by the RHA. It won't be open to students outside the res halls. They aim to get 30 or 40 teams. In future years, maybe the Senate could work with the RHA to sponsor events that include non-res hall students.

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

Elected Official Announcements (cont'd)

Mr. Tran said he promised the President of a student organization that he would make this announcement. Ms. Yang can attest to their struggles. He promised he would send out an e-mail to the Senate to be forwarded out to all their constituencies. Nourish International was willing to do makeshift catering and spread awareness about poverty and hunger.

Ms. Cho said a concern has been brought to her attention she talked to EVP Pasco about. But she thought it was her duty to talk about it with the Senate, and she owed it to them to also bring it to the Senate's attention. She found out recently that an intern from the EVP's office was a part of senate@asuc.org. Ms. Cho said that was of concern because she hadn't known about that and it just came out in a conversation. Ms. Cho said she was confused as to why she was on the list. Ms. Cho said she approached Ms. Pasco, and she didn't know about it. Ms. Cho said she knew the Web master was in charge of the listserv. She thought this was a problem, not because an intern was on it, but that there were people on it who Senators weren't aware of, and they were sending e-mails back and forth. Ms. Cho said she'll probably write a bill about this to figure out how to keep this transparent, but keep things also within the Senate body. She would appreciate it if Ms. Pasco could send out the listserv.

Ms. Cho said she would also like to thank the Senate for giving respect to the Early Childhood Education Program speaker. She spoke to Ms. Saldana privately a few days ago about what they could do as students. One thing Ms. Saldana mentioned was that because last year student parents had to pay the price for budget cuts, this year it was more the responsibility of faculty members who have children in the program. But the problem with that was is that they have to mobilize the faculty. But it's hard for students to do that. Ms. Saldana recommended that the Senate send testimony of students who benefit from this program and who need the ECEP. So if Senators knew of any student parents with testimony, she would ask them to please let her know.

Mr. Sakaue asked if she contacted the Student-Parent Center, which would be a good place to check.

Ms. Raffi said she was there to talk about the last position on the J-Council that hasn't been nominated yet. There's an undergrad position that has been open for quite a while, at least for a semester. She wanted to make nominations for that spot. Nominations were open to Senators after three Senate meetings if the President hasn't made a nomination. Her nominations were Daniel Mangels, Evan Norris, Adam Schlesinger, and John Pike. She'll e-mail the information to Con-Review.

Ms. Rodriguez said she couldn't attend the retreat, but she looked forward to hearing about it. Mr. Sakaue sent an e-mail during the break, and she hoped they could talk about things before they come up. She was more than happy to talk to any of them and felt that would help the Senate come to compromises, or make meetings faster. She would ask them to please contact people. She had a proposal for carryforward and maybe they could start a conversation about that. If people have large programming coming up, it would be great to let people know so people have input. She hoped people have a great retreat.

Ms. Shah said that National Condom Day, hosted by the Sexual Health and Education Program, will be Wednesday, February 11, from 10:00 to 2:00. They'll hand out contraceptives. National Condom Week,

also hosted by SHEP, will include workshops in 235 Dwinelle the week of February 11. Also, Thursday is the first general meeting for Fashion Student Trends. If people are interested in designing, she would ask them to please attend. It will be at 187 Dwinelle from 7:00 to 8:00. The Cal Slam event will be on Thursday from 7:30 to 11:00 in the MCC. If people haven't been to one of these events, they should go. Also, a Israeli Anarchists Against the Wall is coming on Friday, February 6, at 105 Boalt Hall, at 4 p.m. It was good to get a perspective of all political ideologies.

Ms. Flores said Senators have put in bills for ASUC sponsored events. She thought they were all open for collaboration. Before putting in bills, they should be open to communicating with one another to plan events together. She mentioned the API Town Hall and nobody responded. But they should be cognizant that everyone in the room was willing to work to have really successful programs and they should support events they write bills for.

Ms. Pasco said that seeing no further announcements, the Chair would entertain a motion to adjourn. It was so moved and seconded by Ms. Hussain and Mr. Sakaue and passed with no objection.

Roll call was taken for attendance. Members present were:

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

On a point of personal privilege, Ms. Raffi said she needed to amend her Elected Official Announcement. Ms. Pasco said the meeting was adjourned. She could send a e-mail to Mr. Litwak and he could add it.

Ms. Raffi submitted the following:

Begin announcement from Ms. Raffi

I would like to amend my Elected official announcement to say the following: I would like to add to President Winston's nomination for the undergraduate position open on the Judicial council Evan Norris, and nominate Daniel Mangels and Adam Schlesinger for the last remaining open spot. I will provide the Constitutional review committee with their nominees' names and email addresses.

End announcement by Ms. Raffi

Ms. Pasco noted that the meeting adjourned on a Wednesday, the same day it started, not Thursday morning. (Applause)

This meeting adjourned at 11:24 p.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,
Steven I. Litwak, Recording Secretary