

ASUC SENATE MEETING

March 11, 2008

Eighth Week

This regular meeting of the ASUC Senate was called to order by Krystle Pasco at 7:16 p.m. in the ASUC Senate Chamber.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to the minutes from the February 25 meeting. A motion to approve was made and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Yang.

Ms. Crowder asked to have the minutes reflect that she did not attend Jengyee Liang's memorial, although she certainly would have had she known it was taking place. Ms. Morris-Chaney attended.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2009 MEETING PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to the minutes from the March 4 meeting.

The amended version of SB 85, approved as amended at the March 4 meeting, is as follows:

Resolution In Support of the Global Business Brigades and the Berkeley Environmental Global Brigades

Whereas, the Global Business Brigades and the Berkeley Environmental Global Brigades is planning a fifteen-student-large brigade to Panama this spring break; and

Whereas, from the 21st of March to the 28th, Brigade members will have the opportunity to work side-by-side with environmental NGO Planting Empowerment and the local Arimae community to address global and local sustainability issues; and

Whereas, this is an opportunity of a lifetime to experience a developing country, learn about environmentally sustainable development, engage in projects that address micro-enterprise and resource scarcity, and work hands-on to support environmental health and financial sustainability in a rural community; and

Whereas, Panama, a country with twenty-one times more plant species per square kilometer than Brazil, has faced in the last sixty years a drastic decrease in rain forest coverage due to deforestation; and

Whereas, as a team, the Global Business Brigades and the Berkeley Environmental Global Brigades can help curb this problem as well as learn from it; and

Resolution In Support of the Global Business Brigades and the Berkeley Environmental Global Brigades (cont'd)

Whereas, the line item budget for the trip is as follows: Total \$19,922.40;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the ASUC recognize the Global Business Brigades as an ASUC-sponsored Student-Initiated Service Group (SISG) and fund the Brigades trip \$1,200 from the Senate Contingency Fund.

Resolved Clauses for the amended version of SB 90A, In Support of Delta Delta Delta's "Sunday Funday" Philanthropy Event," should read as follows:

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the ASUC recognize Delta Delta Delta's "~~Sunday Funday~~" "*Field Day*" as an official ASUC-sponsored philanthropic event.

Be It Further Resolved, that the ASUC allocate \$1,100 from the Greek Opportunity Fund to Delta Delta Delta's "~~Sunday Funday~~" "*Field Day*" spring philanthropic event.

SB 40, In Support of Dil Se, was approved at the February 18 Senate meeting. The amended version that was sent was not reflected in the minutes. The Resolved Clause of the bill should read as follows:

"Therefore Be It Resolved, that the ASUC recognize Dil Se as a ~~first-year~~ *third-year* ASUC Student Activity Group (SAG).

"Be It Further Resolved, that the ASUC shall allocate ~~\$150~~ \$600 from the Senate Contingency fund to sponsor Dil Se. "

Ms. Liedblad submitted the following report:

Begin Report from the Elections Council Chair report

Election Council Update 3/4/09
Submitted by Emily Liedblad

Recall Election Tabulation

The Election Council is tabulating the votes from the recall election tomorrow, Thursday March 5th. If you are interested in being present to see the results, the tabulation will take place at 3pm in the Senate Chambers.

Candidate Filing Period

The Candidate Filing Period is currently open! If you know someone interested in running for the ASUC, let them know! The filing period ends next Friday, March 13th at 5pm sharp. There is a \$5 filing fee for each position applied for.

Candidate's Meeting

If you are running for office, mark your calendars for the Candidate's Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, March 17th from 7-9 pm in 2050 VLSB. This meeting is MANDATORY for all candidates in the general election.

End Report from the Elections Council Chair

A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded by Ms. Hussain and Mr. Owens. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2009 MEETING PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Pasco referred the following bills to committee:

SB 125, In Support of ISA's Holi, to the Finance Committee

SB 126, In Support of the Multicultural Group at Cal, to the Finance Committee

SB 127, In Support of "Defending Our Right to Walk" Self Defense Day at Cal, to the Finance Committee

SB 128, In Support of Mobilizing Health, to the Finance Committee

SB 129, In Support of Pi Beta Phi's Arrowbands Philanthropy Event, to the Finance Committee

SB 130, In Support of Alpha Tau Omega's Carnival Philanthropy Event, to the Finance Committee

SB 131, In Support of UC Berkeley Model United Nations, to the Finance Committee

SB 132, In Support of Suitcase Clinic's Concert Fundraiser, to the Finance Committee

SB 133, In Support of the Chinese Student Association's Annual Culture Show, to the Finance Committee

SB 134, ?? to the Finance Committee

SB 135, ?? to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

SB 136, ?? to the Finance Committee

SB 137, ?? to the Finance Committee

SB 138, In Support of Danza In Xochitl In Cuicatl's Ceremonia, to the Finance Committee (added during the meeting)

SB 139, In Support of Delta Gamma's Anchor Slam 2009, to the Finance Committee (added during the meeting)

SB 140, In Support of a Ban on the Use of Chalking in ASUC Elections, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee (added during the meeting)

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (March 18)

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to the agenda for next week.

Ms. Rodriguez moved to add a bill to the agenda packet, In Support of Danza In Xochitl In Cuicatl's Ceremonia. Ms. Pasco said the bill would be SB 138 and referred to Fi-Comm.

Roll call was taken for attendance:

MEMBERS LEGALLY PRESENT:

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

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

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

Continuing Approval of the Agenda, Ms. Hussain asked to add a Special Order from 7:30 to 7:50 for the Blue & Gold Yearbook fee referendum. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens. THE MOTION TO HEAR A SPECIAL ORDER PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded by Ms. Tran and Ms. Ude. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 18 Meeting, AS AMENDED, PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Announcements

Ms. Pasco said the first guest announcement was from Amanda Mohammed, on a Darfur event that Friday. Ms. Mohammed introduced herself and Bonnie Ireland. They're having an event on Friday, from 6:00 to 10:30, in Wolford Hall, about Darfur advocacy and awareness, to empower students to take action and make change in the current situation in Darfur, which has persisted over the past five to six years. They'll have a Darfur survivor come and speak, and a photographer, Mark Brecke, whose work they've seen if they've seen any photos of Darfur. They'll also have a band perform from 10:30 to midnight. They're encouraging donations and they will have food and a silent auction. All proceeds will go towards the Genocide Intervention Network. The founder of that organization will speak, Mark Hanis. Proceeds

will go to protect women in the IDCs (Internally Displaced Camps). Ms. Mohammed said there's been a lot of hard work getting individuals to attend this event from all across California, and Senators were encouraged to attend and to spread the word about this event.

Ms. Pasco said the next guest announcement was from Elliott Scales, from Cal Wellstone. Mr. Scales said he was the Special Events Coordinator for the California Berkeley Democrats and the head of Cal Wellstone, leadership training they're bringing to the campus on March 4-5. It's non-partisan training on grassroots coalition organizing. The case study they'll use is marriage equality and Prop. 8 in California. There's a \$20 registration fee, which was about one-fourth the cost of the actual training. He's been to a number of these types of trainings and Wellstone was, by far, the best. They'll have small groups, they'll take questions, and will have a real back-and-forth session. He'd pass around a sign-up sheet and fliers.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASUC

Report from the UCPD Liaison

Sgt. Tucker said they might have gotten a strange message from the UCPD e-mail listserv, a problem that was pretty widespread. He asked for a show of hands of people who received it, and noted that many had. They're trying to figure out what the problem was.

That day was the second scheduled Student Forum for the semester, and unfortunately, like last time, no students attended. He'll continue to work with the City Affairs Office, the EVP, and Pres. Winston, to find a better way to do this. They're relying on the ASUC to take the lead on this, as it's the ASUC's program. The officers are at these meetings to talk to students, but they need the ASUC to take the lead. There are two remaining forums scheduled and they'll decide whether to hold them.

As for what happened over the last week, on Friday, the 6th, about 10:45 p.m., somebody reported a person sleeping in the bathroom of Tolman Hall. The person had a felony warrant from Arizona, was in possession of a knife over legal limit, was in possession of drugs, and resisted the officers who attempted to take him into custody. One officer received minor injuries and will be fine. But it shows that they never know what they've got. So he would encourage people to call the police, because they could find out what the situation was and were equipped to handle things.

Sgt. Tucker said they may have read in the paper or seen on TV the assault with a knife at Channing and Piedmont. The City police was handling it as an attempted homicide investigation. UCPD officers responded and the suspects were arrested.

On the 10th, there was a homicide on 580 in Richmond. The car came off the road right in front of the Richmond Field Station, a UC satellite property. UCPD security personnel were the first emergency responders on the scene, and provided aid and coordinated the response. Also on the 10th, around midnight, in another example of police officers never knowing what they'll find, an officer pulled over a car with a headlight out, which is usually a fix-it ticket. But the officer noticed the distinct smell of

marijuana and discovered the two occupants were in possession of a misdemeanor quantity, but were arrested for felony charges for being in possession of methamphetamines. That led to a search warrant on Blake St. and two additional persons were arrested for felony drug possession and trafficking. So a tiny stop led to four arrests.

Sgt. Tucker said that night, Capt. Bennett is working on a review of UC property on the Northside. There's a perception of increased crime and vulnerability there, and statistics might suggest there has been an increase of violent crimes on the Northside. The UCPD has limited control over City streets, but they'll see what they could do with UC property on and near campus, and the edge of campus, and see if they could do some landscape changes to improve the area.

Sgt. Tucker said when he walked to campus from BART, he saw a huge line of people, for tickets to hear the Dalai Lama. There were very few problems, and it was a pretty happy crowd, although there was a little pushing and shoving at one point. While that was bad karma, all in all it went well, and the campus was looking forward to the visit by His Holiness. He called for any questions.

Mr. Owens said he would like to thank the UCPD. A brother in his fraternity lost his electronic wheelchair and the UCPD found it within 24 hours.

Ms. Hussain asked if there were any updates on the sexual predator. Sgt. Tucker said it's been about ten days since an incident was reported and he didn't have any new information. They're continuing to work with the City. They're conduct some joint efforts with the City, including saturation patrols and foot patrols.

Ms. Cho asked what forms of publicity were being used for the student forums. Sgt. Tucker said he would turn that question back to them, because this was the ASUC's event. They didn't have a lot of people at forums last year, 6, 8, or 10 people, but they had some good discussions. Unfortunately, no one seems to have picked up the ball this semester. They're dependent on the ASUC deciding if this was something that worked for them. The forums have been featured on police.berkeley.edu. He'll discuss this with City Affairs. As he understood it, the forums were to bridge the gap and allow for some casual interaction.

Report from the ASUC Store Operations Board

Mr. Permaul said the next meeting of the SOB will be April 14 at 6 p.m. in the Senate Chamber. They might start earlier because their last two meetings have been so long.

Regarding Tully's Coffee, the ASUC Store Operations Board unanimously approved Tully's Coffee being in the Student Union and the Auxiliary will move forward to implement a contract as soon as possible. Tully's franchise owners were on campus that day and wanted to emphasize that their coffee shop investment was also out of respect for Berkeley and its reputation as a center for knowledge. Hence, they intend to make this Tully's a truly special location in the Student Union and on the campus. They have some remarkable ideas for what they'd like to do. So the Auxiliary was looking forward to having them.

Regarding the Bear's Lair Food Court, Mr. Permaul said he and Mr. Spivey have been refining the RFP for the Food Court. They hope to have it completed soon and will present it to the SOB, possibly in a Special Meeting of the Board to approve for publication and advertising to perspective bidders.

Regarding Panda Express, the Board will entertain a Panda Express contract at its next meeting. The Auxiliary hopes to have a version to present in the near future. In the discussion at the Board last night, some wanted the Board to use its RFP contract option to advertise the space that has been negotiated with Gelateria Naia and Panda. The Board will respond to that request between meetings. He has attached a copy to his report the story of the meeting from the Daily Cal.

Regarding a sponsorship program, Mr. Permaul said the Auxiliary met with the Bank of the West, the UC Rally Committee, and the Cal Student Store, to discuss sponsorship for an item called the "Cal Spirit Pack." This concept is aimed to welcome new students with information about traditions on the campus, activities, and programs in which students can participate. It is underwritten by a corporate sponsor. As the concept matures this semester, for new students who attend Cal in the fall of 2009, he'll share that with the Senate.

Regarding the student group co-op business proposal, Mr. Permaul said he has exchanged another e-mail with Tania Kohal, a member of the Berkeley Student Co-OP and an MBA student at Cal. He has not yet responded, but Mr. Permaul said he looked forward to discussing the concepts they have shared in their correspondence.

Regarding the CollegiateLink, Web-based student management program, Jan Crowder was still working on establishing the time for the next Webinar. A lot of students wanted to participate and learn more about it. The Auxiliary has met with CLL and hoped to work collaboratively with the Dean and his staff to extend the value and functionality of the program they'll implement that summer so it serves a broader constituency and gives students more one-stop options. It seems as if CLL would like to partner with the Auxiliary on the use of this technology, particularly when they heard the cost. The Auxiliary was very hopeful that this platform will be able to serve both of their organizations.

In addition, at the request of several students, including the Academic Affairs and External Affairs VPs, there will be a discussion at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 16, in the 4th floor conference room, to look at the notion of a campaign by students to have sales tax eliminated on textbooks sold at public university bookstores, including those sold by third-party vendors. The representative of the Student Regent and the Bookstore manager will also join them. Mr. Permaul said he attached a copy of information about this program in the State of Utah. He'll also send out to those individuals information about the law that was adopted in Maryland on the same subject.

Regarding coming elections, Mr. Permaul said the Director of the Student Union, Peter Quintin, attended a meeting last week at which forthcoming student election practices were an issue on the table. According to him, the campus this year has a no tolerance policy for chalking on the campus. The City was also indicating that it has a similar policy. Chalking is harmful to the environment and bottom the City of Berkeley and the University will take appropriate action against violators. Mr. Permaul said he would ask Senators to please be sure their candidates, in the coming elections, and their supporters, are forewarned. He called for any questions.

Ms. Raffi asked if the repercussion for chalking was vandalism and if it would have an effect on the elections. Mr. Permaul said he would assume the Dean's office will want to work with the Elections Council

Chair to ensure that there are repercussions in the elections, and also consequences for students in terms of Student Conduct. The perception that he got was that there was literally a no-tolerance policy for chalking by the City and the University in the coming election.

Mr. Mairena asked if there's been any progress in getting the pushbutton door to work in the Senate Chamber for disabled people; and the one to MLK didn't work either. Mr. Permaul said he didn't realize that and he'd follow-up. Mr. Mairena asked if there was any progress on removing the stall on the 5th floor. Mr. Permaul said he had no idea would follow-up on that as well.

Mr. Zuo asked about the timeline for the forthcoming RFP. Mr. Permaul said they're behind schedule on that. It's a complex document and they're working with the campus Contracts Office on it. When it's returned to the Auxiliary, they'll advertise it and send it out, and share it with the Senate. They'll probably give people a month. They'd like to get this done during the semester so current members of the Board and Executives have the opportunity to participate in the decision. They'd like to have selections made before the semester was done. He couldn't guarantee they'd be able to meet that timetable, but they're working hard to do that.

Mr. Sakaue asked if he would be in support of a student position that banned chalking in ASUC By-laws. Mr. Permaul said he thought that would be a wise approach. Mr. Sakaue said he was working on that.

Ms. Flores asked if the ASUC got help for the relocation of the OCF. Mr. Permaul said it did. Ms. Flores asked when the old OCF space in the MCC be completely cleared out, since the MCC MOU has that space as part of the MCC. Mr. Permaul the OCF was going to be used as a surge space for the seismic project. The ASUC was supposed to pay for the relocation of the servers from the MCC space down to the basement of Eshleman. But the ASUC has not yet been able to allocate funds for that purpose. The OCF is funded by student government. They actually made the request for the relocation for student government. All the funding has come from student government.

Ms. Hussain asked if the textbook non-tax would apply only to Berkeley or if it would be Statewide. Mr. Permaul said it would be Statewide. California has more third-party vendor bookstores on public college campuses than any other State. They'd have work on that. But the savings for students would be in the tens of millions of dollars.

Elected Official Announcements

Ms. Hussain said that on behalf of the South Asian Student Collaborative, they'll have a lecture with the Directors of "Project Kashmir" from 12:00 to 1:30 on March 13 on Friday at 10 Stephen's Hall. It's sponsored by the Center for South Asian Studies. It talks about how two American friends, one Muslim and one Jewish, who go back to see the history of their homeland. The movie will be shown at the PFA on Saturday at 3:30. She would encourage people to go.

Ms. Shah said there was an ongoing series of events honoring the Third World Liberation Front strike. They could learn what happened 40 years ago. On Tuesday, March 17, there will be from 6:00 to 7:00 a

campaign the EAVP is doing to put together communities on campus. March 19 will be a self-defense day, "Defending Our Right to Walk," led by professionals who hold these workshops. It was because of the series of recent sexual assaults on campus.

Ms. Yang said that on Friday the 13th, from 12:00 to 2:00, there will be an event planning workshop in the Senate Chamber. Student groups could find out how to successfully plan an event on campus.

Ms. Ude there will be a three-day production of "The Vagina Monologues" that weekend. It's a group of monologues by various different women talking about their experiences sexually, including experiences of abuse and others. It will be the 13th through the 15th. She was in it last year, when they raised \$20,000 for some wonderful organizations. Every night was sold out. It's been going on for nine years.

Ms. Flores said she would like to invite them to the 19th Annual Asian Pacific Islander Issues Conference. The theme is "Vocalize." She was one of the Coordinators. They have 280 guests confirmed. Their keynote speaker will be Helen Zia, an amazing Asian American women, scholar, and activist/professional who will talk about the history of Asian Americans on campus, in California, and nationwide. The conference will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Lipman Room on Saturday March 14.

Mr. Nahabet said the ASUC Undergraduate Research Forum was held. It was four hours long, with 30-40 labs. About 400 students attended. He wanted to thank Mr. Tran for helping out with the earlier that evening and recruiting most of the labs. Mr. Nahabet said he hoped to include this in the By-laws, because he felt there was an underrepresented of science majors in the ASUC and he hoped to make this an annual event.

Ms. Chen said the Women's Conference happened that weekend. They had a lot of really good speakers, and a lot of people were impacted.

Ms. Dhar said that Student Action that day released its Executive slate, with Mr. Smelko for President, Mr. Tran for EVP, Dani Haber for External Affairs VP, and John Tran for AAVP. They're all really proud of them and wish them the best of luck. (Applause)

Ms. Yang said people have been doing a good job at making changes on the campus. People had mid-terms and were running around putting on events. She would ask them to please keep it up.

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

Report from the Chancellor's Designee

Mr. Poullard said he had to meet with IFC and Panhellenic Presidents to talk about the stabbing that took place that past weekend. He was tired of being woken at 4 a.m. by a call from the UCPD behind madness. The stabbing was completely avoidable. All people had to do was call the Berkeley police or the

UCPD. People were tried to break into a party, got in, tried to steal stuff, got out, and stood outside making drama. The police should have been called. Some of the residents were concerned because if they called, they might have gotten get a second response because the party may have been unregistered. But the choice was choice was pretty straightforward. It was pretty easy in most situations to make sure one's safety was protected. In this case, the young man will make a full recovery in about two weeks ago, luckily. And he was quite lucky.

He wanted to congratulate Ms. Chen and Ms. Raffi and their work with Mr. De la Cruz and others on the 24-hour library. They're looking to start a pilot project in the fall, and Mr. Poullard said he'll do what he could to support them. He didn't think this was something the ASUC should pay for, and he thought was something the University needed to provide, although they have a huge deficit the State and the campus were facing.

About 12 student leaders met on Monday to begin conversations around what they need to do for accountability and safety. It wasn't just two communities, but other student leaders who were concerned about how the campus was moving forward. He was happy it wasn't just members of Israeli and the Palestinian groups, and their supporters, to begin the conversation about what they need to do about being accountable and safe. He called for any questions.

Mr. Zuo asked if Berkeley students could be sanctioned by the University for their actions off-campus. Mr. Permaul said they could be. If the behavior took place within a geographic around the campus, and University would govern that. If two Cal students who got into an altercation in San Francisco, that could still cause conversations to happen.

Mr. Zuo asked if there have been incidents in the past where a Berkeley student has broken a City ordinance in the box and has been punished by the University. Mr. Poullard said he didn't like the word "punished," and would suggest "held responsible for behavior." More specific examples would be alcohol offenses in the box and second responses in private apartments off-campus, which have also been dealt with by Student Conduct. He didn't know if chalking would fall under Student Conduct.

Mr. Zuo asked about the prohibition against chalking. Mr. Poullard said he didn't think they've been strict on enforcing that. Nothing has come to his attention directly, but he thought there should be a policy. With everything he's been a part of, chalking has been allowed. It's a common way students advertise. But Facilities folks don't like, and people complain to Community Relations. But the campus has never really fined individuals to his understanding.

Ms. Ude said Mr. Permaul mentioned the City was trying to eliminate chalking. Mr. Poullard said he that might be something new. Most of chalking concerns were dealt with by Community Relations, and his office didn't deal with it directly. He didn't think anybody was brought up for chalking violations. He could understand why the City was raising the issue. He didn't even know how they could enforce a chalking prohibition, and it would be hard to point chalking to an individual. He'd have to follow-up with Mr. Permaul. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend speaking time by three minutes was made and seconded and passed with no objection.

Ms. Chen said that in an article about the DEK losing its sponsorship, the Daily Cal said the University wasn't being transparent. Mr. Poullard said he was livid after he read that in the Daily Cal on Tuesday. He understood that students often don't have the whole picture or all the information. Perhaps he should

write a column to address this drama. People will have a chance to look at the public records of this case, since it involve a student organization, although information on individuals would be stricken out. He had a meeting about this on Thursday. The Daily Cal asked if he could recall the charges, and he cannot. He'd have to read the file to answer specific questions about the violations.

Ms. Chen asked about the issue of transparency. Mr. Poullard said they've asked for the actual report of the findings from the Judicial Council on its hearing.

Mr. Owens asked when that report would be released to the public. Mr. Poullard said that would be discussed at his meeting on Thursday. Requests have been made to the Student Conduct Office. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by two minutes was made and seconded and passed with no objection.

Ms. Yang said asked about liability insurance. Student groups were questioning if they had a say about having an event. Mr. Poullard said that was dictated by the perceived risk of the people who provide the insurance. It's a formula that included how many times an incident has occurred. It was like ensuring cars, and some were more difficult to ensure than others. They're starting from scratch with this.

Standing Committee Reports

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Ms. Shah said the meeting started at 9:15 p.m. The minutes from February 23 were approved. Roll call was at 9:20 and all were present except for Ms. Winston. As for waivers, FAST and SSDP was tabled again and all others were approved.

They talked about Millicent Morris-Chaney's suggestion on setting priorities as Fi-Comm and the Senate, where they'd allocate funds to events that happen on campus before events that happen off-campus. Off-campus events should come in for waivers rather than for money. An example was when the Russian Club wanted to go ice skating and requested a waiver. Fi-Comm talked about whether or not that fulfilled the mission of the ASUC or the Russian Club. They haven't come to any conclusion, and they'll consider each bill and waiver on a case-by-case basis.

Ms. Shah said the Finance Officer noted that about \$14,000 was being requested for that evening and advised the Committee to be fiscally responsible.

Under Old Business, SB 75 was approved; SB 95A was tabled; SB 91 was approved; 79A was approved; 89 was tabled. In New Business, SB 118 was tabled; 102A was approved; 120A was approved; 105A was approved; 119A was approved; 103 was tabled; 106 was tabled; 117A was approved; 101A was approved; 115A was approved; 116 was tabled; 124 was tabled; 123A was approved; 100 was tabled; 104A was approved; 114A was approved; 109A was approved; 168 was tabled; 108 was approved; 112A was approved; 111 was approved; 113 was approved. They adjourned at 2:33 a.m. and all were present except for Pres. Winston and Finance Officer Batac.

Begin written report from the Finance Committee

ASUC Standing Committee on Finance

Spring 2009 Session – week 8

Monday, March 9, 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 February 23, 2009
 - a. Approved
- III. Roll Call 9:20PM
 - a. All present but President Winston
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for March 2, 2009
 - a. Approved
- V. Waivers
 - a. FAST tabled again
 - b. SAO waiver tabled
 - c. All others approved
- VI. Committee Business
 - a. Senator Hussain spoke to Millicent on Friday and she said that although it is not written in the By-laws, we should prioritize funding based on being on-campus; it should be waived if it is not on-campus; for example, Russian Club wanted to go ice skating and requested a waiver. Is that in their mission or the ASUC's mission?
 - b. Finance Officer Batac presented that there is more than \$14,000 being requested for tonight, so remember to be fiscally responsible!
- VII. Old Business
 - a. SB 75
 - i. Approved
 - b. SB 95a
 - i. Tabled
 - c. SB 91
 - i. Approved
 - d. SB 79a
 - i. Amended to add Senators Rodriguez, Hussain, T. Tran, Zuo, and Chen
 - ii. Adopted amended version
 - iii. Approved

 Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

- e. SB 89
 - i. Tabled
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Appointments
 - i. None
 - b. SB 118
 - i. Tabled
 - c. SB 102a
 - i. Amended to read “Living Water Fellowship will be recognized as a 1st year Student Activity Group (SAG).”
 - ii. Approved
 - d. SB 120a
 - i. Amended to read “the ASUC recognize MCBcDNA as a 1st year Student Activity Group (SAG).”
 - e. SB 105a
 - i. Amended to add Senators Smelko, Zuo, Ude, Rodriguez, Flores, and Shah as cosponsors
 - ii. Approved
 - f. SB 119a
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Amended to add Senators Flores, Shah, and Ude as cosponsors
 - iii. Approved
 - g. SB 103
 - i. Tabled
 - h. SB 106
 - i. Tabled
 - i. SB 117a
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Amended to add Senators Hussain, Rodriguez, Nahabet, Flores, Shah, and Ude as cosponsors
 - iii. Approved
 - j. SB 101a
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Amended to add Senators Chen, Raffi, Zuo, Hussain, Rodriguez, Flores, and Shah as cosponsors
 - iii. Amended to read \$850
 - iv. approved
 - k. SB 115a
 - i. Amended to add Senators Shah and Hussain as cosponsors
 - ii. Approved
 - l. SB 116
 - i. Tabled
 - m. SB 124
 - i. Tabled
 - n. SB 123a

 Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

- i. Amended to read \$1095
 - ii. Approved
- o. SB 100
 - i. Tabled
- p. SB 104a
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Amended to add Senator Ude as a Primary cosponsor
 - iii. Amended to add Senators Nahabet, Smelko, Zuo, and Hussain as cosponsors
 - iv. Approved
- q. SB 114a
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Amended to add Senators Rodriguez, Nahabet, Zuo, Shah
 - iii. Approved
- r. SB 109a
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Amended to add Senators Zuo, Nahabet, Smelko, Hussain, and Rodriguez as cosponsors
 - iii. Approved
- s. SB 168
 - i. Tabled
- t. SB 108
 - i. Approved
- u. SB 112a
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Approved
- v. SB 111
 - i. Approved
- w. SB 113
 - i. Approved

IX. Adjournment

- a. Roll Call
- b. All Present but President Winston, Finance Officer Batac
- c. Meeting Adjourned at 2:33AM

End written report from the Finance Committee

Reporting for the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee, Mr. Sakaue said there meeting on March 9 was called to order at 9:09 p.m. All Senators were present, as well as AG Sinanian. SB 107A was approved; 108A passed; 121A passed; and 122A passed. In addition, the Committee voted to approve Sumeet Ajmani to the Judicial Council. All Senators were present when they adjourned.

Begin written report from the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

ASUC Standing Committee on Constitutional and Procedural Review

Spring 2009 session – week 8

Monday, March 9, 2009

9:00 Pm, Senate Lounge

Chair: Mairena| Vice Chair: Sakaue

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

I. Call to order: 9:09pm

A. Present: Senators Chen, Cho, Mairena, Oatfield, Sakaue, Smelko And T. Tran

II. Approval of the minutes from March 2, 2009

A. Passed

III. Approval of the agenda for March 9, 2009

A. Passed

IV. Old business

A. None

V. New business

A. Bills

I. SB 107

A. Senator Mairena proposed a set of amendments including renumbering, renaming, co-sponsors and the addition of a disclaimer. Senator Mairena sent out the amended version. Passed

B. SB 107a passed

II. SB 108

A. Senator Cho proposed an amendment. Passed

B. SB 108a passed as sent out by Senator Mairena

III. SB 121

A. Motion to amend the bill as sent out by Senator Mairena. Passed

B. SB 121a passed as sent out

IV. SB 122

A. Senator Mairena motioned to adopt the version sent out by email.

B. SB 122a passed without objection

V. Committee business

A. Judicial council appointment

I. Sumeet Ajmani was appointed to the Judicial Council

VI. Adjournment: 11:50pm

A. Roll Call: Senators Chen, Cho, Mairena, Oatfield, Sakaue, Smelko and T. Tran were Present

End written report from the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

Reporting for the University and External Affairs Committee, Ms. Tran said the meeting began at 9:04. All members were present. SB 122A was approved. The meeting ended at 9:05. All members were present except Sen. Moghtader. They will not have a meeting next week because they have no bills.

Begin written report from the University and External Affairs Committee

March 9, 2009

External Committee Meeting

9:04 Meeting begins

Senators Present: Owens, Yang, Lisa Tran, Raffi, Ude

Agenda for 3/9 approved

Minutes from 3/2 approved

New Business

SB 122

Senator Owens moved to amend the bill to clear up typographical errors

Motion seconded

Vote on the Motion

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Roll Call: All present but Senator Moghtader

9:05 Meeting ends

End written report from the University and External Affairs Committee

Reporting for the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Student Health and Mental and Spiritual Well Being, Ms. Shah said they met that day. The meeting was called to order at 6:30. All were present. In Old Business, they discussed alternative ways of funding Tang Center Awareness Week. All members have tasks. In New Business, they'll meet with the Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion as a Committee to stress the importance of non-denominational prayer and meditation space. The Senate approved a bill and a letter was sent about this as well, so hopefully the Vice Chancellor understands this was important to a lot of students on campus. They also discussed defending their right to walk and the Self-Defense Day they'll have on March 19, from 1:00 to 4:30 in the MCC. Several organizations are co-sponsoring the event. They adjourned at 7:00 and all were present. Their regular meetings will be Monday at 6 p.m.

Reporting for the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Academic Resources Improvement and Employment Security, Ms. Cho said they met on February 26. All were present. About security of employment, they followed up on Language Matters, which involved a lot of key administrators. Problems were brought to

light. They'll form a task force. They also have one application for a student-at-large representative and they'll interview him on Thursday. They finally formed a survey they'll send out in the newsletter from the OP.

Ms. Rodriguez said the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Fiscal, Environmental, and Socially Responsible Businesses for Lower Sproul will meet at 8 p.m. in the OP lounge next Monday.

Mr. Sakaue submitted the following report for Advocacy Agenda Committee #1:

Begin written report from Advocacy Agenda Committee #1

ASUC Advocacy Agenda, Issues Brief Committee #1

Spring 2009 Session – Week 2

Wednesday, March 11, 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

I. Call to order: 6:30 pm

A. Attendance: Senators Shah, L. Tran, Hussain, Sakaue, Yang, Ude

II. Old Business

a. TCAW funding

i. Interviewed for ICF, MCF

ii. Next steps

1. Lyell: explore possibility of funding from fem sex or gen eq

2. Saira: UPHC, NAPAWF

3. OBI: TANG CENTER PROMOTIONS

4. Lisa: contact exec offices for donations

iii. Advocacy Agenda funding?

iv. Krystle's office: \$100

III. New Business

a. prayer space

i. Meeting with Gibor

1. CODA met with him, Saira also spoke to him at Jewish-Muslim Interfaith Dinner. We just passed a bill, so he should get a letter soon.

2. Kifah will email him to set up a meeting with him and Krystle.

3. Maybe we as a committee will look for prayer space, email out a list to Gibor, Chancellor

b. Defending our right to walk

i. March 19th, 1-4:30 pm in Multicultural Center

ii. QWOB, NAPAWF, MSA, NOW, V-DAY, UCPD?

iii. Womyn are feeling very unsafe, so it's directed towards, but not limited to, womyn.

iv. Flyer is finalized, Saira will handle.

v. Saira's intern will write MCF grant

vi. Lisa will email RHA/Hall ASS

vii. Make Facebook event, email

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

IV. Adjournment: 7:00 pm

a. Attendance: Senators Shah, L. Tran, Hussain, Sakaue, Yang, Ude

End written report from Advocacy Agenda Committee #1

Mr. Owens submitted the following report from Advocacy Agenda Committee #2:

Begin written report from Advocacy Agenda Committee #2

Advocacy Agenda Committee #2

Members Present: Cho, Zuo, Smelko, Owens, Chen, Flores, Tran [ALL PRESENT]

6:03 PM called to Order

Updates:

Security of Employment (Cho)

“Language Matters” event

Key administrative officials there

Problems at hand brought to light

API Education and Languages Now met and in process of forming Task Force

Different language departments have been getting more involved

Public support from VC of Equity and Inclusion Gibor Basri

Application in

Ameeti Mishra

amt mishra@berkeley.edu

Task List

- Update application, extend deadline (March 12, 5 PM)

Survey

- Survey Monkey
- MJ finalizes survey, Sarah makes survey

Meetings

- All meetings @ 5 PM

6:21 PM meeting dismissed

End written report from Advocacy Agenda Committee #2

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to move back to New Business. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Sakaue and Ms. Flores and passed with no objection.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Ms. Pasco said In Support of Delta Gamma's Anchor Slam 2009 would be SB 139 and would be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Sakaue moved to include the bill in that week's agenda packet, In Support of a Ban on the Use of Chalking in ASUC Elections. Ms. Pasco said the bill would be numbered SB 140 and sent to Con-Review.

Ms. Cho asked if the Senate was going to accept new bills now. Ms. Pasco said that was up to the Senate.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following bills were up for consideration that evening under the Consent Calendar:

SBs 75; 91; 79, as amended; 102, as amended; 120, as amended; 105, as amended; 119, as amended; 117, as amended; 101, as amended; 115, as amended; 123, as amended; 104, as amended; 114, as amended; 109, as amended; 108, as amended; 112, as amended; 111; 113; 107, as amended; 108, as amended; 121, as amended; and 122, as amended.

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to recess for two minutes. It was so moved and seconded by Ms. Ude and Mr. Owens and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

The following bills were removed from the Consent Calendar: SBs 108A and 121A.

The following bills remained under the Consent Calendar:

SBs 75; 91; 79, as amended; 102, as amended; 120, as amended; 105, as amended; 119, as amended; 117, as amended; 101, as amended; 115, as amended; 123, as amended; 104, as amended; 114, as amended; 109, as amended; 112, as amended; 111; 113; 107, as amended; and 122, as amended.

APPOINTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Report from the Attorney General

Report from the Attorney General
Report from the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs
Report from the Elections Council Chair

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Mr. Sinanian said that since Senators were missing at that time from the room, he'd talk about bills later and would take questions on recent events.

Mr. Sakaue asked what part of the By-laws allows him to file things with the Judicial Council after the filing deadline for the election. Mr. Sinanian said it was Title IV, Section 15.1.

Mr. Nahabet asked why he didn't send out the Charge Sheet. Mr. Sinanian said he would leave that to the Judicial Council's discretion.

Report from the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs

Mr. Dolores said they'll have a budget assessment by next Wednesday. They also have a draft of the Charter to normalize the new units, Research and Operations. After looking at the MOU between the Commission and the Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion, and after consulting with the Vice Chancellor's Executive Assistant, Mr. Dolores said he'll e-mail out the draft of the Vice Chancellor's Strategic Plan for Equity and Inclusion that will be institute next year.

Mr. Dolores introduced Annie Tong, the lead researcher of the Research Division. She was from an application pool of three in a search initiated within the Commission, chosen out of a consensus model since she had most experience of the applicants in terms of researching issues.

Ms. Tong said that week she'll research a project date, "Diversity Issues through Engagement," and on the Conflict Resolution Transformation Center. It operated for four years and tried to mediate violent flare-ups between student organizations on campus. But it dissipated due to lack of funding. She'll also do research on the Chancellor's Task Force created after 9/11 to have a meaningful response to hate and bias. She'll also meet with community organizations for input on the Vice Chancellor's Strategic Plan.

Mr. Nahabet called for a quorum. Ms. Pasco said they had a quorum. Mr. Owens moved to recess until the discretion of the Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tran and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Report from the Elections Council Chair

Ms. Liedblad submitted the following:

Begin written report from the Elections Council Chair
Election Council Update 3/11/09
Submitted by Emily Liedblad, 2009 Election Council Chair

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

Updates:

1. Finalization of the Recall Results:

- The recall results will be finalized when they are read into the senate minutes by the Election Council. However, the Judicial Council has not yet certified the results due to pending charge sheets, and therefore the results are not yet final.

2. Voter turnout/ results

- The results were tabulated last Thursday and are as follows:
2689 YES
1021 NO
76 ABSTAIN

With 3710 counted votes. The final number of votes cast of AirBears is 174 votes, and we considered two extreme cases:

1. All 174 voted NO, and the votes are invalidated. The proposition passed with 72.4% of the votes, so this only increases the percentage the proposition passes by. No need to explore further.
2. All 174 voted YES, and those votes are invalidated. The numbers change from 2689 YES to 2515 YES, with 3536 "total" counted votes. The proposition still passes with 71.12% of the votes.

Since the two extreme cases result in the proposition passing, there isn't a need to consider the cases in between (e.g., what if 76 of those 174 votes were ABSTAIN, or playing around with combinations of YES/NO/ABSTAIN votes). Thank you for your patience while we figured out the Airbears ordeal.

3. The Prop Under Consideration to Amend the Polling Station Clause in the Constitution

- I strongly recommend that the current clause outlining the placement of polling stations in the Constitution be amended. Dining Commons polling locations historically have the lowest voter turnout, and the rigidity of the Constitution hinders any efforts of the Election Council to reduce costs and make the election more fiscally efficient.
- Please look at the 2008 voter turnout statistics compiled by Calvin Ardi, EC Technical Coordinator at <http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~cardi/elections.php> . These give a really good understanding of the breakdown of the votes and the need for Constitutional change.
- Section 5, article C of the Constitution states “The Elections Council, or successor agency, shall provide for the placement and operation of polling places at the dining commons, or no more than fifty feet away from the perimeter if a polling place absolutely cannot be installed, of each of the residence hall units owned or managed by the University, including the International House, and excluding, except as provided in the By-Laws, family apartment complexes.

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

- These polling places shall be open at a minimum from ten minutes before the opening of the dinner period for each dining facility through thirty minutes after the end of the serving time for the dinner period. Any student may vote at any one of these polling places.” At the very least, the required polling station at I-House should be eliminated from this clause because the voter turnout simply does not justify the \$1000 dollars it takes to run this polling station during an election.
- There does need to be something in the Constitution about having physical polling stations, but I think the number and placement of the locations should be mandated only in the By-laws. I say this mainly with future elections in mind, and think it would be a good change to make as elections continue to move towards being more heavily online-based. To the Senators writing the proposition, please let me know if you would like more input from me, as I would be happy to meet with you guys.

4. Candidate Filing Period
ends this Friday, March 13th at 5pm sharp

4. Candidate’s Meeting
Tuesday, March 17th

- 7-9pm
- 2050 VLSB

End written report from the Elections Council Chair

CONSENT CALENDAR (cont'd)

Back in session, a motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made and seconded by Ms. Raffi and Ms. Ude.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION: SB 75; SB 79, AS AMENDED; SB 91; SB 101, AS AMENDED; SB 102, AS AMENDED; SB 104, AS AMENDED; SB 105, AS AMENDED; SB 107, AS AMENDED; SB 109, AS AMENDED; SB 111; SB 112, AS AMENDED; SB 113; SB 114, AS AMENDED; SB 115, AS AMENDED; SB 117, AS AMENDED; SB 119, AS AMENDED; SB 120, AS AMENDED; SB 122, AS AMENDED; AND SB 123, AS AMENDED.

WAIVERS

- SB 75, In Support of the Eastbay Christian Fellowship
- SB 79, In Support of the 15th Annual Norouz Culture Show

FAST tabled again
SAO waiver tabled
All others approved

The following Resolution, SB 75, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Yang and Melody Hung:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EASTBAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

WHEREAS, the Eastbay Christian Fellowship was established in 2005 and has been a registered group with Campus Life and Leadership (CLL); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Eastbay Christian Fellowship is to provide opportunities for Christian students on campus to join together in worshipping God, fellowshiping with one another, and learning more about the inspired word of God; and

WHEREAS, ECF is open to any person interested in coming to a greater understanding of God and the inspired Scriptures; and

WHEREAS, ECF meets once a week on Fridays for worship, Bible study, and fellowship, and also prepares for their annual Senior Banquet every spring; and

WHEREAS, every end of the year, ECF puts on a Senior Banquet; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Senior Banquet is to celebrate the graduating seniors and to commemorate their years at Cal, while providing encouragement for the years to follow; and

WHEREAS, the banquet consists of fellowship in the form of skits, presentations, time of worship, and dinner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastbay Christian Fellowship is recognized as a first-year student activity group (SAG) ASUC-sponsored group.

The following Resolution, SB 79, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored Sahar Maali and Mr. Nahabet and was co-sponsored by Ms. Chen, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Hussain, Mr. Tran, Mr. Zuo, and Ms. Chen:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 15th ANNUAL NOROUZ CULTURE SHOW

WHEREAS, the Iranian Students Cultural Organization (ISCO) promotes the awareness of Iranian culture at UC Berkeley and the surrounding community; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 15th ANNUAL NOROUZ CULTURE SHOW (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the Iranian Student Cultural Organization's vision is to provide means for Iranians on campus to meet and interact with one another in order to further strengthen the Iranian presence in the student body; and

WHEREAS, the organization is secular, apolitical, and openly welcomes all that are interested in Iranian culture; and

WHEREAS, the organization primarily services the Berkeley campus but also has relations with the nearby Iranian-American community; and

WHEREAS, the Iranian Student Cultural Organization plans on holding its 15th Annual Norouz Culture Show welcoming the Persian New Year and the Spring on March 15th; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50 students are involved in the production of the Norouz Culture Show including choreographing dances to performing traditional music and approximately ___ number of people attend; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Norouz show is to engage the Iranian- American students on campus in a variety of cultural activities to enhance their understanding of ancient Persian music, dance, poetry, and customs; and

WHEREAS, the audience members include the families of students, prominent members of the Bay Area community, and other University ISCO's; and

WHEREAS, the Iranian Student Cultural Organization donates all proceeds to the Gobrak Foundation in Tehran, Iran which is a foundation devoted to promoting awareness of diabetes in Iran; and

WHEREAS, members of the charity from Iran are invited to the Norouz show to present about their charity; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the Norouz show is listed below:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$1,500 from the Senate Contingency Fund to the Norouz Culture Show.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize the Norouz Culture Show as an ASUC – sponsored event.

The following Resolution, SB 91, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Maria Schriver, Taj Walton, and Mr. Tran:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BERKELEY ENERGY AND RESOURCES COLLABORATIVE'S ENERGY FAIR

WHEREAS, the Energy Fair's budget, as of February 23, 2009, is as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes BEREC's Energy Fair as an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$500 (five hundred USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to Berkeley Energy and Resources Collaborative.

The following Resolution, SB 101, as amended in committee, was authored by Vincent Lui and Ms. Cho and was co-sponsored by Mr. Owens, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Tran, Ms. Chen, Ms. Raffi, Ms. Hussain, and Ms. Rodriguez:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NOT FOR SALE BACKYARD ABOLITIONIST TOUR AT UC BERKELEY

WHEREAS, the University of California, Berkeley, is historically known as a critical spot for inspiration and activism for human rights, and housed movements such as the Free Speech Movement and Vietnam War protests; and

WHEREAS, by precedence and continued zeal, the students of this institution hold tremendous potential to exercise their positions as citizens of the world, and carry on the legacy that former students have set to advocate for improvements of human life and treatment worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Not For Sale is a campaign of students, entrepreneurs, artists, people of faith, athletes, law enforcement officers, politicians, social workers, skilled professionals, and all justice seekers, united to fight the global slave trade; and

WHEREAS, Not For Sale aims to educate and mobilize an international abolitionist movement through the innovation and implementation of open-source activism -- inside the United States, identifying trafficking rings and collaborating with local law enforcement and community groups to shut them down and provide support for victims, and internationally, partnering with poorly resourced abolitionist groups to enhance their capacity; and

WHEREAS, Not For Sale believes that every single person has a skill that they can give to free an individual living in bondage; and

WHEREAS, the Not For Sale "Backyard Abolitionist" Tour is a multimedia event that brings together lecture, film, and music to expose the human trafficking epidemic, in which Not For Sale founder Dave Batstone and award-winning singer and songwriter Brant Christopher

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NOT FOR SALE BACKYARD ABOLITIONIST TOUR AT UC BERKELEY (cont'd)

Menswar perform together, weaving songs into stories, in an effort to emotionally connect the audience with the global slave trade; and

WHEREAS, the day-long event will begin a workshop on how the people trade operates, highlighted by video footage of undercover investigations, trafficking scenarios from around the world, and intervention strategies, including where trafficking is most likely to be operating in the region around the UC Berkeley campus; and

WHEREAS, it also equips campus participants with rescue tools to affect the trade locally, and is intended to serve a triple purpose: 1) to educate the participants; 2) to provide participants with tools to inform trafficking victims of available help, and 3) to solicit pertinent information relating to suspicions of forced labor from possible witnesses within the community; and

WHEREAS, the event will conclude with a musical concert, and a reflection period in which a feature film is shown, allowing participants to reflect on how the film relates to their full-day experience, and the last segment of the presentation is dedicated to providing opportunities to learn more about ways to make a tangible difference in the abolitionist movement, both locally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, participants will have the opportunity to connect with organizations working on the front-lines, within their own communities, and abroad, and thus be more prepared to combat modern-day slavery in their current roles as students and citizens of the world; and

WHEREAS, more information is available on <http://notforsalecampaign.org>; and

WHEREAS, the projected budget for the event is as follows: Total, \$4,550;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize the Not For Sale Backyard Abolitionist Tour at UC Berkeley as a first-year ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$850 from the Senate Contingency fund to "Not For Sale Backyard Abolitionist Tour."

The following Resolution, Berkeley 102, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Joshua Kim and Ms. Cho:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LIVINGWATER FELLOWSHIP

WHEREAS, Livingwater Fellowship is recognized by the Campus Life and Leadership of Student Life as a student group; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LIVINGWATER FELLOWSHIP

WHEREAS, its members meet weekly on the UC Berkeley campus to worship, hear God's word, pray, have fellowship, and strive to emulate the actions of "[those who] devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer," as quoted from Acts 2:42; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Livingwater Fellowship is:

- to provide a fellowship for UC Berkeley students (for both Christians and non-Christians)
- to create an informal environment where students can come to worship and hear messages relevant to college life, and
- to create a safe environment for weary students to come and share their burdens and be prayed upon and be encouraged, in response to Matthew 11:28 which says, "Come to me, all you who are wear and burdened, and I will give you rest"; and

WHEREAS, the projected budget for operations is stated below: Total, \$150;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Livingwater Fellowship will be recognized as a first-year Student Activity Group (SAG).

The following Resolution, SB 104, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar the was authored by Ms. Ude and was co-sponsored by Ms. Tran, Ms. Flores, Ms. Yang, Mr. Mairena, Mr. Sakaue, Ms. Shah, Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Nahabet, Mr. Smelko, Mr. Zuo, and Ms. Hussain:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2009 PRODUCTION OF THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES AT UC BERKELEY

WHEREAS, The Vagina Monologues is a collection of monologues written by playwright Eve Ensler, based on interviews with over 200 women about their memories and experiences of sexuality; and

WHEREAS, The Vagina Monologues is a celebration of female sexuality in all its complexity and mystery; and

WHEREAS, the production has been performed in cities all across America and the world and at hundreds of college campuses, including UC Berkeley, since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the production has spurred the creation of VDay, a grassroots movement to end violence against women; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2009 PRODUCTION OF THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES AT UC BERKELEY (cont'd)

WHEREAS, The Vagina Monologues is a production that prides itself on giving voice to women's deepest fantasies and fears, guaranteeing that no one who reads it will ever look at a woman's body, or think of sex, in quite the same way again; and

WHEREAS, The Vagina Monologues production at UC Berkeley continues to draw in hundreds of viewers of all ages, from Berkeley students to older members of the Berkeley community, trans all genders and sexual orientations; and

WHEREAS, beneficiaries of this year's production are A Safe Place, an organization to break the cycle of domestic and family violence by providing battered women and their children with safe shelter and resources and to prevent violence through outreach and education to at-risk populations, The Center for Young Women's Development (CYWD), one of the first non-profits in the United States run and led entirely by young women which strives to organize young women in San Francisco who are struggle in the street economies and the juvenile justice system delivering peer-to-peer education and support, and The Gender Equity Resource Center (GenEq) a center right on the Berkeley campus providing programs, services and resource information about gender, sexual orientation, sex and gender identity, sexual and relationship violence and bias-related incidents. <http://www.asafeplacedvs.org/>
<http://www.cywd.org/>
<http://students.berkeley.edu/osl/geneq.asp>; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Senate body should purchase their tickets before they are quickly sold out and the production is perfect for dates; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the event is as follows: Total, \$8,255.78;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate allocates \$1,500 dollars towards the UC Berkeley 2009 production of The Vagina Monologues from the Senate Contingency Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 105, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Mr. Nahabet and Ryan Lin and was co-sponsored by Mr. Smelko, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Ude, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Flores, and Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BearEMS

WHEREAS, UC Berkeley lacks a medical service that can address emergencies that do not necessitate full paramedic response; and

WHEREAS, the current system offers no intermediate between someone bringing themselves to the emergency room and a full-fledged ambulance response from Berkeley Fire Department; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BearEMS (cont'd)

WHEREAS, many other universities have similar programs and out of the schools listed in U.S. News and World Report's Top 25, only 3 other schools do not have a student-run EMS program. At these other colleges, students certified at the EMT-Basic (Emergency Medical Technician) level respond to emergencies on and around their respective campuses; and

WHEREAS, a system involving full ambulant transport may not be a possibility on an urban campus like Cal's, BearEMS could still offer a valuable service to the students; and

WHEREAS, in its early stages, BearEMS will provide medical coverage at sports games, student group functions, and other UC-associated events and this will allow BearEMS to demonstrate interest in a student emergency medical organization, and it will help foster relationships with the University and local EMS that will allow the eventual maturation of the program; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of the program would be to expand into this niche of intermediate emergency medical care, integrating with Berkeley Fire Department, UCPD, and the University of California at Berkeley as a whole; and

WHEREAS, BearEMS' budget for publicity to recruit members is below: \$200;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize BearEMS as a first-year Student-Initiated Service Group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate allocate \$200 from the Senate Contingency Fund to BearEMS.

The following Resolution, SB 107, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Winnie Kuo and Mr. Zuo and was co-sponsored by Ms. Cho, Ms. Chen, Mr. Smelko, and Mr. Sakaue:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE CONTINUITY

WHEREAS, ASUC Senate positions are slated to last for a full school year, but there is a hiatus during the summer which some senators may want to take advantage of to work on projects; and

WHEREAS, the current ASUC By-laws does not support a system that allows for full transition and continuity of projects that were worked on by past Senators; and

WHEREAS, while Senate Leadership Network Training (hereby known as "Training") is meant as a transition tool, much of the information provided could be more easily learned outside of

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE CONTINUITY (cont'd)

training. For example, identifying the appropriate administrators and their work, ASUC history, and public documents; and

WHEREAS, with the creation of a transitional reporting system, current Senators will be able to document the work they have done and pass on that knowledge to future Senators, and would act as a supplement to Training;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following subsection be inserted in Title I, after Article XII – Senate Leadership Network Training, and before Article XIII – Graduate Assembly, with all subsequent Articles renumbered appropriately:

Article XIII – SENATE CONTINUITY

- 13.1 All Senators are required to submit transitional reports to document their accomplishments for the past year. These transitional reports shall serve as supplementary tools to the Senate Leadership Network Training outlined in Article XII.
- 13.2 The incumbent Executive Vice President shall be responsible for compiling the project reports and making these documents accessible online to all newly elected Executive Officers and Senators prior to the start of Executive Officer Training Session, or by Memorial Day Holiday.
- 13.3 Each Senator shall include an email address for contact purposes, a section providing general advice to senators, and a list of committees/liason positions that the senator has held during his or her term.
- 13.4 Each Senator shall be responsible for writing one report for every initiated project. Each report shall clearly indicate the name(s) of the author(s) of the report. In the case where multiple Senators are involved, only one report needs to be submitted per project.
- 13.5 Information provided in project reports is recommended to include, but not be limited to, the following:
 1. Project Name
 2. Project Timeframe
 3. Type of Project (New or Old)
 4. Personnel Requirements
 - a. Names of Elected Officials Involved:
 - b. Number of Student Staff Involved:
 - c. Number of Participants:
 - d. Number of People-hours Spent Organizing:
 - e. Number of People-hours Spent Participating:
 - f. Key Administrators Involved
 - i. Name
 - ii. Position

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE CONTINUITY (cont'd)

- iii. Contact Information (if available)
- iv. Describe the collaboration
- 5. General Description
- 6. Purpose and Relationship to the Missions of the ASUC
- 7. In conjunction with another Office/Student Organization?
 - a. If so, please state:
- 8. Costs
- 9. Special Problems
- 10. Overall Evaluation/Suggestions for Improvement
- 11. Attachments

13.5 Each Transitional Report is not to exceed TWO (2) pages per Senator.

13.6 The Executive Vice President direct the ASUC Webmaster to make these documents available online, in a database format similar to that of Senate Bills.

13.7 The following disclaimer shall be added to this Transitional Report before becoming a public document:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that transitional reports be implemented before the final meeting of the Spring Session.

The following Resolution, SB 109, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Flores, Ms. Yang, Tavae Samuelu, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Tran, Ms. Ude, Ms. Shah, and Mr. Mairena:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDERS AT CAL'S PACIFIC UNITY EVENT

WHEREAS, Pacific Islanders at CAL (PAC) is a first-year SISG and it serves the needs of Pacific Islander students at UC Berkeley through academic and social activities. PAC will focus on outreach to high school and transfer students in the Bay Area to increase Pacific Islander enrollment as well as provide academic assistance and support for current UC Berkeley Pacific Islander students. PAC also works to increase the visibility of Pacific Islanders on campus; and

WHEREAS, PAC plans to outreach to Pacific Islander communities throughout the bay area and Central Valley. This would include high schools, community colleges, and Pacific Islander youth organizations; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDERS AT CAL'S PACIFIC UNITY EVENT
(cont'd)

WHEREAS, the Pacific Islander community is largely underrepresented on campus. Issues of visibility arise from the aggregation of the Asian/Pacific Islander label. Being grouped with a community that appears so visible on campus causes the small numbers of Pacific Islanders to go ignored and unaddressed; and

WHEREAS, last year, PAC hosted "Contours of the Pacific," a culture show that was intended to redefine the boundaries within which Pacific Islanders have been confined. The goal was to provide Pacific Islander youth with a forum to showcase their talents, which in essence is a Pacific unifying event; and

WHEREAS, last year's "Contours of the Pacific" was allocated only \$500 from Senate Contingency Fund, for an event that had over 400 attendees and participants; and

WHEREAS, this year, on April 11, 2009, PAC will be hosting a different event called "Pacific Unity Event," instead of "Contours of the Pacific Culture Show." Though, it will have the same purpose, which is to outreach and serve the Pacific Islander communities both on campus and off campus through educational workshops, cultural performances, and empowering speakers; and

WHEREAS, events would be a space where the community would be able to come together through a presentation of contemporary visual and performing arts. The Pacific Unity Event is not an event just for the Pacific Islander community, but also for allies of the community. Its purpose is to enlighten, inform, and breakdown pre-existing stereotypes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for PAC's Pacific Unity Event is; and Total expenses, \$9,247.38; total income, \$6,400.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize Pacific Islanders at Cal's Pacific Unity Event as an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$1,500 from the Senate Contingency Fund to the Pacific Unity Event.

The following Resolution, SB 111, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Finance Officer Batac and Ms. Hussain:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ELECTIONS COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Elections Council is given the responsibility of running the entire ASUC elections process; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ELECTIONS COUNCIL (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the Elections Council was designated \$48,000 (forty-eight thousand dollars) in the 2008-2009 budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2007-2008 Elections Council spent around \$35,000 (thirty-five thousand dollars) on the Spring 2008 ASUC general election; and

WHEREAS, an unforeseen recall election this year cost the Elections Council around \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) to hold; and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely that the Elections Council will have enough money to pull off the Spring 2009 General Election; and

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate move \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) from the Carry Forward Fund to the Elections Council account.

The following Resolution, SB 112, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Finance Officer Batac and Ms. Hussain:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GREEK OPPORTUNITY FUND

WHEREAS, the university recognizes 63 fraternities and sororities that are members of the Inter-Fraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Multicultural Greek Council; and

WHEREAS, almost 10% of all students on campus are members of one of these fraternities and sororities; and

WHEREAS, the Greek Opportunity Fund supports fraternities and sororities who organize events focused on community service and philanthropy; scholarship and educational enhancement; leadership development; professional and career development; and/or health and safety, including alcohol education; and

WHEREAS, the Greek Opportunity Fund is more expansive in the type events that it funds than the former Greek Philanthropy Fund; and

WHEREAS, the ASUC Senate in the Spring 2008 term allocated \$11,000 to the Greek Opportunity Fund in the 2008-2009 budget; and

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate move \$5,000 from the Carry Forward Fund to the Greek Opportunity Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 113, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Finance Officer Batac and Ms. Hussain:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SPRING BUDGETING

WHEREAS, the amount received by the Association from commercial revenue and unspent allocated funds reached \$ 420,936.43 (four hundred twenty thousand nine hundred thirty six dollars and forty-three cents); and

WHEREAS, this plan is a product of a recommendation of the Finance Officer, based on precedent from the previous year;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate authorize \$70,000 (seventy thousand dollars) from the Carry Forward Holding Fund to be controlled by the Senate and is intended to be used in the spring budgeting process.

The following Resolution, SB 114, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Michelle Claxton, Mr. Smelko and was co-sponsored by Ms. Dhar, Mr. Tran, Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Chen, Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Nahabet, Mr. Zuo, and Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHI OMEGA'S "CHI O CASINO" PHILANTHROPY EVENT

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

WHEREAS, Chi Omega is hosting its "Chi O Casino" event on April 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, this year Chi Omega is expecting over 400 attendees at their event, and wants to accommodate even more people than ever; and

WHEREAS, all the proceeds of the event go towards the Make-a-Wish Foundation; and

WHEREAS, last year Chi Omega donated over \$8,000 dollars to the Make-a-Wish Foundation, and seeks to donate even more this year; and

WHEREAS, to account for a general decline in ability to seek outside donations, Chi Omega is seeking to increase their donated amount by bringing in more people and doing more publicity work; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the event is as follows: Revenue, \$7,975.00; Expenditure, \$2,858.00; Donation to Make-A-Wish, \$5117.00;

- CC -- SB 114, In Support of Chi Omega's "Chi O Casino" Philanthropy Event (cont'd) -35-
-- SB 115, In Support of the Afghan Student Association's Afghan Cultural Presentation
-- SB 117, In Support of Movement's Spring Showcase
-- SB 119, In Support of the English Undergraduate Association's Trolius and Cressida Production

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHI OMEGA'S "CHI O CASINO" PHILANTHROPY EVENT
(cont'd)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize Chi Omega's "Chi O Casino" as an ASUC sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$ 600 from the Greek Opportunity fund to Chi Omega's "Chi O Casino"

The following Resolution, SB 115, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Masood Nusratty, Sliman Nawabi, Mr. T. Trần, and Ms. Dhar, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Shah and Ms. Hussain:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AFGHAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION'S AFGHAN CULTURAL PRESENTATION

WHEREAS, the Afghan Student Association (ASA) promotes, preserves, and embraces the diversity of Afghanistan and its culture; and

WHEREAS, ASA sponsors social gatherings, public education events, and executives programs to provide funding to philanthropic and relief operations in Afghanistan; moreover, the group provides public education and awareness at UC Berkeley of Afghan culture through numerous campus events; and

WHEREAS, ASA is organizing the Afghan Cultural Presentation (ACP) on April 24, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the ACP budget, as of March 1, 2009, is as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that \$1,000 (one thousand USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to the Afghan Student Association's Afghan Cultural Presentation.

An amended version of SB 117 was approved under the Consent Calendar, In Support of Movement's Spring Showcase. It was unavailable at the time of printing.

An amended version of SB 119 was approved under the Consent Calendar, In Support of the English Undergraduate Association's Trolius and Cressida Production. It was unavailable at the time of printing.

The following Resolution, SB 120, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Tra Pham, Michael Lam, Mr. Smelko, and Mr. Trần:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MCBcDNA

WHEREAS, MCBcDNA has existed on the Berkeley campus for three decades with interludes of ASUC sponsorship and lack thereof. Nevertheless, it is one of the two main organizations in the MCB community (which is the largest academic major) dedicated to serving MCB students, while of course being all inclusive of Cal students regardless of major; and

WHEREAS, the MCBcDNA operational budget for the spring 2009 semester, as of February 27, 2009, is as follows: Total, \$923.64; and

WHEREAS, MCBcDNA received only \$1,000 from the MCB department this year instead of the usual \$1,600, thus driving MCBcDNA to seek ASUC support for the general operation of the organization in order to finish the spring 2009 semester successfully instead of trimming down on programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize MCBcDNA as a first-year Student Activity Group (SAG).

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

The following Resolution, SB 122, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Mr. Mairena, Toni Mar, Joan Jones, and Tracy Nguyen, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Shah, Mr. Sakaue, Ms. Tran, Ms. Rodriguez, and AAVP De la Cruz

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT CAL

WHEREAS, the State of California is undergoing budget cuts all throughout the UC system; and

WHEREAS, it has become recent news that the Physical Education Department will be cut by 50% for the upcoming school year; and

WHEREAS, PE classes are of vital importance to the maintenance of student health; and

WHEREAS, during the entire academic year '08-'09 the PE Program offers 18 classes. This semester alone there are 89 PE classes. With the proposed cut the number of PE classes would drop to 83 for the entire 2009-2010 academic year, 40-41 total PE classes per semester. That would be fewer than half the classes offered this year; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT Cal (cont'd)

WHEREAS, this academic year the total number of students enrolled in a PE class is almost 5,000. With this proposed cut, only about 2,500 or fewer students would be able to take PE classes; and

WHEREAS, The demand for PE classes has never been higher. This semester alone, 4,335 students were not able to get into the classes they desired. With the proposed cuts, the number of students turned away from a PE class could be over 10,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, in a recent Daily Cal article, Dean Mark Schlissel said the proposed cuts to PE classes would save the University \$250,000. This is a very small savings relative to the very large campus budget. We don't know of any other department or program that is being asked to take 50% cuts; and

WHEREAS, some of us have come from communities that have been underserved and underrepresented, and our PE Program may be our very first opportunity to access information, instruction and participation in dance, exercise and sport that heretofore and otherwise would not be made possible or available to us. Education is a right, not a privilege. Physical education is no exception; and

WHEREAS, we all know that the University faces budget problems associated with the reduced state funding. But we also question whether such a disproportionately large cut to this inexpensive but important program is fair to students. In the Daily Cal last Friday (2/27/09), Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration for the College of Letters and Science, Chuck Stoup, was quoted as saying, "The campus has made it a very specific priority to protect the undergraduate course offerings. That's one place that you won't see any significant or even small reductions from next year"; and

WHEREAS, the PE Program is the only academic program on campus that enables students to include activity and fitness courses in their schedules and in their educations. They focus on educating the whole person, mind and body. A 50% cut in this program does not seem consistent with the promise quoted above to protect undergraduate course offerings; therefore be it

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate show its adamant support for the Physical Education Department and is opposed to the cutting of 50% of its classes, and be it further

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and AAVP draft a letter showing their support to the Chancellor and the Dean of Biological Sciences expressing their concerns of the cut to the PE department, including a copy of this resolution.

The following Resolution, SB 123, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Raffi and Michael Waks and was co-sponsored by Ms. Chen, Ms. Dhar, Mr. Nahabet, Mr. Smelko, and Mr. Tran:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DELTA CHI WORLD CUP

WHEREAS, Delta Chi Fraternity gained its charter at UC Berkeley in 1910 and since then has been an active participant on campus, contributing to Berkeley in the areas of academics, athletics, student government, and the leadership of a wide variety of organizations; and

WHEREAS, Delta Chi Fraternity is one of the largest IFC fraternities on campus and in 2008 was awarded recognition for the highest GPA of all IFC fraternities; and

WHEREAS, Delta Chi has a long history of on and off-campus community service, leadership development, and philanthropy including the current Adopt-a-School program with Jefferson Elementary School and the Sports 4 Kids program with Cragmont School; and

WHEREAS, Delta Chi World Cup is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2009 at Underhill Field from 6 PM to 10 PM; and

WHEREAS, half of the proceeds from Delta Chi World Cup will go to from this event will be donated to the Jimmy V. Foundation for Cancer Research, and the other half to the philanthropy of the winner's choice; and

WHEREAS, the budget for operational expenses for Delta Chi World Cup Spring 2009 is as follows:
Total, \$1,465;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$1,095 from the Senate Greek Opportunity Fund to Delta Chi World Cup Philanthropy Event.

Ms. Dhar moved to recess for two minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, Ms. Dhar moved to extend the recess by two minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Raffi and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, Mr. Owens moved to recess until 9:15. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yang and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY -- The Economic Stimulus and Budget Impacts on Higher Education, by Kortney McBride, USSA, and Dionne Jirachaikitti, EAVP

Back in session, Ms. Jirachaikitti said she'd give an update on the office. They brought over 30 students to the UC Lobby Conference in Sacramento. The UCSA was presented by an award by the Secretary of State, Debra Bowen, who signs their voter registration cards. Ricardo Gomez was also awarded. They talked with Ms. Bowen, the head of the League of Women Voters, and Lt. Gov. Garamendi. Mr. Garamendi is a former Cal student who played football there. He's been an ally with the UCSA on affordability and access. Ms. Jirachaikitti said they lobbied on the College Affordability Act, which would freeze fees for five years and would then tie them to the Consumer Price Index.

Next week they're going to the USSA Legislative Conference, bringing eight Students. Ms. Jirachaikitti said she and Ms. McBride will represent the UCSA at the Student Association Summit, with a number of state organizations attending.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said they had a Coffee Talk last week on health and stress. But people were too stressed to attend. But they got a lot of information. Also, the office had an extern meeting.

The office, the UCSA, and the Vasconcellos Project, have been working on Community Policy Forum, headed up by David Kirui. It will be on Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 in the Tilden Room. They'll bring in different stakeholders and talk about what higher education will look like in terms of policy and the budget. There was also a UCPD forum evening that Ms. McBride will moderate and the City Department will hold "Know Your Rights" on Monday, March 16, in 78 Barrows, from 7:00 to 8:00. On March 17, they'll have "Party Safe, Drink Safe," which Christine has been working on with the Tang Center and Karen Hughes, at Party Safe at Cal.

They'll work on the State level to educate students on the May 19 special election in the State. There will be propositions put on the ballot by the Governor and the Legislature. The office was working to get more information on this election. They weren't planning to do a lot of voter registration and will spend their resources and time on voter education.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said the presentation they'll do is called "The Economic Recovery Package and Higher Education," put together by the USSA.

The federal stimulus was passed a couple of weeks ago. She didn't think California's Treasurer knew how much the State will get. The Governor wrote into the State budget a trigger and a 10% cut to all public programs in California. If they reach the trigger, which was \$10 billion from the federal government, the State would actually again provide some of those services. But it looked like they'll get about \$7 billion.

The problem stemmed from an economic recession that's been hurting the US economy for almost two years. The US will lose the overall economic value of college degrees and their return on investment because students will be saddled with thousands of dollars of debt and had low job prospects.

A lot of people don't understand how they got to this situation. The next screen explained that, especially with the housing crisis. Banks issued loans to working people who couldn't afford them. Banks bundled and sold the loans to investors for profit. That was the secondary selling of loans that wouldn't be paid back. Homes foreclosed, which bankrupted banks. The government then tries to bail out banks, and banks stop issuing debt.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said Pres. Obama was working to fix the US economy, and Congress passed major economic recovery legislation, and will work on more, since the problem was obviously not fixed yet.

As to what students got in the federal stimulus package, the USSA has one full-time lobbyist in Washington every day and lobbied for higher education in the opportunity package. Students got an increased Pell Grant, which are grants for the lowest income students and don't need to be paid back. They also got an increase in Work Study opportunities, a federal program. There was also help to pay for tuition fees and books for Work Study and grants. There's also money for the UC System, around \$82 billion, with UC Berkeley to get the bulk of that money.

There is now also no loan limit, meaning students could go deeper in debt. The USSA had hoped to get a loan limit.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said the USSA has a plan to win relief for students in conjunction with other schools across the country. There is broad support for student relief on campuses, and they'll do a letter-writing campaign. They'll also in-district lobby visits to several US Senators and raps around Berkeley and the Bay Area.

Students and stakeholders in higher education had to make sure to keep politicians accountable for what they say. It's not enough to say "hope" and "change," but they need to see that in legislation and in action.

As to how this will benefit students, Ms. Jirachaikitti said she talked about Work Study and the Stabilization Fund, meaning money from the federal government to help stabilize the State and the UC System. Tax credits of \$2,500 would be available to each student to pay for essentials and go to school. The Pell Grants maximum will be increased by \$500. The eligibility has also been expanded, so 6 million more students will get Pell Grants.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said that as for how this will benefit students in California, the unemployment rate in December 2008 was 9.3%, one of the higher ones in the country. As to how much they'll actually get from the federal package in California, they have 744,236 Pell Grants recipients. So money from the federal stimulus will help Californians out a lot. She called for any questions, and said that if she couldn't answer them, they should contact Angela Peoples, the USSA Legislative Director, who is on the Hill lobbying for students.

Mr. Nahabet asked if having more Pell Grants meant each student will get less. Ms. Jirachaikitti said there's been an increase in the amount going to Pell Grants, and students will get the same amounts or more, depending on their backgrounds.

Mr. Owens asked who they were sending letters to. Ms. Jirachaikitti said should they could find that out.

Ms. Yang asked what the ASUC could do to get students on board for those who were interested. Ms. Jirachaikitti said it's hard to educate students on the campus, and that even applied to students in the office about national issues. This was the first time they were doing a Special Order, hoping that Senators will disseminate the information to their constituents. And she'll send out the letters that the USSA sends out. They could also join the mail list for the USSA and the UCSA.

Ms. Flores asked how UC Berkeley could be affected by the stimulus package. Ms. Jirachaikitti said she didn't have specific numbers, but she's heard that a lot of money was granted to the UC System from this package, and she believed Berkeley got the most. She could look for more information about that.

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

Elected Official Announcements (cont'd)

Ms. Dhar said that maybe they, as a Senate, and Execs, could get tickets for the Dalai Lama, and if there was no objection, she'd send an e-mail about that.

Mr. Mairena said he was in a wheelchair that day as part of "Day In the Life," which was part of Disability Awareness Week. He, the Chancellor, and Barbara Davis were all in wheelchairs for a day. It was really interesting for him, particularly because he works with the disabled community. He was disabled, but didn't have a disability that affected his mobility. So it was a very interesting experience. Just yesterday he sat on a panel about hidden disabilities, and it was very interesting going from talking about his hidden disability to experiencing another disability. They really do take a lot for granted, like being able to get up and not having to ask people to do things.

Mr. Mairena said he wanted to talk about how inaccessible Eshleman Hall and the MLK Union were. Being in a wheelchair put a lot of things into context for him. It was a big deal for him because one day he was going to be in a wheelchair because his disease is degenerative. That's why he focused the support he did with communities he identified with, and others. So he wanted to remind what it was like to be able to walk, and to appreciate that. It was an emotionally draining process of being stared out and people kind of getting out of your way, and trying to accommodate him, but also smiling at him, "Oh, look at this person."

Mr. Mairena said he talked to Sen. Cho about this earlier, and she said she was kind of hesitant to do it because she felt like she would be mocking the community. He did think about that concern, but since he was asked to do this and because of his involvement, he felt a lot more comfortable doing it. He hoped no one was insulted by him taking part in this event. It was a learning experience for him and others.

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

Reports from ASUC Representatives

Reporting as the ASUC Academic Opportunity Fund, Ms. Flores said the Academic Opportunity Fund Committee met. They had 20 applications. She and Sen. Zuo replenished AOF at \$15,000. Before they started allocating they had \$15,257, and after making allocations to 20 applicants, individuals and student organizations, they allocated \$3,525. They thought about how many more applications they'll get, including summer trips. They're definitely stricter with their guidelines. They get a lot of applications in comparison to other grants in the Academic Affairs office. They have around \$11,500 to allocate and hopefully they won't have to replenish the AOF again. She and Sen. Zuo will be more fiscally responsible and consider the opinions of grant directors.

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion for a two-minute recess. It was so moved and seconded and passed with no objection.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY -- ASUC/GA Revenue and Expense Sharing Agreement

Back in session, Mr. Daal said the GA would like to thank the Senate for allowing them to give the Special Order on the revenue sharing and expense sharing bills, and to give them an idea of what the GA was all about. Present with him that evening were some GA Officers. All GA Officers are elected, and the GA went through elections last week. They took a few minutes.

Mr. Daal introduced Brad Froehle, the GA's Technology Chair; Nish Rajan, the Budget Chair; Triffid Abel, the Campus Affairs Vice President; Zeli Rivas, the Project Coordinator Liaison; and Alberto Ortega, the External Affairs Vice President.

Mr. Rajan said he'd start with the GA budget, which was all about "flows." The entire budget was at ga.berkeley.edu. Like the ASUC, most of the GA's funding came from student fees, \$420,000, which was 85% of the GA's budget. They also have revenue from the Grad Division that sometimes targets specific projects or initiatives, such as for graduate student families, or researching graduate housing.

As for what the GA thinks is important, he would go through the points on the screen. Their first goal was advocacy, on all different levels. It could be interacting with the Administration on any level, most of which was done through their Executive Offices and committees. They also do targeted student support projects and underrepresented minority projects, targeting specific areas of campus the GA felt was underserved; and the GA devotes quite a sizable portion of its budget to that. They do direct funding of student groups, which was the closest thing to the ASUC's funding of student groups. They give travel grants to go to conferences and present and they have dues and agreements they pay, like the UCSA.

Mr. Rajan said a lot of the GA's budget was for overhead, the stuff they need to make all of this work.

Mr. Rajan said the next screen showed their expenses. Student funding was 26%, projects, 26%; Executive Offices, 16%; advocacy, dues and agreements, 10%; committees, 10%; the Business Office, 15%; IT and the Web is 6%. Most of the overhead of the Business Office was to support student funding.

The GA returns a lot of the money back to student groups. Not much money sticks around the GA and gets lost in the bureaucracy. They try hard to minimize the amount of money spent in simply disbursing money.

The next screen showed the Business Office budget. Payroll is 37%. It's like the ASUC's Student Affairs officers. Another big chunk goes to the front desk payroll, 25%. They're like people at the front desk on the fourth floor when people go to get their reimbursements. And a huge chunk goes to support funding.

Mr. Rajan said all of the overhead was mostly devoted to disbursing the money. They try to do that as efficiently as possible.

As for grants, Mr. Rajan said the major projects they have are all almost equally split. There's the Graduate Women's Project, the Graduate Minority Students Project, the Graduate Student Support Project, the Graduate Support Services Project. The projects receive 17%; Graduate Minority Outreach Recruitment and Retention, 14%; Women of Color Conference Initiative, 11%; Berkeley Graduate, the GA's graduate publication, 13%; and the Grad Social Club, 11%.

Ms. Raffi asked about the alcohol account, 2%. Mr. Rajan said that was mostly disbursed through Grad Social Club. The account is \$2,000, out of an operating revenue of \$580K. It's for wine-and-cheese receptions that the Graduate Women's Project has, or a beer-and-pizza study break that the Graduate Support Services Project has, etc.

Mr. Nahabet asked Mr. Daal about how many hours a week he spent doing GA business. Mr. Daal said last week it was about 40 hours. Typically it's about 20. Mr. Rajan said the model of having something like a wage per hour really didn't work for the GA. Most of them didn't want this job, and they all ran unopposed. They do it because they want to make grad student life better. GA positions had to be competitive with GSIs and GSRs. If they weren't paid, they'd get nobody to fill the positions. He hoped that answered that subtext of what he thought Mr. Nahabet's question was.

Mr. Nahabet said that 14% of the GA's budget went to stipends. Mr. Rajan said those stipends don't come with a fee remission.

Zeli Rivas introduced herself and said she was Project Coordinator Liaison. She was the Women of Color Conference Project Coordinator last year and this year. She links the Executive Board with the projects, which are about 30% of the GA budget. She makes sure the voice of projects was heard at Executive Board and Delegate meetings. The seven projects were listed on the board.

The Graduate Minority Students Project serves as an advocate, resource, and network for graduate students of color and assists students through a variety of services, publications, social gatherings, and workshops. The Women of Color Initiative was dedicated to addressing contemporary issues facing women of color. It runs the longest-running women of color conference in the nation, and this year was its 24th annual year. The Graduate Social Club facilitates social interaction between graduate students by organizing social events that bring together graduate students from diverse academic interests.

The Graduate Women's Project is devoted to the concerns of graduate women and offers a Women's Resource Guide as well as lecture, social mixers, and workshops. The Graduate Minority Outreach Recruitment and Retention Program helps grad minority students with a smooth transition into the academic and student communities. It works on Cal Day, for instance. The Graduate Support Services Project addresses common issues grads have, and gives workshops on, e.g., surviving oral exams, coping with isolation and depression, and financing grad school. It also advocates with departments regarding grades and residency status. The Berkeley Graduate is the GA's publication, which is out of print except for the summer, orientation guide. It's online, as a blog.

Ms. Rivas said they have 130 funded graduate student groups, including working groups, journals, departmental, community outreach, cultural-based group, and social clubs. Group must register with CLL and attend a funding orientation. Groups also need to have a GA Delegate sign off on the funding, to make sure all departments were represented at the Delegates meeting. Any change in dates or in purchases that weren't outlined must be approved by the Chair of the Funding Committee.

The GA has four types of funding. Graduate Events; Graduate Resources, for general operations; Grants, for student activism, diversity, community service, and educational improvement; and travel, which provides \$300 to present at a conference outside the Bay Area. They always get too many applications for travel, so awards are given through a lottery.

For Grad Events, the maximum award is \$1,000. The maximum for food is \$7 per grad and \$1 per other attendee. The maximum for Group Resources is \$500 per group per semester. All funded projects had to post their event, meeting, or project on the student calendar at Berkeley. Alcohol for student groups is not funded by the GA. Honoraria are limited to \$250 per speaker per event. Ms. Abel said all events had to be open to everybody. There are four areas of grants, \$1,500 per grant project with a limit of one grant per semester. Grants do not reimburse for food, beverage, or transportation. The Student Activism Grant was limited to \$200 and had to be relevant to the UCB campus.

Ms. Abel said she'd talk about what the GA had to offer and why they want to share revenue. The GA was interested in giving all students a bigger buy-in to support businesses on campus. They're seeking more commercial services. One idea was to have a coffee cart outside the GA. Regarding STIP, the Short-term Investment Pool, the Chancellor decided to take that income from all units due to the budget crisis, but Mr. Daal protested taking money for student organizations, and it will be something they'll discuss further with the Chancellor at their meeting with him that week. He seemed receptive. So the GA is interested in getting more revenue for all students.

Regarding the Bookstore, the Law School purchases its textbooks from Ned's, and if the GA had a bigger stake in the Bookstore, it would be in Boalt's interest to contract with the ASUC Bookstore.

As for what grad students need, Ms. Abel said they and undergrads have needs they'd like to see met on Lower Sproul. So they want to be involved in it. One thing that was more specific to graduate students was GSI meeting space, such as for creating exams or grading. Otherwise they could have surrounding students who might be interested in hearing the discussion. Space for this isn't provided by departments. Grads also have a greater need for childcare and family services, an issue that's brought up every year. A temporary childcare center would be fantastic. They'd also like an A/V room to practice for oral exams, dissertation defense, or job talks. Departmental student meetings now usually center at bars and are usually off-campus. Lastly, they need meeting space, which now happens at coffee shops. They'd love to have meetings on campus. Ms. Pasco said time for the Special Order had expired. A motion to extend by 15 minutes was made and seconded and passed with no objection.

Ms. Raffi said classrooms on campus could be rented out and were usually empty, and Dwinelle had great audio-visual equipment. Ms. Abel said that with the new insurance policy, the central campus reservation system had to be used, and reservations had to be done by a registered student group. There are rooms on campus, but they're not student-run. It's become more difficult to get a room. Ms. Raffi asked if GSIs could become a group and apply, rather than using commercial revenue for such a space. Ms. Abel said students were only a GSI for one semester, and not the next semester. Groups need signatories, and the people in a GSI "group" would be very transient. Ms. Rivas said there also had to be 48-hour notice to get a room. Mr. Rajan said this was something the campus should provide. Haas has lovely conference rooms, but they're always booked. This shouldn't be part of a commercial space, but there was a need.

Ms. Raffi asked if residual revenue was enough to create a new building to meet this need, while campus buildings had open rooms. Mr. Rajan said that if they went through enough trouble, grads could probably find a nook or cranny, and maybe wouldn't need the facilities they're talking about, but they would make their lives much better. Ms. Raffi asked if they were talking about one, two, or three spaces, or 20. Ms. Abel said they'd have to assess the need first. These are items grads give them feedback on perennially. Mr. Ortega said these were items they're reaching out for in the long term.

Mr. Froehle introduced himself and said they might know him as “Bradley Brad,” from the last election. He’ll talk about what the GA had to offer the ASUC in terms of a more mutual partnership in the future. Grads have institutional memory and leadership skills. The Lower Sproul redevelopment project was an example, and the GA has been working on that since 2006. The screen showed, off the top of their heads, things they've done and meetings they've attended. They give students a longer-term horizon in dealing with projects. They know what the verbal agreements are with the University. For instance, he was part of the interview process of architecture firms to do the master planning study. Mr. Daal said that money from the VCAC that funded planning for that year resulted in meeting with each of the six Vice Chancellors individually, convincing them to support money for planning.

Beyond institutional memory, grads provide leadership. Last spring students applied to The Green Initiative Fund for a sustainability workshop on Sproul. They're thinking how to have a referendum pass. They've met with Claire Holmes, of the Associate Vice Chancellor of University Communications about that. The result was a survey that went out last week, which has had over 5,000 responses, from grads and undergrads. They're getting ready to have focus groups. Ms. Pasco said time for the Special Order had expired. A motion to extend by 15 minutes was made and seconded and passed with no objection.

Mr. Rajan said that as to why the GA wanted to share revenues and expenses, it really wasn't about the money. He thought it was about the vision, and to be able to help shape Cal's future. They're just trying to set up the right incentives for future GAs to have the same stake. They want to make the GA a real stakeholder and a partner in advocating the agenda. Grads spend a lot of time on campus and are vested into seeing how the campus turned out.

Mr. Rajan said Lower Sproul was an enormous undertaking, a \$400 million project. It could reshape Cal. It could be part of their legacy, and they could stop pointing to the free speech photo on the wall and have another picture people could point to as something else students have done. But to do that, they need have unity and vision and take risks.

A lot of what student government did was to advocate. People in student government were in a privileged position, and knew more about this than many people they represent. And they use that knowledge in a way to make sure student interests were represented. They sit in endless meetings. Mr. Daal worked 40 hours in the last week, and probably 39 were talking to some Vice Chancellor or another. But they had to have face time, because otherwise students wouldn't be taken seriously.

Finally, this proposal was to help the ASUC make more money, and to make more money together. Grads would be able to help the Plaza grow faster and larger. They want to share costs as well as revenue and to be more aligned. They'd be stronger that way. Their Delegates will say that if they're not getting something out of this monetarily, it wasn't worth it. Mr. Rajan said that everybody wanted to shape Cal's vision, but to be honest, he should be at Haas working on his thesis. He's going to be there for six years, and he could have been there for four. It's not just because he loved Cal, but the GA gave him a lot of joy. He liked to be involved, and almost thought of it as community service. That's why it would be better for all of them if they went with that vision, which would involve revenue sharing with the GA.

Mr. Rajan said the ASUC could say that it didn't need the GA. He didn't have numbers, but the ASUC would have to go off from what they've seen the GA do that year. But they did know that the status quo wasn't working. If they want to actually lead, instead of saying they want to be like UCLA, or Maryland, they could have people point to them and say they wanted to be like Berkeley. Lots of decisions have

been made with the best of intentions that haven't panned out. One example off the top of his head was Gelateria Naia. He remembered three years ago when Oren Gabriel and the ASUC was really excited about it. Combined, the ASUC and the Graduate Assembly were stronger, smarter, more subtle, and sustainable.

Mr. Rajan said he'd talk about specifics. The residual income was good back in the day, but has been low. It's pretty volatile. Students want to grow that in a conscientious way. And it was needed to fund Lower Sproul. It's what they'd go to the Administration with to buy credibility for students' long-term vision.

He'll talk about what they think will work for the GA and the ASUC, and he'd present three sharing models. They got feedback on this and he'd try to incorporate as much as he could so they could talk about the pros and cons.

Mr. Rajan said sharing model #1 was for the ASUC to get \$274,000, what it had in 1992, he believed. It would be adjusted for inflation. If residual income exceeds the threshold, the GA would propose that the ASUC would get the maximum of the threshold, or two-thirds of the revenue. The GA would get the remainder of the total. This has a nice one-third, two-thirds sharing percentage for the long term. They'd be invested proportionately in student government.

The next screen showed they'd grow up to \$274,000, and then stabilize at that point for a while. If the residual was less than \$274K, the GA would get nothing and the ASUC would get it all. There would be a flat period, after which when that flat period is exceeded at about \$411,000 or so, they'd start to split it one-third/two-thirds. Lower Sproul redevelopment was supposed to increase commercial revenue from \$2.5 million to \$3.75 million. This might seem a little daunting, and it's a lot to go from no percentage to one-third/two-thirds. It's a lot to process but it would provide the right incentives.

Sharing model #2 was asymptotic. The threshold is the same, at \$274K, but revenue past the threshold is 33%/66%. There's no flat portion. It's better in some sense. It was safer and was less volatile for the ASUC. At \$1 million, they're still equally proportionate, but it's not perfect. The GA proportion of the residual would go up, but even at \$1 million, it wouldn't get much higher than 25%. They'd be one-quarter stakeholders, and he asked how that could not but affect future GAs.

Finally, model #3, was patronage share, where the GA would get as much as grad students patronize Lower Sproul. If they get grads to go to the Bear's Lair as much as possible, and the revenue went up to 50%, the GA and the ASUC would actually be competing with each other rather than complimenting each other. It had some perverse incentives. This model would also allow the GA to not share expenses when expenses are high and returns are low. And in some years, they'd have to pay more in expenses than what they'd get in revenue. And the GA budget was as tight as it will be.

Mr. Rajan said there's another model, the adjusted asymptotic model. The proportions were modified to 25% and 75%. They could say that the ASUC serves more student groups than the GA. There would be a larger threshold before they'd share income, \$308,000. But it would be backwards looking. It doesn't incentivize how they want things to be in the future. That wasn't a big problem, and the GA could work with it. And it would be renegotiated in two to five years. At a \$1 million, the GA would only get 18% of the total. It was a little suboptimalized.

Mr. Daal said the sharing model was much easier for expenses. As soon as they'd start to share revenue, they also share the expense of Auxiliary operations. So revenue sharing meant sharing expenses of the Auxiliary, since everything after expenses was residual. There are some goods and service that aren't covered by the Auxiliary that are of mutual benefit to the GA and the ASUC. Those include the elections, the Auxiliary services in Anthony Hall, the attorney fees, the pay to the Legal Defense Fund, and the audit. That's an expense-sharing total of something like \$150,000. The underlying deal for expense sharing in all of these models was that they share the expenses in the same proportion. If they receive 25% of revenues, they propose sharing 25% of the expenses. He called for any questions. Ms. Pasco said the time for the Special Order had expired. A motion to extend by ten minutes was made and seconded and passed with no objection.

Ms. Shah asked if this would also share ownership. Mr. Daal said that in talking with Ms. Pasco, they didn't feel that sharing of expenses inevitably led to sharing of ownership. The Cal Lodge was an example, and it was the ASUC's. The GA didn't want to be perceived as taking a stake in that.

Ms. Shah asked what operations they'd jointly own. Mr. Daal said it was the same things they jointly had, such as with the ASUC lawyer. If the GA was sued, the ASUC lawyer would defend the GA, but in the current model of no sharing, the GA wouldn't pay for that.

Mr. Zuo asked about his opposition to division by patronage. Mr. Rajan said the foundational assumption they're coming from on this, the long-term perspective for them, is to justify the work they're going to do in the next few years for Lower Sproul. And they'd get a certain return on investment for that effort. A patronage model was tricky in that if they look at the long-term perspective of how they want Lower Sproul to be, they could set up Lower Sproul to be mostly patronized by grad students and just put bars there. That wouldn't align GA/ASUC incentives and puts them in conflict. If the ASUC made Lower Sproul mostly patronized by undergrads, the ASUC would get most of the revenue. What the GA was trying to do was to align the incentives and not go head to head. He didn't think that would be worth the GA's time. They're trying to make do with a little amount of money and they'll have to invest a lot of time making the Lower Sproul vision reflect what's great about Cal.

Ms. Raffi asked what the ultimate goal was for shared revenue. Mr. Rajan said he thought the GA would agree with him that what they're trying to do was really solidify long-term planning. A lot of work was coming up. For the referendum to go through next year, it will take all of them to get it done. They don't have a funding model for it. It can't all come from student fees. And they have to be able to justify those student fees. The RSF was built out of student fees, but it provides a service that was clear to everybody. He didn't know how easy it would be to justify re-doing Lower Sproul. They're thinking of this from the perspective of it having a positive return on investment, and getting a lot more back than the \$400 million they put into it. That would be from commercial revenue. The GA, without profit sharing, would have no avenue into commercial revenue. Mr. Ortega said a lot of work will need to happen to make Lower Sproul successful and will require all students working together. Without everybody's mutual alignment to make it succeed, there's no way it will happen. The GA needed to know that grad students will receive benefit from it. If there's no incentive, the question was why the GA should work on it any more.

Ms. Raffi asked if the goal was to have a secure base of funding or control over funding the GA already had. Mr. Rajan said it wasn't about the funding they have, but about getting more.

Ms. Raffi asked if the benefit of more money would be having more money or having autonomy from the ASUC. Mr. Froehle said that in their last round of funding applications, they received almost twice as

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many grant requests as could be funded. There was a huge unmet need to fund grad groups. The GA's budget has shrunk in the past five to seven years, since the implementation of return to financial aid. This was really about the GA better serving its constituency. Ms. Rivas said they had to cut grant requests by 52% for this past round. Last year, EWOC cost \$30-40,000 to put on. The GA's operating budget for it was \$13,000. To make that \$40,000 budget, they fundraised like crazy.

Ms. Abel said they were out of time for the Special Order so they would like to invite Senators to Friday at Anthony Hall at 3:30. They'll talk about this, and everyone was invited. Ms. Pasco said the time for the Special Order had expired. Mr. Daal said he would like to thank the Senate for having them.

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

Guest Announcements (cont'd)

Ms. Cho moved to go to Guest Announcements. The motion was seconded by Ms. Flores and passed with no objection.

Ms. Pasco said the next Guest Announcements was from Leticia Flores. Ms. L. Flores said she was there representing UC employees and union and non-union workers as well as the undergraduate Chicano population. She wanted clarification on renovations happening in a year. It was imperative for the preservation of ethnic identity, racial and inter-racial relationships that they maintain the availability of Lower Sproul to all students. She didn't appreciate being shut up in the Senate Chamber. It was unruly how Senators and the Chair regulate guest announcements and discussion. She felt betrayed, belittled, and demeaned. She was on the campus in 2002 when they had step shows by fraternities in African-American communities. They just have one now, in August, and there used to be four a semester. They also used to have the Bearcade, a bowling alley and arcade, where people would engage. Everybody is stuck behind their cubicle, computer, or phone. The technological era has displaced all tradition. She works her ass off in the Ethnic Studies Library, publications, to preserve Ethnic Studies from Indus, PASS, and Raza. When they mention growing in empowerment in the community, they want to separate them and throw them back on a street corner, with a .38 in their hands.

Mr. Mairena moved to go to Immediate Consideration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

The following Resolution, SB 108, as amended in committee, was authored by Rahul Patel, Nicole Louie and Jonathan Gaurano, and was co-sponsored by EVP Pasco, Ms. Flores, Ms. Hussain, Mr. Mairena, Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Sakaue, and Ms. Cho:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND TITLE XXII OF THE BY-LAWS AND REQUEST FUNDING FOR THE PERSPECTIVES SERIES

WHEREAS, the title of Title XXII in the By-laws is “From All Perspectives Show”; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the “From All Perspectives Show” as listed by Title XXII, Article 1.1 of the By-laws states, “The From All Perspectives Show is a showcase of cultural, a capella, and performance groups from all aspects of the campus”; and

WHEREAS, the listed Title XXII, Article 2.2 of the By-laws states, “The ASUC President shall be responsible for appointing a From All Perspectives Show Director by the fourth regularly scheduled Senate meeting of the Fall Semester. The From All Perspectives Show Director shall then be confirmed by two-thirds of the ASUC Senate. The From All Perspectives Show Director shall be appointed annually. The From All Perspectives Show Director shall:

1. Form a committee in charge of raising funds, organizing performers, and keeping contact with the Cal Performances Director.
2. Reserve Zellerbach Auditorium or another viable venue, during the summer, before the start of the Fall Semester.
3. Make monthly reports at regularly scheduled Senate meetings during the Spring Semester.
4. Apply for a From All Perspectives Show line item in the spring budget at the end of each Spring Semester.”; and

WHEREAS, “Perspectives” is a series of events created to promote cross-cultural dialogue and to further explore the idea of multiculturalism; and

WHEREAS the theme of the series is, “Beneath the Surface, promoting a more critical view of the generally surface level analysis of culture; and

WHEREAS, the first event, which took place in 60 Evans at 6:30p on March 4, 2009, was the “Open Mic, Open Minds” space -- an open mic event for people to tell their own stories and present a completely authentic representation of themselves; and

WHEREAS, the second event, at the Multicultural Center (Heller Lounge) at 8:00 p.m. on March 19, 2009, will be “Unraveling Multiculturalism: an Interactive Panel on Diversity”, allowing for conversation on the crucial topics of understanding, multiculturalism and access, while addressing the importance of the Multicultural Center, and including student and staff panelists; and

WHEREAS, the third event, on April 1, 2009, with time and location TBA, will be, “Deeper Shades, Community Art” which will allow for creative collaboration around the theme “Beneath the Surface”, and will promote cooperation through united artistic expression; and

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WHEREAS, the final showcase, on April 10, 2009 at 7 p.m. (tentative) in Wheeler Hall, will be a space where student group performers can engage with an audience on a level of connection and knowledge, allowing both to feel empowered and ready to dialogue; and

WHEREAS, the budget of Perspectives 2009 is as follows: spring budgeting, 1,878; total resources, \$5,878; total needed, \$1,372;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the title of Title XXII of the By-laws be changed to “Perspectives.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all portions of the existing title with the words “From All Perspectives Show” be changed to “Perspectives” so that the title reads “Perspectives.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Title XXII, Article 1.1 encompassing the goals of “Perspectives” is changed to, “A showcase designed to engage in critical thought about multiculturalism and promote cross-cultural dialogue and understanding on campus.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Title XXII, Article 2.2 discussing appointment be changed to, “The ASUC President shall be responsible for appointing a Perspectives Director(s) by the fourth regularly scheduled Senate meeting of the Fall Semester. The Perspectives Director(s) shall then be confirmed by two-thirds of the ASUC Senate. The Perspectives Director(s) shall be appointed annually. The Perspectives Director(s) shall:

1. Form a committee in charge of raising funds, organizing performers, and keeping contact with the Cal Performances Director.
2. Reserve Zellerbach Auditorium or another viable venue either during the summer or during the Fall Semester.
3. Make monthly reports at regularly scheduled Senate meetings during the Spring Semester.
4. Apply for a Perspectives line item in the spring budget at the end of each Spring Semester.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$1,500 from the ASUC contingency fund for Perspectives.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC utilize the Daily Cal weekly ad and the ASUC Web site to advertise for the events, specifically the final Perspectives showcase, beginning two weeks in advance of the event.

Rahul Patel said the bill amends the By-laws and requests funding for a series of events. It would change the name of the show “From All Perspectives” to “Perspectives.” There's no possible way all

perspectives could be represented at any such event. They felt “Perspectives” was a very strong and loaded word. They also amended the By-laws to include the possibility of having Co-Directors. They also changed the goal of the series, making it broader, but focused in a different direction as they were doing that year in terms of allowing space for dialogue and to create cross-cultural understanding on the campus.

Ms. Dhar moved to recess for two minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yang and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Mr. Mairena said he believed the concern was renaming the show to “Perspectives.” As a Nicaraguan who didn't even have a student group on the campus that related to Nicaraguan culture, his perspective wasn't shown in this showcase. Not all perspectives were being shown. And as a queer person, that wasn't being shown either. A lot of different cultures were excluded, and have been in the past. The name “From All Perspectives” was presumptuous.

Ms. Dhar said she would like to consider the funding and the By-law amendment separately. She moved to remove the first four Resolved Clauses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens.

A roll call vote was requested and was seconded by Mr. Owens:

Roll call was taken on the motion to amend SB 108A, to remove the first four Resolved Clauses:

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

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

The motion to approve Ms. Dhar's amendment failed 6-8-6. Voting comments were heard.

Ms. Chen said amendments to the By-laws would not affect this year's show. Ms. Hussain said it would affect the name of the show.

Mr. Sakaue said they had to allow the show to proceed that year. The By-laws apply to a show and were made years ago, and the show should reflect current situations.

Ms. Cho said changes were not limiting and were just shifts.

Mr. Owens said he was in favor of a financial allocation and thought they should consider the allocation and the By-law amendment one at a time.

Ms. Dhar said the By-laws say it's a showcase of cultural groups from all aspects of campus. It wasn't definitively a multicultural show, but a campus show. Any director could interpret that as they wanted to. That was the beauty of the current By-laws, and she didn't want that specified any further.

Ms. Ude said it was inherently problematic to call it "From All Perspectives." Ms. Dhar said she was willing to entertain a change to the name, but was against amending the goals.

Mr. Mairena said there were concerns he agreed with to a degree about this coming out of the ASUC and not student groups. He suggested changing the title of the By-law to "The ASUC Multicultural Showcase," e.g., with the title of the show to be determined every year by the director.

Ms. Dhar said "multicultural" was very ambiguous, and it should be a campus show.

Ms. Dhar moved to amend the bill, by deleting the third Resolved Clause. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chen. The motion to amend failed by hand-vote 4-5-5.

Ms. Cho asked for a straw poll of people willing to remove the third Resolved Clause and work on it in committee. The request was seconded by Ms. Dhar.

Ms. Hussain said they discussed that in Con-Review.

A straw poll was taken on removing the third Resolved Clause and working on it in committee. Ms. Pasco said the result was 6-7-1 and such a motion would fail.

Mr. Patel said considering the show a campus showcase was very limiting in how they define culture. There wasn't a strict, textbook definition of "culture" in the By-laws, and the show that year was using a broad definition.

Mr. Mairena said the discussion in Con-Review was that people felt more comfortable talking about this on the floor so Mr. Patel could talk on it. He and Nicole Louie, the two Co-Directors, were present to talk about it, and now people were trying to send it back to committee.

Ms. Dhar said she wanted to divide the bill was because she didn't want it to fail. She supported the program and wanted to approve the allocation, but was uncomfortable with part of the By-law amendment. She'd like to consider in Con-Review.

Ms. Hussain said they should figure this out on the floor and give it to committee as a new bill, and shouldn't prolong this.

Mr. Mairena said they talked about Article 1.1, and thought the wording was fine. Con-Review worked on that clause together and had a pretty long discussion.

Ms. Dhar said "critical thought" about multiculturalism wasn't in the original By-laws. "Multiculturalism" was a fluid concept that should be determined by the show's directors. It didn't have to be a multicultural show, and could be a campus show. "Multicultural" was a fluid term and could be misinterpreted, and having it in the By-laws was unnecessary.

Ms. Flores asked if Directors of the show were at the Con-Review meeting to come up with that language. Mr. Mairena said they weren't.

Ms. Ude said "multiculturalism" being fluid was beneficial and would give directors the flexibility to interpret it as they wanted.

Mr. Owens said they didn't think they needed to put everything in the title and could let the directors make that judgment.

Ms. Yang asked what word would replace "multiculturalism." Ms. Dhar said that a "showcase of cultural, a capella, and performance groups" would include multicultural performances and other performances that didn't identify necessarily self-identify as "multicultural." She thought the wording in the amended version was fine.

Ms. Flores moved to recess for five minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed by hand-vote 12-2-3. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to recess until the discretion of the Chair. It was so moved and seconded and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Ms. Cho moved to amend the third Resolved Clause to read as follows:

"Further Resolved, that Title XXII, Article 1.1 encompassing the goals of "Perspectives" is changed to,
"A showcase of cultural and performance groups from diverse aspects of the campus to promote campus-wide dialogue, understanding, and unity."

The motion to amend was seconded by Mr. Mairena.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE THIRD RESOLVED CLAUSE PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

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

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 108, AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE AND ON THE FLOOR, PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 14-0-2, RESOLUTION TO AMEND TITLE XXII OF THE BY-LAWS AND REQUEST FUNDING FOR THE PERSPECTIVES SERIES.

The following Resolution, SB 121, as amended in committee, was authored by Ms. Raffi and was co-sponsored by Ms. Cho, Mr. Nahabet, and Mr. Owens:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the ballot for THE 2009 ASUC Elections be amended to include the following proposition:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION (cont'd)

It is hereby proposed that Article II Section 7A and Article III Section 3B of the ASUC Constitution be amended to reflect the following changes:

7A. Any executive officer of the ASUC may be subject to recall by presentation to the Senate of a petition signed by at least ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ *twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of votes in the regular ASUC election of the previous academic year...*

3B. Any Senator may be subject to recall by presentation to the Senate of a petition signed by at least ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ *twenty percent (20%) of the total number of votes in the regular ASUC election of the previous academic year...*

Should this amendment be made to the ASUC Constitution?

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Should this amendment be made to the ASUC Constitution?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ballot for 2009 ASUC Elections be amended to include the following proposition:

It is hereby proposed that Article III, Section 7A and Article XIII, Section 1A of the ASUC Constitution be amended to reflect the following changes:

7A. Upon the presentation to the Senate of a petition signed by at least one thousand (1,000) ten percent (10%) of the student body, or by a majority vote of the entire Senate, any questions may be submitted to a vote of the students of University of California at Berkeley. The voting date(s) shall be set in accordance with Article VII.

1A. An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed by either a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Senate, or by a petition signed by at least one thousand (1,000)

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ten percent (10%) of the student body and presented to the Senate, which shall then call a vote in accordance with Article VII.

Should this amendment be made to the ASUC Constitution?

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ballot for 2009 ASUC Elections be amended to include the following proposition:

It is hereby proposed that “Article XIII– ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY” be amended to reflect the following changes, in order to fix unintentional typos:

ARTICLE ~~XIII~~ VIII – ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Should this amendment be made to the ASUC Constitution?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ballot for 2009 ASUC Elections be amended to include the following proposition;

It is hereby proposed that Article X Section 2 of the ASUC Constitution be amended to reflect the following changes, in order to fix unintentional errors:

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Senate shall be necessary to ratify, modify, or suspend portions of the By-Laws. All such actions shall be considered main motions for purposes of Article ~~VIII~~ IX. The By-Laws may contain provisions prohibiting the suspension of specific portions of the By-Laws.

Should this amendment be made to the ASUC Constitution?

Mr. Mairena said they made a lot of amendments to the bill. It initially called for signatures of 35% of the prior year’s voter turnout to initiate a recall. Assuming a regular election has 10,000 voters, in order to recall an elected official 3,500 signatures would be needed. Con-Review thought that would be way too difficult. They wanted a larger turnout than for the last recall, but they thought it should still be a process that was accessible, and 3,500 signatures to recall a Senator was too much. So they changed it to 25% for Executive Officers and 20% for Senators.

Executive Officers represent more of the campus community in the sense that they're voted on by a larger population than Senators. Executives in the past have been elected by about 3,500 voters, while Senators were in the 400 range. They thought five times that amount was way too much to get a Senator recalled.

Mr. Owens said he still thought 20%/25% was a little low and would prefer 30%/25%.

Mr. Mairena said there were other amendments made. The third Resolved Clause changed the petition for signatures to put something on the ballot for a special election. It was 35% of the entire student body, almost 9,000 signatures. They changed that to 10%, about 3,500 signatures, for 7A and IA.

Mr. Mairena said some people mentioned having a combination of 30%/25%. He thought they should vote between that and 25%/20%.

Ms. Oatfield said that if there were no motions to change this specific section, they should move on to some other sections. She had a proposal to add an amendment. She asked for a straw poll on the recall percentages in II.7.A and III.3.B.

A straw poll was taken on people who felt comfortable with the bill as amended in Con-Review. The request was seconded by Mr. Owens. Ms. Pasco said the result was 12-3-0 and the bill would fail.

Mr. Mairena asked for a straw poll on changing the percentages to 30%/25% to recall Executives and Senators. The request was seconded by Mr. Owens. Ms. Pasco said the result was 3-5-7 and it would fail.

Ms. Hussain said 30%/25% was too high of a burden. Getting signatures for 20% of the vote wouldn't be a fluke, and maybe 25% for Execs was sufficient.

Mr. Owens said they should split the difference and moved to require 22.5% for Senators and 27.5% for Execs. He asked to rescind the motion.

Mr. Mairena said he wanted it to be a democratic process for students to be able to remove someone from office. He thought 3,000 signatures was too much. It was just a 500 person difference, but that could change a lot. They want a low threshold, but a number that would ensure that people turn out, so student fees aren't wasted.

Mr. Zuo said he thought there should be a significant barrier. The original requirement for 1,000 signatures was set before there were social networks. A recall should be for egregious actions. He thought 3,000 signatures was pretty easy to get through listservs.

Ms. Flores said they should be talking about thresholds rather than barriers. Increasing the number would deter student participation.

Ms. Hussain said she thought maybe half the student body cared about the ASUC, and even if an elected official did something egregious, half wouldn't care. She thought 20%/25% for Senators and Officers was sufficient.

Ms. Raffi said they were elected by proportional representation, so a relatively small percentage of votes got them elected. They were still dealing with students' money paying for a recall, so a significant portion should be needed to recall a voice that was elected by a minority vote. It wasn't supposed to be easy to recall someone. The standards for a recall petition for Senators and Execs needed to be the same, if not requiring more signatures to have a recall election for a Senator. Senators get a smaller vote, so it should take more to get them recalled.

Ms. Oatfield said she had enough faith in their student body that even if it was easy to recall someone from office, that wouldn't happen unless people had really good reasons. As an independent, she didn't feel threatened.

Ms. Raffi said this was about \$25,000 being spent, if 1,000 people sign a petition. A Senator might have done everything right and retain their seat, but a relatively small number of people from the entire voting body can mandate that expense. The recent recall got over 1,000 signatures in two days. To get 2,500 would be very attainable given how people were hooked in. If they spend that amount on a recall, there should be a good reason for it.

Mr. Owens said the Senate needed to be conscious of the financial obligation they were talking about. He thought independent Senators were more vulnerable to what happened to Mr. Moghtader than someone in a major party. That needed to be addressed, and the way to do that was to push the number above 2,000.

Mr. Mairena said that the number of signatures required would be a percentage. If 20,000 people voted, they'd need 20-25% to sign a petition. The discussion assumed a turnout of 10,000, but that could change.

Ms. Yang requested a straw poll for 30% and 25%. The request was seconded by Mr. Owens. After a straw poll was taken, Ms. Pasco said the result was 7-2-5, and the amendment would pass, although not necessarily the bill.

Ms. Raffi said she thought it should be harder for a Senator to be recalled and that the numbers shouldn't be unbalanced between Senators and Execs.

Ms. Oatfield said she was tired of hearing people whine about how expensive a recall election was, and said democracy was priceless. She sent out an amendment that would change the Constitution so physical polling stations would no longer be mandated.

The question was called and debate closed on the amendment for 25%/30%. The motion to end debate failed by hand-vote 2-3-9.

Mr. Mairena moved to amend the bill to have 30% for Executive Officers and 25% for Senators. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens.

Ms. Raffi said democracy did have a price. It could take all their money to hold elections, leaving no money left to allocate to her student groups. And she'd ask why they'd take away visible polling locations. If they want to be democratic, that was a huge contradiction.

Mr. Owens said they should talk numbers and get things going.

Mr. Sakaue asked for a straw poll on having two separate proposals on the ballot, such as 20%/25%, and 25%/30% on the ballot as separate yes/no questions. The request was seconded by Mr. Owens. After a straw poll was taken, Ms. Pasco said the result was 8-5-1, and such an amendment would pass.

Ms. Chen said they all agree there had to be some kind of change, because the Constitution was outdated. If they had two or three choices, there was more of a chance people would support one or the other. She wanted all of them in the Senate to support one reform, and make that change happen. If they have too many choices, it wouldn't happen.

Ms. Raffi asked why they'd need a lower threshold for Senators than for Executives. Mr. Mairena said a lot more votes were required to elect an Executive, so more signatures should be needed to overturn their election.

Mr. Owens asked for a straw poll on how many Senators supported the concept of having Executives requiring more signatures on a recall petition than for Senators. The request was seconded by Mr. Mairena. After a straw poll was taken, Ms. Pasco said the result was 12-1-3, and an amendment to have more signatures needed for an Executive than a Senator would pass.

Ms. Chen said a lot of her friends don't know the name of an Executive Officer, but knew the name of at least one Senator. A lot of people knew who the President is, so maybe that office should be different than others.

Mr. Owens moved to recess until the discretion of the Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hussain and passed by hand-vote 11-3-0. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Mr. Owens moved to require 30% for Executives and 25% for Senators. The motion to amend was second by Ms. Yang. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 14-1-1.

Ms. Cho moved to amend the first Resolved Clause, to amend Article II Section 7A and Article III Section 3B of the ASUC Constitution as follows:

“7A. Any executive officer of the ASUC may be subject to recall by presentation to the Senate of a petition signed by the greater number between 2500 total votes and thirty percent (30%) of the total number of votes in the regular ASUC election of the previous academic year....”

“3B. Any Senator may be subject to recall by presentation to the Senate of a petition signed by the greater number between 2500 total votes and twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of votes in the regular ASUC election of the previous academic year....”

The motion to amend was seconded by Ms. Yang.

Ms. Hussain moved to recess for three minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ude and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, a motion to recess until the discretion of the Chair was made and was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Ms. Oatfield she was proposing an amendment to remove the strict requirement for physical polling stations and would change that to have multiple, visible polling locations and would refer to the By-laws for specific guidelines. The motion to amend was seconded by Mr. Mairena.

Begin Ms. Oatfield's amendment

Be It Further Resolved, that the ballot for 2009 ASUC Elections be amended to include the following proposition:

It is hereby proposed that Article VII, Section 5: Voting, part C of the ASUC Constitution be amended to reflect the following changes:

 Ms. Oatfield's amendment (cont'd)

€ The Elections Council, or successor agency, shall provide for the placement and operation of polling places *at multiple on-campus locations and refer to the elections by-laws for specific requirements for polling location hours of operation.* ~~at the dining commons, or no more than fifty feet away from the perimeter if a polling place absolutely cannot be installed, of each of the residence hall units owned or managed by the University, including the International House, and excluding, except as provided in the By-Laws, family apartment complexes.~~ These polling places shall be open at a minimum from ten minutes before the opening of the dinner period for each dining facility through thirty minutes after the end of the serving time for the dinner period. Any student may vote at any one of these polling places.

Should this amendment be made to the ASUC Constitution?

End Ms. Oatfield's amendment

Mr. Mairena requested a straw poll on the amendment. The request was seconded by Mr. Owens. After a straw poll was taken on Ms. Oatfield's amendment, Ms. Pasco said the result was 5-5-4, and the amendment would fail.

Mr. Mairena said he supported putting this on the ballot and allowing the students to make the decision on the polls. There would still be polling locations, but they wouldn't be mandated by the Constitution.

Ms. Hussain said there was a reason polling locations were in the Constitution. If the By-laws mandate the location of polls, only 14 Senators would be needed to amend that. There could be Senators from a certain party or interest who might want to put polls at particular locations. And that wouldn't be the decision of the Elections Council. Such a change would be much less democratic. At the same time, they need to fix this process. But there was a reason the process was in the Constitution.

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

The motion to approve Ms. Oatfield's amendment failed by hand-vote 1-5-7.

Mr. Sakaue asked what people thought about having polling places at major access points to the campus instead of in res halls, which have lower turnout than Moffitt or MLK.

Ms. Oatfield said were students hang out, and what the most strategic polling locations were, could change over time. So she didn't think locations should be specified in the Constitution. A two-thirds vote was required to amend the By-laws. She didn't think future Senates would change locations on a whim.

Mr. Sakaue said he would propose including the polling stations in the next election that had the fifth, sixth, or seventh highest turnout.

Ms. Raffi said they had to be careful with being arbitrary with the number of polling locations. They don't just serve for voting, but as publicity tools. With fewer locations, the elections would have less visibility and could decrease the number of votes.

Mr. Nahabet moved to table SB 121A. He asked to rescind the motion.

Ms. Oatfield said that she and Mr. Zuo met with RSSP, which has a ten-year plan for possible new housing units or res halls that don't have a dining hall. She didn't think the level of specificity of polling locations in the Constitution was appropriate for such a permanent document.

Ms. Yang said she thought Ms. Hussain had a good point about certain factions of the Senate dictating polling locations.

Ms. Cho asked for a straw poll of people who wanted to leave the clause as it was. The request was seconded. A straw poll was taken. Ms. Pasco said the result was 8-6-0, and the motion would pass.

Ms. Oatfield asked for a straw poll of people who wanted to keep the Constitution as it was in terms of physical polling locations. A straw poll was taken. Ms. Pasco said three people didn't want to change it.

A straw poll was requested of people who wanted to change the Constitution to have polling locations be vaguer. Ms. Pasco said there were five yes votes.

Mr. Mairena asked for a straw poll of Ms. Oatfield's amendment. After a straw poll was taken, Ms. Pasco said the vote was 8-2-2, and the amendment would pass.

A motion to recess until the discretion of the Chair was made and was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, the question was called on Ms. Oatfield's amendment. THE MOTION TO APPROVE MS. OATFIELD'S AMENDMENT PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 12-5-1.

Mr. Sakaue asked for a straw poll on whether people supported the bill as amended. After a straw poll was taken, Ms. Pasco said the result was 13-4-1, and the bill would fail.

Ms. Cho said the problem she had was that it would put all the changes to elections in the By-laws, which was problematic. The election process should be autonomous from the Senate itself and not subject to a By-law amendment.

Ms. Hussain said she didn't think they should disenfranchise the res hall and she would be worried about where physical polling locations would be placed on campus, since that could influence one constituency or another.

Mr. Sakaue said they're not only modifying polls at the res halls, but amending the Constitution that mandates having on-campus locations. Previously, the Constitution just mandated locations at res halls.

Ms. Chen moved to recess for 16 hours. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cho and failed by hand-vote 2-9-1.

Mr. Mairena said that voting the bill down wouldn't give students an option on deciding on this question.

Ms. Chen said they should give students an option, but it should be with a direction, and she didn't agree with the amendment.

Ms. Cho said Ms. Oatfield's amendment called for polling places at multiple on-campus locations, referring to the By-laws for specifics. Another suggestion that was made was to operate polls based on the precedent of previous voter turnout. The only change was to have polls based on past voter turnout, and asked how people felt about that.

Ms. Chen said they only had information from the past year. She asked Ms. Liedblad for information from the year before, and she didn't have it. And things were subject to change from year to year.

Ms. Hussain said the proposed changes would affect this year's election, so next year they'd have information from two years.

Ms. Raffi said that once a polling location was dropped, it would never be reinstated.

Mr. Mairena asked for a straw poll on Ms. Cho's amendment. A straw poll was taken. Ms. Pasco said the result was 11-2-1 and the amendment would pass.

Mr. Mairena moved to adopt Ms. Cho's amendment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Oatfield. The amendment would read as follows:

Begin Ms. Cho's amendment

7A. Any executive officer of the ASUC may be subject to recall by presentation to the Senate of a petition signed by at least ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ *twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of votes in the regular ASUC election of the previous academic year, or 2,000 votes whichever is higher....*

3B. Any Senator may be subject to recall by presentation to the Senate of a petition signed by at least ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ *twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of votes in the regular ASUC election of the previous academic year, or 2,000 votes whichever is higher....*

Mr. Sakaue moved to amend Mr. Mairena's amendment to SB 121A. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yang. The amendment would read as follows:

Begin Mr. Sakaue's amendment

"Further Resolved, that the ballot for 2009 ASUC Elections be amended to include the following proposition:

It is hereby proposed that Article VII, Section 5: Voting, part C of the ASUC Constitution be amended to reflect the following changes:

The Elections Council, or successor agency, shall provide for the placement and operation of polling places at multiple on-campus locations *and residence areas*, and refer to the elections By-laws for specific requirements for polling location and hours of operation.

End Mr. Sakaue's amendment

THE MOTION TO APPROVE MR. SAKAUE'S AMENDMENT TO MR. MAIRENA'S AMENDMENT PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

Mr. Sakaue moved to call the question on Mr. Mairena's amendment, as amended. The motion to end debate passed by hand-vote 12-2-0.

Roll call was taken on the motion to approve SB 121, as amended in committee and on the floor:

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

Mr. Sakaue moved to go to Executive Officer reports. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

Report from the Executive Vice President

Ms. Pasco said the Chancellor's dinner is on Tuesday, March 31, the Tuesday after Spring Break, from 6:00 to 8:00, at the University house. She thought they might meet in the Senate Chamber at 5:30 and walk over there together. But they all don't have to do that and they could meet there. The attire is business casual, and she would ask people to RSVP by next Friday. This a traditional dinner they have with the Chancellor. Executives, Senators, appointed officials, J-Council members are invited, and chiefs-of-staff. She would ask them to please get back to her.

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

Report from the Academic Affairs Vice President

Mr. De la Cruz submitted the following:

Begin written report from the Academic Affairs Vice President

I would first apologies for not going to the senate meeting to do my Executive Officer Report, I have a couple of midterms and papers that I have to study for. I would just like to take this time to highlight some programming coming out of the AAVP Office during these coming weeks.

Major Madness Week took place last week, from March 2 – 5th. Through this program, we hope to expose undergraduate students to the variety of majors and opportunities available to them. The week included programs such as "Dinner with a Professor." These dinners offer a great way of interacting with professors on a small intimate basis. Over seventy students attended the dinners which were held in Clark Kerr. The week also included panels such as ‘Money, Politics, and Policy,’ ‘People, cultures, and more,’ and ‘Major =/= Career.’

Bears Breaking Boundaries We are continuing to advertise to all students and student groups through posters, flyers, campus wide e-mails and class room announcements. We are also currently looking for student judges to help judge the ‘circular innovation’ competition. If you or anyone else is interested in being a student judge, please contact me. The deadline for the first competition for BBB is March 23rd, and the last deadline will be March 31st. Please check out the website for more info.
http://contest.berkeley.edu/main_pages/1

Undergraduate Graduate Mentorship Program Last week our undergraduate student shadowed their graduate mentors for an entire day, experiencing the entire day of a graduate student. This week those shadow days were presented and shared with the De-Cal class. Next week we are inviting people from administration of grad students.

Re-Search De-Cal This week the decal heard a presentation from Professor Harland who does research in genetics & development in the Molecular Cell Biology Department.

American Cultures Collaboration This year marks the 40th Anniversary of not only the third world Liberation Front, but the American Cultures Requirement is turning 20. The AAVP office was instrumental in bringing about the AC requirement, and this year the AAVP office is excited to be working in collaboration with the American Cultures Center under the direction of Victoria Robinson, to help coordinate a student & faculty event series to commentate and discuss the legacy and future of the AC requirement. We are hoping to hold the event during the week of April 16th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me or stop by my office.

End written report from the Academic Affairs Vice President

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION (cont'd)

Ms. Raffi asked the Chair to read off the roll-call vote on SB 121. Ms. Pasco recited the votes.

A motion to close the rolls was made and seconded and passed with no objection. With the rolls closed, the motion to approve SB 121 failed 12-5-3.

Ms. Cho moved to recess for one minute. The motion was seconded 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 Ms. Yang and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, a motion to reconsider SB 121 was made and seconded and passed with no objection. Ms. Chen moved to go into discussion. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

Ms. Chen said that even though she liked the amendment she proposed, and that Sen. Oatfield proposed, she still felt the original text was better. Aside from that, the bill had a lot of fundamental flaws and couldn't be fixed with a discussion on the floor that evening. She couldn't pass the bill as it read, but at the same time, she wasn't ready to kill the bill. She felt this was the time to make amendments, especially to the recall process given everything that happened that year, since this won't come up again next year. So she would ask them to recess for 15 hours and come back at that time, or stay for as long as it took to completely hash this out.

Ms. Flores said it was ridiculous to say people haven't thought about any of the amendments that were proposed that evening. They've been dealing with details about this for the last five hours. They should not impede students from choosing the constitutional changes themselves.

Ms. Cho said she didn't think students would go through the Constitution and thought the Senate should present the best possible amendment to them.

Ms. Rodriguez said she had a midterm at 9:30 a.m., as did Sen. Yang. If people wanted to talk about this they should not talk about it in small groups, but as a Senate. She was committed to staying there until 9:30 a.m., but at that time she'd have to leave.

Ms. Flores said that what they have on the table was something Senators have thought about. Senators have made numerous changes. It was ironic that Senators who propose an amendment would not stand by what they proposed. They need to stand by their decisions and support the best decisions they could make.

Mr. Mairena moved to call the question. The motion to end debate was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed by hand-vote.

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Sakaue and Mr. Mairena.

Roll call was taken on the motion to approve SB 121, as amended in committee and on the floor:

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

The motion to approve SB 121A failed 12-6-2.

Mr. Nahabet moved to reconsider SB 121. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cho and passed with no objection.

Ms. Pasco said they were in consideration of SB 121. Mr. Mairena moved to call the question. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tran. Ms. Pasco said the bill was being reconsidered as they amended it.

Ms. Flores asked if they passed Mr. Sakaue’s amendment. Ms. Pasco said they did.

The motion to come to a vote passed by hand-vote 11-3-0.

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Mairena and Mr. Nahabet.

Roll call was taken on SB 121, as reconsidered and as amended in committee and on the floor:

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

A motion to close the rolls was made and seconded and passed with no objection. The motion to approve SB 121A failed 11-7-2.

Mr. Tran moved to reconsider SB 121A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens. The motion to reconsider passed by hand-vote 16-0-2.

Ms. Pasco said they were in discussion of SB 121A.

Ms. Flores asked if the bill was as amended by Ms. Cho. Ms. Pasco said that was correct.

Ms. Raffi said it might take a couple of hours to discuss this, and they needed more people there.

Ms. Chen asked if people were willing to dedicating a couple of hours to working on this. Ms. Chen requested a straw poll on people willing to work on SB 121 at that time. The request was seconded by Mr. Owens. After a straw poll was taken, Ms. Pasco said the result was 9-0-1, and nine people wanted to work on this at that time.

Mr. Mairena said the Senate has agreed on several amendments that evening, most of them. The last one that was contentious was Ms. Oatfield's amendment dealing with polling locations. If that was the contention, they could consider that and pass the bill as it was, and maybe come back to this next year.

Ms. Flores said she thought all of them have made really good suggestions. But those proposed amendments weren't coming from a malicious intent and came from good faith and like-minded individuals. The student body could make a decision for itself. Pushing for a 16-hour recess, or working on this for another three hours, was ridiculous, and made them insane with each other.

Ms. Raffi asked if they were talking about what Mr. Sakaue sent out at 4:06 a.m. Ms. Pasco said they were. Mr. Sakaue made an amendment to Ms. Cho's amendment.

Mr. Owens said he would like to straw poll of this bill of the bill without Ms. Oatfield's amendment. The request was seconded by Mr. Tran. After a straw poll was taken, Ms. Pasco said the result was 6-1-7, and the amendment would pass.

Ms. Raffi asked for a straw poll of who would be in favor of changing the percentages to 25%/25% for Senators and Executives. The request was seconded by Mr. Tran. After a straw poll was taken, Ms. Pasco said the result was 7-0-6, and that amendment would pass.

Ms. Raffi said that if people were okay with passing 25%/25%, she'd be in favor of it.

Ms. Raffi moved to amend the numbers of the recall petitions to 25% for Senators and 25% for Executives for petitions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hussain. Ms. Raffi asked to rescind the motion.

Ms. Raffi moved to amend the threshold for having a recall petition to either 25% for Senate and Executives, or the threshold of 2,000 votes, whichever was higher. The motion was seconded by Ms. THE MOTION TO HAVE THE THRESHOLD FOR PETITIONS TO RECALL SENATORS AND EXECUTIVES AT 25% OR 2,000 VOTES, WHICHEVER WAS HIGHER, PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 11-4-1.

Ms. Pasco said they were under consideration of SB 121 as amended.

On a point of personal privilege, Ms. Raffi asked if somebody could send out the final version of the bill. Ms. Pasco asked people to please stand at ease. Mr. Mairena sent out the following:

Begin amended version of SB 21, as sent out by Mr. Mairena:

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the ballot for 2009 ASUC Elections be amended to include the following proposition:

It is hereby proposed that Article II Section 7A and Article III Section 3B of the ASUC Constitution be amended to reflect the following changes:

7A. Any executive officer of the ASUC may be subject to recall by presentation to the Senate of a petition signed by at least ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ *twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of votes in the regular ASUC election of the previous academic year, or 2,000 votes whichever is higher*

3B. Any Senator may be subject to recall by presentation to the Senate of a petition signed by at least ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ *twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of votes in the regular ASUC election of the previous academic year, or 2,000 votes whichever is higher...*

Should this amendment be made to the ASUC Constitution?

Be It Further Resolved, that the ballot for 2009 ASUC Elections be amended to include the following proposition:

It is hereby proposed that Article II Section 7A and Article III Section 3B of the ASUC Constitution be amended to reflect the following changes:

7A. Any executive officer of the ASUC may be subject to recall by presentation to the Senate of a petition ...containing a ~~specific statement of the~~ *statement of specific* reasons for the proposed removal.

3B. Any Senator may be subject to recall by presentation to the Senate of a petition ...containing a ~~specific statement of the~~ *statement of specific* reasons for the proposed removal.

Should this amendment be made to the ASUC Constitution?

Be It Further Resolved, that the ballot for 2009 ASUC Elections be amended to include the following proposition;

It is hereby proposed that Article III, Section 7A and Article XIII, Section 1A of the ASUC Constitution be amended to reflect the following changes:

7A. Upon the presentation to the Senate of a petition signed by at least ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ *ten percent (10%) of the student body*, or by a majority vote of the entire Senate, any questions may be submitted to a vote of the students of University of California at Berkeley. The voting date(s) shall be set in accordance with Article VII.

1A. An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed by either a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Senate, or by a petition signed by at least ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ *ten percent (10%) of the*

Amended version of SB 21, as sent out by Mr. Mairena:

student body and presented to the Senate, which shall then call a vote in accordance with Article VII.

Should this amendment be made to the ASUC Constitution?

Be It Further Resolved, that the ballot for 2009 ASUC Elections be amended to include the following proposition:

It is hereby proposed that “Article XIII– ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY” amended to reflect the following changes, in order to fix unintentional typos:

ARTICLE ~~XIII~~ VIII – ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Should this amendment be made to the ASUC Constitution?

Be It Further Resolved, that the ballot for 2009 ASUC Elections be amended to include the following proposition:

It is hereby proposed that Article X Section 2 of the ASUC Constitution be amended to reflect the following changes, in order to fix unintentional errors

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Senate shall be necessary to ratify, modify, or suspend portions of the By-Laws. All such actions shall be considered main motions for purposes of Article ~~VIII~~ IX. The By-Laws may contain provisions prohibiting the suspension of specific portions of the By-Laws.

Should this amendment be made to the ASUC Constitution?

Be It Further Resolved, that the ballot for 2009 ASUC Elections be amended to include the following proposition:

It is hereby proposed that ARTICLE VII, Section 5: VOTING, part C of the ASUC Constitution be amended to reflect the following changes:

The Elections Council, or successor agency, shall provide for the placement and operation of polling places at multiple on-campus locations *and residence areas*, and refer to the elections by-laws for specific requirements for polling location and hours of operation.

Should this amendment be made to the ASUC Constitution?

End amended version submitted by Mr. Mairena, of SB 121, as amended:

Ms. Raffi moved to call the question on the bill Mr. Mairena sent out. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Flores.

Roll call was taken on SB 121, as amended in committee and on the floor:

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

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

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 121, AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE AND ON THE FLOOR, PASSED 16-0-4, RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. Nahabet moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

Roll call was taken for attendance. Members present were:

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

This meeting adjourned at 5:35 a.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

Steven I. Litwak
Recording Secretary