

ASUC SENATE MEETING

March 4, 2008

Seventh 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. Flores said the listserv wasn't working, so they didn't get the minutes. She moved to table approval of the February 25 minutes until next week. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mairena and passed with no objection.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Pasco referred the following bills to committee:

SB 100, In Support of the ASUC Psychological and Psychiatric Disability Scholarship, to the Finance Committee

SB 101, In Support of Not For Sale Backyard Abolitionist Tour at UC Berkeley, to the Finance Committee

SB 102, In Support of the Livingwater Fellowship, to the Finance Committee

SB 103, In Support of the Livingwater Fellowship's One-Act Comedy "Pahom's Land," to the Finance Committee

SB 104, In Support of the 2009 Production of The Vagina Monologues at UC Berkeley, to the Finance Committee

SB 105, In Support of BearEMS, to the Finance Committee

SB 106, In Support of the RMP's Mid-Semester and End of the Year Concert to the Finance Committee

SB 107, In Support of Senate Continuity, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

SB 108, To Amend Title XXII of the By-laws and Request Funding for the Perspectives Series, to the Finance Committee and to Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

SB 109, In Support of the Pacific Islanders at Cal's Pacific Unity Event, to the Finance Committee

SB 110, In Support of the Dance Marathon, to the Finance Committee

SB 111, In Support of the Elections Council, to the Finance Committee

SB 112, In Support of the Greek Opportunity Fund, to the Finance Committee

SB 113, In Support of Spring Budgeting, to the Finance Committee

SB 114, In Support of Chi Omega's "Chi O Casino" Philanthropy Event, to the Finance Committee

SB 115, In Support of the Afghan Student Association's Afghan Cultural Presentation, to the Finance Committee

SB 116, In Support of GIANT's Spring Film Festivals, to the Finance Committee

SB 117, In Support of Movement's Spring Showcase, to the Finance Committee

SB 118, In Support of the Sikh Student Association, to the Finance Committee

SB 119, In Support of English Undergraduate Association's Trolius and Cressida Production, to the Finance Committee

SB 120, In Support of MCBcDNA, to the Finance Committee

~~SB 121, In Support of Sikh Student Association, to the Finance Committee~~

SB 121, To Amend the Constitution, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

SB 122, In Support of Physical Education at Cal, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee and to the University and External Affairs Committee

SB 123, In Support of the Delta Chi World Cup to the Finance Committee

SB 124, In Support of the Poetry for the People Publishing Committee, to the Finance Committee

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to New Business.

Ms. Raffi moved to include a bill on the agenda, To Amend the Constitution. Ms. Rodriguez asked why the bill wasn't included in the agenda packet. Ms. Raffi said it wasn't submitted in time.

Ms. Flores said SBs 118 and 121 were the same. Ms. Pasco said people should cross out SB 121. Ms. Raffi asked if it was feasible to replace that with her bill. Ms. Pasco said they'd just have to renumber it.

Ms. Pasco said SB 121 would now be To Amend the Constitution, and would be sent to Con-Review.

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

Roll call was taken for attendance:

MEMBERS LEGALLY PRESENT:

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

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

Kifah Shah
Will Smelko
Lisa Tran
Tu Tran
Obiamaka Ude
Yishi Zuo

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Moghtader
Tu Tran

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stephanie Yang

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY -- Engineering Competition Teams

Swaraj Banerjee and Henry Lam introduced themselves. Mr. Banerjee said they would talk about UC Berkeley's solar car. They compete in various solar car races that happen every other year. They have 30 active members who attend work sessions. One goal of CalSol was to expose the public and the student body to renewable energy and also to put an emphasis on engineering in the real world. In class, they write down equations and solve problems from a textbook. But when they're actually building a physical car, they really see the fruits of their labor, and it's a totally different experience.

Mr. Lam said that for the mechanical part, they get to weld, fabricate, calculate forces on different parts of the car, make sure the driver was relatively comfortable, and make sure they go fast and compete.

Mr. Banerjee said the team was founded in 1990. The screen showed "California Dreamin'," their first car, which came in 3rd in its class, a pretty good start for a team. In 1996 they teamed up with Stanford, with a car called "StanLee." That went until 1999, when they split up, partially because of it being Stanford and partially because they pursued different routes. Since 1999 CalSol has built almost one car every two years. It took about two years to build a car.

The screen showed a picture of the electrical system consisting of solar cells, batteries, and a telemetry system that monitors all of the car's components. CalSol is not taught any of this stuff in class. Everything that they know in solar car has been passed down to them. What's really great about the team is that it encourages people to step up and teach new members, and encourages members to innovate. That was one of the best parts of the team.

Mr. Lam said another part of the team was dealing with composites, such as fiberglass, Kevlar, and carbon fiber. It's one of the opportunities of being on the team, that undergraduates get to actually work with these materials.

Mr. Banerjee said the third main component is the chassis and the mechanical system. The screen showed a picture of the chassis of their current car. They're nearing completion on that part of the car and they'll have the shell up and running hopefully by April.

As for future races, the next race is in June, the Formula Sun Grand Prix, on a road track, in Texas, June 1-5. The next race they're considering is the World Solar Car Challenge, in Australia next fall. That was

iffy, because shipping a car to Australia & back was \$15-20,000, and they're not sure if they have funds to do that. After that, the next race they'll definitely go to is the North American Solar Car Challenge 2010. It's a race from Dallas, Texas, to Calgary, a grueling, three-week race. That was their main goal.

As to how they've been funded, Mr. Banerjee the ASUC gives money directly to the EJC. The EJC deals with giving the different competition teams money. SolCal gets \$350 per semester from the EJC. That was something, but obviously not enough to fund the whole solar car. The Mechanical Engineering Department gives them \$2,000 a year and EECS gives them \$1,000 a year. Obviously, those amounts weren't enough to fund a full competition team. So the way they built the last car was basically through large donations. The most recent big donation in 2004 was Lexus, which donated \$15,000. The team actually participated in a Lexus commercial, which was great for the group's publicity. The most recent donation was from 3M, which donated materials.

Mr. Banerjee said the team was wondering if there was an ASUC grant they could apply to for more money for finishing up the car for the 2009 race. Mr. Zuo said the group applied for all of the grants already. Mr. Banerjee called for any questions.

Ms. Shah asked if people actually sit in the cars and if students race them. Mr. Banerjee said they do.

Ms. Ude asked how fast the cars go. Mr. Lam said the motor is made for efficiency, so while the start-up is slow, the car can go 70-80 mph. But to conserve or maintain the energy balance between sunlight, they usually cruise around 45 mph. Ms. Ude asked if there was a potential to blow up if they go too fast. Mr. Banerjee said the main risk was tipping over. Mr. Lam said that last summer the Stanford car was going fast and got cut off by another team, ran off the road, and the car flipped. The solar cells are on top of these cars, and basically a \$100,000 solar array was shredded. The driver was fine.

Ms. Tran asked if the group has been in competition before. Mr. Banerjee said the last race they competed in was 2005.

Ms. Shah asked if they ever take pleasure ride in the solar car. Mr. Lam said they don't in Berkeley, but they do around the Richmond Field Station. They don't joy ride per se, but test the car. Ms. Pasco said that seeing no further questions, she would like to thank them.

Mr. Tran said the next team was the Steel Bridge team. Eric Michal introduced himself and said he was the Project Manager of the Steel Bridge team, one of the competition teams in the Civil Engineering Department. They work with the American Society of Civil Engineers. They're a team of about 35 students, mostly civil engineers, but also some mechanical engineers and bioengineers. They build a 20-foot steel bridge made up of a bunch of different pieces from 3-3.5 feet long. The main aspects of the competition are to design the bridge based on a whole lot of rules constraints. They make it themselves in the shop and test it, and they practice constructing it. The competition is judged on how light and strong the bridge is and how fast they put it together.

The team has been around since around 1990. In the past four years they've won a lot, and they actually won the national competition in Florida and hope they can do that this year. The screen showed pictures of some designs they've had. They need a new design every year. This year, the rule was to not have an

arch on top. The bridge had to be under 2.5 feet tall. For a 20-foot span, that poses a lot of challenges. The screen showed the design they actually chose. They also test the bridge using a computer program. In addition, they put 2,500 pounds on the bridge. The bridge that year will weigh 120 pounds and it will probably sag in the middle. Ms. Pasco said time for the Special Order had expired. Mr. Owens moved to extend by ten minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cho and passed with no objection.

Mr. Michal said the next slide showed some of basic equations they use. He didn't feel like typing out any longer ones. They test a lot of connections, most of which were 1-inch in diameter. And yet, they take about 13,000 pounds to fail. They actually started a welding class last semester to teach students, not necessarily in the Engineering Department. They have Physics students and a bunch of other students. They had 30 students who learned how to weld last semester. It was so successful they did it again this semester.

The next screen showed a picture from a competition two years ago. A slide showed a picture of the winning bridge from last year. It's on display in Davis Hall.

As to why this was important to students, Mr. Michal said it was great for the students to actually go down to the shop and apply the knowledge they've learned. And it's a lot of fun. As to how the ASUC could help, this applied to all the Civil Engineering groups that they'll hear. They work with the ASUC. They have a financial committee to raise money through a Career Fair they'll have in two weeks and get companies to come. They also do other fundraising as well and also receive other ASUC grants, which they hope are successful that semester. They're going to construct the bridge after Spring Break. He'll e-mail the times they practice on the Northside so people could see them build a 24-foot bridge in 3-4 minutes. He wanted to thank them.

A speaker said the next team was Formula SAE. They design and build a racecar within certain specifications. It's a competition among universities from all over the world to design and build a racecar. Teams show up from Australia, China, India, and Europe to compete. A speaker said the team had over 50 registered members, the largest membership of any construction team on campus. Most of them are Engineering, but they're open to all majors.

The team has been around since 2008, and they've grown from a small team to a much more professional team. Out of 82 teams they finished 25th. They were on for a top- 10 finish, but one improvement they didn't make was to the seatbelt, which failed during the endurance part of the competition. For safety reasons, they weren't allowed to continue. Had they just finished the endurance element, they would have finished in the top 10, if not higher. So for 2009, they're going for a top-10 finish, and a win.

A speaker said the 2009 car had a lot of updates over the last car. They're doing a carbon fiber monocoque. It's in the design and construction phase. It's a lot of hands-on work and it will be really awesome when it gets done. A speaker said they've been doing a lot of community outreach to different high schools and groups of kids to try and promote engineering and get more kids interested in that, for when they move on to their college.

A speaker said their budget was around \$30,000 a year. Most of that comes from sponsors, who see that they're getting a lot of real-world experience and want to get access to them as interns. They get \$2,000 from the College of Engineering, \$3,000 from Mechanical Engineering, \$20,000 industry, and the rest

comes from out of pocket. A speaker said while their budget was \$30,000, most of the teams that place in the top 10 have budgets of over \$100,000. So the Cal team was extremely efficient.

The screen showed some of their biggest industry sponsors. KLA Tencor is their biggest, and besides money, provides classes and mentoring. KLA Tencor is a large semiconductor company that makes test equipment for computer chips, and has been a great help to the team. He said he'd like to thank the Senate for its support.

Mr. Nahabet asked where they build the car. A speaker said they work great Richmond Field Station.

Mr. Tran said the next team was the Concrete Canoe. A speaker said she was from the Concrete Canoe team. Every other year they name their canoe with "bear" or "Cal" in the name. Last year their canoe's name was VoCal and the theme was the Free Speech Movement. They could see the canoe in Sibley Lounge. VoCal in the national competition got 2nd place, their best finish since 1991. They were 1st place in presentation; 2nd place in the technical paper; 3rd place for final product; 5th place in races; and 2nd place overall. They're one of the oldest teams on campus and have been building canoes since 1971.

The concrete canoes really do float. The concrete density is 53 pounds per cubic foot, and water is 62.4. There are four main components to the competition: workmanship, a technical paper, a presentation, and racing. They divide their team into hull design, structural analysis, materials, graphics, construction, and paddling. They have about 30 members from different academic areas. Most are civil engineers. They make a form out of Styrofoam, use element analysis to test whether the canoe will stand up to the stress of racing. There are five different races, and the canoe had to hold four people. For the first time ever they're introducing scale-model testing and hydrodynamic forces, which should give them a much more accurate analysis. They research a lot of new concrete materials to make their mix every year. This year the mix had to be 50% by weight of recycled content. They also teach a DE-Cal.

The biggest day of the year for them is casting day. They have to cast everything at one time. It usually takes over 12 hours. They were good this year and it took about 8 hours. There are several layers of concrete. The graphics were done in a technique they developed. The screen showed the final product, of the Free Speech Movement, with Mario Savio. All the faces but his were actually members of their team. This year's canoe is called "Bear Area." With their new technique that nobody else can do, they could have a lot more detail to the graphics on the canoe.

Besides a canoe, they have to build a stand to hold the canoe. They actually took advantage of Steel Bridges welding class. They also have to write a paper and keep an engineer's notebook to share with other schools and have a display.

Their paddlers are really dedicated, and they have eight different members who work out three times a week. They go to the gym three times a week and paddle two times a week. Their overall budget is about \$25,000. Part of that was for travel, as it wasn't really easy to get a 20-foot concrete canoe around. Last year they had to go to Montreal and Alabama. Ms. Pasco said time for the Special Order had expired. Ms. Raffi moved to extend by ten minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Flores and passed with no objection.

Ms. Flores asked if the group has applied to a green fund under the Chancellor's office, since their materials are recycled. The speaker said she didn't know about that. She'd like to find out more. They get

money from the EJC and they're planning to apply for ASUC grants that semester. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank her for the presentation.

Justin Martinez introduced himself and said he was there representing the Environmental Team. In the fall they host a DE-Cal focused on water treatment. Last semester they had students coming from all majors, not just Civil Engineering, taking the class for 1 or 2 units, pass/not pass. They have speakers from academia, including an environmental professor who talked about diffusion of water through the Florida Everglades. A PhD student talk about the water treatment processes, and a professor talked about natural treatment systems in Africa. Last semester they also had a few field trips. One was to the Newark desalination facility in Alameda County, which filters 5 million gallons per day, with the capacity to double in 2009, to 10 million gallons a day. People had a lot of fun. In the spring, the DE-Cal is more focused on the competition itself, a more hands-on approach. The competition is in April, and they're going with the Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge teams. Last year they were called the "Cal Flocculators." To "flocculate" is to form masses together.

Last semester, they had to build a storm water drainage installation for various contaminants. Since they can't actually have actual contaminants, they substitute things, like topsoil and Jell-O. The judging is based on things like costs, sustainability, and the actual chemical and physical properties of the water, such as its turbidity and oxygen content.

The screen showed pictures from last year's construction, and the system being tested, putting water through their textile system. They salvaged a file cabinet which won them points for sustainability. They can't use electricity and they have one hour to filter up to ten gallons of water. Last year they won 1st place. The 1st place trophy is a wooden toilet. They also won some scholarship money. He called for any questions.

Ms. Ude asked if the desalinator was used after the competition to clean water. Mr. Martinez said that unfortunately, once they filter the contaminated water, it still can't be drunk or used. It was still soapy and turbid. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him.

Mr. Tran said the final team was construction. Kristen Ray introduced herself and said she was the Project Manager for the Construction Team. This is the third year they've competed. They actually sent four teams that year. The previous two years they only sent one team, so it was a really big improvement, and they've really been expanding a lot. They do construction management, which had to do with how buildings are built, how long that takes, how to budget costs, etc. Their team had to determine project risks, the day-to-day things that come up in a construction process. The Design Build team actually did a design. The LEED team goes through a certification program that buildings have to go through to become more environmentally friendly. It's a big thing in the industry. It basically dealt with sustainability problems that come up. They also had a graduate team, which was cool because most civil engineering groups are geared towards undergraduates.

Ms. Ray said that the competition consisted of being in a hotel room all day long. They're given a problem statement at 7 a.m. and they have until midnight to figure out what to do. They give the presentation to a panel of industry judges. What's great is that the competition was very similar to what they'll actually be doing once they get a job in this industry. The industry professionals who participate in the

competition are really supportive and give them a lot of help. Two of their teams won 2nd place in national competitions, including the graduate team, which was also recognized for having the best presenters in the graduate problem statement. Ms. Ray said she wanted to thank them very much.

Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank the people for the Special Order.

Mr. Permaul said the Dean of Students would like to go before the next Special Order because he had another meeting. Ms. Pasco said that with no objection they would do that.

Report from the Chancellor's Designee

Mr. Poullard said he was overwhelmed by the presentations by all of the engineering teams. It made no sense that the campus did not know about them, so the teams had an obligation to work with Sen. T. Tran. Mr. Poullard said he thought they should have a competition awareness day on Sproul, with their cars and bridges so people understand the impact of their work on campus. It should not be hidden on the North-side of campus. And that should be an annual event. The ASUC should be responsible for coordinating that.

Mr. Poullard said he was sorry he wasn't there for the past two weeks. He was in Southern California and in Oregon doing work around diversity issues. He's been talking with Miguel Daal, the President of the GA, and with Nad Permaul, about what Mr. Daal's position will be with the Senate around fund-sharing issues between the ASUC and the GA. It was clearly critically important that the Senate take seriously how its resources were shared on campus with the GA, a third of the student body. Given that the ASUC had very limited funding, he knew it was always an ongoing, contentious issue about how money is used. But to expect the GA to not have those resources when they are one-third of the student body, and considering all student life was critically important, they had to take a very hard look at what that meant for the campus.

Mr. Poullard said he wanted to give a few updates. He would like to thank the Multicultural Center work group for putting together a very cogent visioning statement for what the MCC should look at within the Lower Sproul redevelopment plan. He thought it would go a long way to help the steering committee rethink how they do the program of where things would actually be physically housed. The groups the Senate just heard from should be involved in Lower Sproul, and their knowledge should be put to work. For example, there will be storm water drain off, and students should help them think about how that might look.

Mr. Poullard said he wanted to give a shout out to Sen. Shah. He saw her in the news that day on 6 o'clock about the sexual assaults that have been going around campus. He wanted to thank the students who took the time to organize the rally that day and who also took time to question and place the onus not on the people who are victimized, but the people who do the victimizing. He was in the barbershop and was arguing against folks who were saying that women should be more cautious and watch what they wear. He said that men should control their hormones. He wanted to thank people for doing that work. People should be on the lookout for their own well-being and safety. People should travel in packs and not by themselves, and exercise good judgment.

Special Order of the Day -- ASUC Budget Presentation by Auxiliary Director Permaul

Mr. Poullard said he also wanted to thank the Chair of the Committee on Student Fees, and Mr. De la Cruz, the Academic Affairs Vice President, for their work on the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Student Services and Fees. They had a very cogent presentation to all the Vice Chancellors on how student services needed to be supported on the campus. It was a very well done presentation.

Mr. Poullard said he talked about the ongoing campus tensions, and protests and counter-protests. He wanted to acknowledge folks who were organizing either the Israeli Apartheid Week or the Israeli Peace University Week. It was amazing to him what could happen on a campus when they treat each other with respect.

Mr. Poullard said he was having a follow-up meeting on March 9 with 14 student leaders, along with the UCPD, the Student Conduct office, and the Dean's office, to talk about the recalibration of how they think about free speech and where that ends up against issues of safety. It will be 5:30 to 7:30 in Sproul 102. He thought it was incumbent on every Senator to be present as they represent very diverse constituencies as for how this event plays out. Seeing no questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him for his report.

Special Order of the Day -- ASUC Budget Presentation by Auxiliary Director Permaul

Mr. Permaul said he would start out with a little history about the ASUC. Through the 1950s the ASUC was a voluntary Association. That meant that nobody paid money to the ASUC unless they used its services. That was kind of hard to imagine, because they now get mandatory fees. Mandatory fees did not come into play for the ASUC until they construction of the Student Union complex. That was first time students had a mandatory fee.

Through the middle of the 1960s the ASUC had up to 100 full-time employees. It was a huge organization that basically, until 1960, provided all student services on the campus. The ASUC owned Intercollegiate Athletics, the track stadium, owned half of Harmon Gym, ran the Daily Cal and owned it, ran KALX, and provided virtually all of the student programs and services on the Berkeley campus. The ASUC ran the California Marching Band and all Student Musical Activities. In conjunction with the campus, it provided something called "the Committee of Arts and Lectures" which today is divided into two separate organizations, Cal Performances and SUPERB. Up until then, the ASUC ran all of the entertainment on the campus as well.

After the Free Speech Movement and the anti-war movement, the ASUC and the campus had a huge falling out, which led to legal recriminations and also to a tremendous change in focus by the ASUC with its resources. It lost the Daily Cal in 1971; it lost KALX; it voted in 1967 to eliminate from its budget the Cal Marching Band Student Musical Activities. It made a lot of decisions that focused its resources on other kinds of needs on the campus.

But the ASUC remained strong financially all the way into the middle of the 1980s. The reason why was because of the quarter system. The ASUC's Bookstore turned over books three times a year. If they could imagine, the ASUC during the middle of the 1980s actually had an annual revenue stream of close to \$22

million; in 1988 dollars. Today they don't get close to that. They're still \$17-18 million a year. So they've gone to what they used to be financially.

Mr. Permaul said hard times fell on the ASUC after the campus moved to the semester system. From that point on the amount of revenue coming in could not sustain the operations of the ASUC. In the 1990s the ASUC got into a war of words with the campus which led to a legal fight. In that legal fight, the campus threatened to end the ASUC's autonomy because the ASUC owed the campus \$6 million. What happened was the campus, through Chief Harrison, who is still their Police Chief today, and the ASUC President at the time, negotiated an agreement which ended up creating the Store Operations Board and the Commercial Activities Agreement. In that arrangement, the ASUC renounced its control directly over its business affairs and created an agent that would be managed by the campus. The agent that was created was the Auxiliary. The agent is responsible for managing the funds of the ASUC. But the funds belong to the students. That's how it was established in 1998.

Mr. Permaul said the screen showed how the funds work. One interesting thing was that the Senate has not recognized or understood the connection between the commercial activities and student funding, or what they get from fees.

The ASUC had three sources of revenue. The commercial activities that come from the businesses; the mandatory student fee; and interest and STIP. The commercial activities are all businesses of the ASUC. Since the 19th Century, business has been the principle source of the ASUC's revenue and its independence. Without business revenue, the campus, as was the case at other UC campuses, would provide the funding for student government and would also dictate the terms under which student government operated and how it made its decisions and what decisions it made. Only UCLA and Berkeley, in the UC System, had that kind of independence. And Berkeley has the most unique student government in the nation.

Mr. Permaul said he just got a call from the Director at UC San Diego saying that the students at UCSD want to be Berkeley. They would like the kind of independent student government that they have at Berkeley. And business revenue is what made that possible, the fact that the ASUC still controlled commercial resources. The mandatory student fee, which was extended in the early part of this decade, was also cut by one-third when the campus imposed mandatory return to financial aid. Prior to that time the ASUC was giving one-third more money to student groups on the campus than they do now. The student fees have not increased since that time.

Ms. Raffi asked when return to financial aid was first employed. Mr. Permaul said he believed it was 2000.

Mr. Permaul said there were two other forms of revenue the ASUC had. STIP is interest on accounts that come from commercial revenue that are reserve accounts. These reserves are to do things like maintain the building, provide equipment, replace the roof, pay for employees' Workmen's Comp. These reserves are restricted. The ASUC earns interest on them that is returned to the ASUC through the Auxiliary.

The other was the Boston Trust Account. Mr. Permaul said he will ask the Daily Cal to have this as one of the questions to ask anybody who runs for president or Executive office, because if they don't understand finances, they cannot do their fiduciary responsibility. It was important to understand the CAA and what the students obligated themselves to do, and where their resources come from. Money in the Boston

Trust Account is money that was taken from the employees who belonged to the ASUC, out of their retirement. After their retirement was divided up and they were given a certain amount, the rest, about \$1 million, was put into an interest-bearing account. Unfortunately, the ASUC did not structure it so that it could grow. So the result was that it sat at the same amount until he arrived. He persuaded the first government he worked with to reinvest a portion of the Trust. It was up to about \$1.4 million, at least until the financial collapse. It's gone down since that time, but will grow back again. This is the money they use to give to the Berkeley Student Foundation for its scholarships to underrepresented students.

Mr. Permaul said that when he arrived, he said that by the time he left, he would love to see that account closer to \$5 million. That meant they had to go out and do some serious fundraising. At the 120th Anniversary celebration of the ASUC, there were former ASUC Officers who said they wanted to help with fundraising. But unfortunately, the ASUC and the Auxiliary hasn't organized themselves since that time to do that. But Mr. Permaul said he would hope to work with a future government on the prospect of doing some of that fundraising.

So those were the three sources of revenue.

As to where they go, the Commercial Activities Agreement pledges money from commercial activities to first pay off their agent, the Auxiliary, and make sure that its expenses are paid, and that all reserves for maintenance of the facilities and their operations are funded. Then, if there's any residual money, that goes into the Commercial Holding Account.

Over the last four to five years, anywhere from \$40,000 to \$300,000 was transferred from the ASUC Auxiliary to the Commercial Holding Account. He would explain how that has basically subsidized their student fees.

While the ASUC received income from student fees, since money was coming from the Commercial Holding Account and going into ASUC student government, the ASUC was able to defer the use of some of its student fees. And over the course of the last four years, as Ms. Batac pointed out in her budget presentation, the ASUC was able to build up its carryforward. At one point it was almost \$400,000. So the ASUC was subsidizing their distribution of student fees with revenues from commercial services. This year no money will be transferred to the ASUC because the Auxiliary hasn't been making enough commercial dollars. As a result, as Ms. Batac pointed out, the ASUC will expend, because of the money it has used this year and its annual expenses, it will cut its carryforward by 50%. If they go through another year where they don't receive money from the Auxiliary in the Commercial Holding Account, they'll have zero carryforward for the following year. That meant they wouldn't be able to pay their bills, and technically, they'd be in default of their agreement with the campus. This is what he's been trying to explain to the ASUC over the course of the last year about their fiduciary responsibility.

Finally, Mr. Permaul said the ASUC has the Boston Trust Account. They could spend down the principle there to subsidize themselves and the STIP income automatically goes into commercial revenue and reduces the amount of money that the ASUC had to earn to cover expenses.

Basically, the ASUC was using all its money at that time. Mr. Permaul said that when he arrived there three years ago, the first thing he told that student government was that they were on a collision course with financial disaster.

Mr. Permaul said the next screen showed the ten-year growth of ASUC revenue. The President of the GA presented this to Vice Chancellor Brostrom that year. It showed in real dollars where the ASUC revenue has been growing over the past decade. They could see how flat it was. Mr. Permaul said he's told the ASUC that their revenue needed to grow 3.5-4% every year just to maintain the dollars that they need to say afloat. But they have not been doing that.

So now that collision has occurred. Commercial revenue was the only way to bring in revenue, unless they can persuade students to increase their mandatory fee. And no student government has been able to do that in recent years.

The ASUC has a formidable problem of paying off their bills. When Vice Chancellor Brostrom looked at the growth of revenue over ten years, he said the ASUC basically suffered a 40% loss of real revenue over the last decade because it has not been growing its revenues.

Mr. Permaul said that going to the annual budget of the Auxiliary, it's been mailed out. He had copies he'd distribute. It's the 08-09 ASUC Auxiliary budget, and the 08-09 student budget.

A number of times, people have said that they should look closer at what the Auxiliary is expending. The Auxiliary doesn't have 100 employees any more, and has 27. And he could assure the Senate that because they can't make their budget for next year, they won't have 27 employees next year. For those people who wondered what happens when they don't pay their bills, it will have real impact on real people's lives, starting next year.

If they look at the budget of the Auxiliary, payroll is \$1,873,000, out of the total budget. That was almost two-thirds of the budget. There's another \$446,000 which are benefits that are paid to University employees. So \$2,200,000 out of a \$3 million budget was employee salaries.

After that, the three largest expenditures were University maintenance, utilities, at \$277,000, and finally, campus assessments, the tax the Auxiliary pays for getting services to the campus. That will go up by 33% starting next year because of the budget crisis the campus was facing.

So they had all the expenditures of the Auxiliary. If there was anything there that people thought was not a priority, or should not be expended, he would be happy to hear about it. This is probably one of the smallest S&E budgets of any Auxiliary on the Berkeley campus, and it's certainly one of the smallest S&E budgets for an organization this size.

The ASUC budget in carryforward in spring budgeting was \$80,872. Their actual 07-08 carryforward was only \$57,000. They'll recall that Ms. Batac in her presentation had a carryforward of \$50,000. So it was dwindling.

How has the ASUC managed to get away with the loss of all this revenue? If they look at where their money comes from, there's an explanation. Over the last six years, they have basically taken the revenue from SUPERB. Six years ago SUPERB got \$281,000. The lowest it's gone down to was \$118,000. So they basically have been skimming money off of SUPERB to divvy out and meet their expenses elsewhere. So they have not been building revenue. That's how they have been able to subsidize themselves all these years.

Going to the Auxiliary's organizational chart, the screen showed the chart. There's administrative services, commercial services, student services, and operations. In most cases, these are one-person organizations. For example, their maintenance for the entire complex was one individual. Their IT for the entire operation at that time was one individual. And if they look at student services, Millicent Morris-Chaney supports 200 student groups. Robert Jittrikawiphol supports over 100 groups. Ann Marie Pettigrew supports over 50 groups, plus the Library and other services she's responsible for. And then there's Ms. Crowder. So that was the total of their student services. And he could tell them right now it's not effective. The groups that came in that evening and gave presentation, he's never seen any of them before. And the ASUC should be providing them with support, and should be able to give them the kind of advising that the campus gives to student organizations and groups. But the ASUC didn't have the resources to do that.

Mr. Permaul said one thing they'll do, since he had to make Draconian changes to their budget for next year, was to realign. They're going to put more of their emphasis on student services, and they're going to shift their focus of funds in their operations. It's not going to be pleasant, but it had to be done in order for them to maintain just the status quo.

When they think about what the SOB's charge is, it's to make sure that they live up to the agreement they made with the Chancellor. Mr. Permaul said he could assure them that there are some people on the campus at that time who don't think the ASUC was competent to manage its fiscal affairs. Yet somehow, because it's let itself get into this position, from eight or ten years ago, maybe it was time to do what they've done at UCLA, which was, once and for all, turn the management of the fiscal operations of the ASUC over to the campus. UCLA did that 50 years ago. He would hope that wasn't the case. The reason student government was so important was because it was students' laboratory for learning how to make consequential decisions and take on the responsibilities that local, State, and other government engages in. This area of their own fiscal management was at the heart of what every government had to do.

Mr. Permaul said he listened to Pres. Obama that morning at 6 a.m. when he spoke about how he'd make changes in the way the federal government did its business activities. One reason the American people were trusting him at that time and gave him the mandate he had was because he said he would be a new type of progressive, one who took care of the people's business and their financial obligations, and that he wasn't going to just stand up and make speeches. Mr. Permaul said he thought that's what the ASUC had to think about as well, about how they're going to both achieve a progressive agenda that all of them were working so hard on and that was so meaningful to all of them, and also do it with the resources that were available. Otherwise, they're not going to have, in years to come, the ability to do that.

So that was the organizational chart, where the money came from, and how they work. He'd be happy to answer any questions.

Ms. Oatfield said she heard Mr. Permaul say multiple times that in the restructuring of the Auxiliary, he'll shift the focus to student services. She asked what the focus was shifting from, what the focus currently was. Mr. Permaul said it's student services, but with a lower budget, they'll have to take from elsewhere. So they'll take from operations.

Mr. Mairena asked how much students were under student services at that time. Mr. Permaul said government all over the area and the State was letting people off. The University has a \$60 million shortfall that it had to address. The Auxiliary was just a microcosm of the whole process. He couldn't tell them at that point what the details were, but he will have to make some Draconian decisions.

Ms. Raffi asked if he was saying that student services would stay the same and other departments would take cuts. Mr. Permaul said that was a fair statement. Ms. Raffi asked that would mean people in other department might be eliminated. Mr. Permaul said that was currently a potential.

Ms. Raffi said he mentioned the campus has oversight in upholding the Auxiliary. She asked if he could elaborate on what type of oversight it has. Mr. Permaul said that prior to 1998, staff of the Auxiliary worked for the ASUC directly. They had their own retirement system, paid their own salaries and wages, and was an entirely independent business organization. But when the business operation went into debt to the campus, the campus said that couldn't continue. That's why they came to loggerheads in the 1990s, and almost went to court against each other. The ASUC sued for its independence and the campus sued for financial malfeasance of the ASUC. The agreement that finally came out was to create a special Auxiliary that would be a department of the campus. So ultimately, it answers to the Vice Chancellor for Administration, Nathan Brostrom. But that Auxiliary will manage the resources of the ASUC as an agent for the students. So the money belongs to the students, but it's being managed by the Auxiliary, which the campus can ensure understood its fiscal responsibilities.

Ms. Raffi said that to get a better grasp of this concept, she asked what specific ways Vice Chancellor Brostrom had to oversee responsibilities of the Auxiliary. Mr. Permaul said an example would be the Auxiliary budget. He said that Ms. Ude asked a question, whether students could have direct input into how the budget was shaped. He responded by saying they couldn't, because that was a function of the campus. The budget that he had to advance every year for the management of the Auxiliary was under the supervision of the campus. If the campus ultimately decided that they are not being good fiscal agents, they can step in and intervene.

Ms. Raffi said he talked about the \$1 million that went into the Boston Trust, and what was left over. Mr. Permaul said it was disbursements for the retirement system for the old ASUC employees. Ms. Raffi said they were \$6 million in debt, and asked how they had an extra \$1 million. Mr. Permaul said those funds were restricted and couldn't be touched because they belonged to the employees, in essence, up until the funds were distributed and they were paid what they were owed. The residual money, since it was paid, couldn't be used to pay off the debt to the ASUC.

Ms. Shah said the process he was talking about, laying people off, was something students wouldn't have input in. Mr. Permaul said that was correct. Ms. Shah said that from her understanding, the Boston Trust was used for investment. Ms. Shah asked if they had any say on where that was invested. Mr. Permaul said they did. He had no involvement in that, and it was currently handled by the ASUC lawyer and a committee of the Senate. Mr. Permaul said he's said on many occasions that the ASUC was technically in violation of State law. The Boston Trust Account was \$1.5 million and total revenue exceeds \$2 million. So technically, they should be under the terms of the California Non-profit Integrity Act. Any organization that's a 501(c)(3) whose revenues exceed a certain amount, needed these oversight bodies. He's mentioned this to the previous Finance Officer and has been talking to Ms. Batac as well. He gave the Senate last year a proposal on how to create the committees the law requires them to have. They need a finance committee to look at investments that was independent of the Senate's distribution and they need an audit committee that was completely independent of the finance committee and the Senate's distribution committee. Neither of those were in place. That could only happen if the Senate chose to put them into the By-laws. So once again, he would encourage the Senate to do that.

Ms. Ude asked if he could elaborate more on the nature of the fees that Zellerbach receives from the students. Contrary to what a couple of Senators understood, student fees have gone into the building of

Zellerbach, and the students own some percentage of that. But she understood, after meeting with him, that that was not the case. She asked if he had any ideas of how to get Zellerbach to give students the percentage they may be entitled to. Mr. Permaul said that Zellerbach was the last of the buildings to be built in this complex. Lower Sproul used to be an area known as "Union Field," the largest playing field on the campus, owned by the ASUC. The ASUC agreed with the campus to build the Student Union complex on that field. The first three buildings were the MLK Jr. Union, a Dining Commons run by Food Service, and Eshleman Hall. The last one was Zellerbach, a gift of the Zellerbach family of about \$1.5 million. The rest came from campus funds for its construction. Zellerbach, Cal Performances, receives a significant amount of Registration Fees. The President of the GA could give them more information on that. But that's where they get a big chunk of their operational revenue.

Mr. Permaul said he wanted to strongly urge the Senate to look closely and support the concept that the Graduate Assembly was going to present to them with regard to sharing revenue. That's because grads are one-third of the campus, and right now, grads don't have investment in either using the services of the ASUC, generating revenue for the ASUC, of supporting the activities for the redevelopment of Lower Sproul, or voting for referendum that would increase, say the student fee. The ASUC had to engage the graduate students. They are a fundamental part of this campus. Mr. Permaul said he was certainly trying to give what he was thoughtful advice, to make sure that they were taken care of. But he also agree it would be fair to work closely with the GA that year because they are at that point now, with the GA.

Ms. Ude asked if because Reg Fees go towards Zellerbach, that they get a percent off ticket prices. She asked if that was the trade-off. Mr. Permaul said it was. He would urge the Senate to invite the Committee on Student Fees and the Chair to come and speak to them. Students also give a substantial amount of Reg Fees to the University Art Museum. He thought the Senate should hear what the trade-off is for the disposition of those fees versus the services they receive.

Ms. Ude asked if there was a department or committee on PR in terms of ASUC businesses. Mr. Permaul said that when he arrived there was none. He has managed, over the course of the last three years, to cull a pittance, \$44,000, to support marketing commercial activities of the ASUC. Unfortunately, student government has not, for the last three years, appointed a marketing chair on the Executive side until almost most of the year was done. So the campus doesn't know what the ASUC does. Dean Poullard didn't know who the engineering competition teams were. These are activities and programs that are funded every year that are fabulous, but nobody on the campus knew about them because there wasn't a consistent marketing program. And the same thing was true of their businesses. That's one reason the Auxiliary created the online newsletter, a listserv, an e-mail list, and their new Web site, so they could help the ASUC promote its activities. The Auxiliary would be delighted to work as a partnership with the ASUC at its direction to make sure they get the message of the ASUC out to the campus. The campus deserved to hear of the good work the ASUC did.

Mr. Owens asked what substantive things he would advise the Senate to do before the end of the semester. Mr. Permaul said that one of the key things that everybody in the room needed to do was to understand the diagram he showed of where the money came from and the connection between commercial revenues and the ASUC's work. He told them before of one University with 18,000 students, that distributes almost \$4.5 million to its student organizations. That was because it had the revenue, and had a huge mandatory student fee. But that was because they're out there promoting themselves. They go out and let the students know what they're doing and actively engage them. And the students were willing to give them funds for that purpose. The way the ASUC could do it best and easiest was by generating its commercial revenues.

Mr. Permaul said that and Mr. Spivey have calculated that to break even, they'll hopefully generate about \$84,000 with the new businesses, including a portion of Panda Express for the year, the new TSW, and Tully's. And that will just break even. The year after that they could begin to see some significant returns to the ASUC. That revenue could grow. There was also Food Court RFP. So what he really needed student government to do was to engage in the fiduciary process and to understand where it needed to go financially in order to meet its obligations. And they needed to hear what Mr. Daal will present next week when he makes his presentation. The ASUC had to sit down seriously and consider that.

Mr. Owens asked if the Boston Trust was a capable, stable bank at that time. Mr. Permaul said that one thing that was most admirable about the Boston Trust Account was that the ASUC invested in socially responsible businesses, and it's continued to grow and get good returns. Obviously, in the heyday of growing investment revenue, the ASUC could have gotten a lot more if they had chosen to invest in other businesses, but he thought it was a very good compromise the students chose, that of socially responsible investments that represented their values and were still growing revenue.

Mr. Smelko asked if he could elaborate more on the campaign for additional money he was talking about and if that was for the Boston Trust. Mr. Permaul said that at the ASUC's 120th Anniversary celebration, a number of former ASUC Officers stood up and said they would be willing to help the ASUC raise money. But they never followed up on that or took advantage of it. The Auxiliary could only do so much with its employees. Putting another piece on Ms. Crowder's plate or the plate of Ms. Morris-Chaney or Mr. Jittrikawiphol or Ms. Pettigrew would not be prudent. In his report that evening, Mr. Permaul said he would let the Senate know that the Auxiliary has now launched corporate sponsorships for the ASUC, and they already have four or five major businesses that would like to be the Auxiliary's corporate sponsors. That would be another source of revenue for the ASUC. They had to look at their financial house.

Ms. Oatfield asked if he could elaborate on the corporate sponsors and who those might be. Mr. Permaul said that one of them hopefully will be Apple. Since they have a computer store in the ASUC, and Apple is the principle corporate entity that students purchase on this campus. They'll invest others for the Art Studio. There are companies that provide clay, for instance. They're looking at a number of different options to see if they could get support. CUBS has expressed an interest doing a corporate sponsorship, the Credit Union that oversees CUBS. Those were the kinds of groups they're starting with. Ms. Pasco said the time for the Special Order had expired. A motion to extend by ten minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Raffi and Ms. Oatfield and passed with no objection.

Ms. Oatfield asked if there was any more specific ASUC Auxiliary budget. She asked if other information could be provided, because she felt that some of the line items were pretty straightforward, like photocopying. But some things, like "general supplies" and "program supplies," "staff development," she had no idea of what they meant. She asked if there was anything more specific. Mr. Permaul said that Ms. Oatfield sent him an e-mail about the ones she wanted to have the Auxiliary detail, and he'd be happy to do that. But they should remember, that was the Auxiliary budget. They could certainly ask any questions they'd like about it, but the Auxiliary budget was the Auxiliary's responsibility. The ASUC's budget was on the other side, and the ASUC had complete disposition over it. He'd be happy to answer any questions. Nothing was hidden and it was all public information. People could come up and look at the actual receipts, and look at the actual process the Auxiliary did, if they'd like.

Ms. Oatfield asked what "general supplies" and "program supplies" were. Mr. Permaul said program supplies are used for Student Affairs programs. General supplies would be anything from paper clips to copy paper.

Ms. Shah asked if he could e-mail out the information he presented. Mr. Permaul said he'd be happy to.

Ms. Shah said that when he talked about fundraising for the Boston Trust, she asked if he meant collaborating with alumni. Mr. Permaul said the ASUC has about 11,000 alumni they know were they regarding who were former officers of the Senate and Executives. Those are, in essence, the Auxiliary's privileged alumni who they can approach directly to ask for resources. Some of them were also shared by other agencies and groups on the campus. For example, they have a former ASUC President who is a multi-millionaire. He's listed as a graduate of the Law School, which also has a privilege to approach him for resources as well. He was the principle speaker at the 120th Anniversary Celebration. When he came to campus that day, he met with the Chancellor, the Dean of the law school, and then had a reception for ASUC student Officers. So anyone in those groups could have approached to some extent those individuals. But it was a complex process, but not one they could use without an organized and structured approach to it. What he would like to create was an annual giving event where former ASUC people had an opportunity, the possibility of making donations to the ASUC. Mr. Permaul said he would also strongly encourage them not to use all of the money that the ASUC distributes from that fund, strictly for scholarships. One thing the ASUC needed to do is wonder if there were other people on the campus with whom the ASUC should be partnering who do a better job at the kind of scholarships the ASUC gives out. They might want to figure out how they could use those distributive funds to help support student organizations and activities on the campus. Or they could use a portion of that to continue with the scholarship program. But as it grows, and as the ASUC's interest grows, they could use it for other purposes as well, so they're diversifying the way in which they use the distribution.

Ms. Shah asked why it would have to be limited to only fundraising for the Boston Trust. Mr. Permaul said that currently, that was the only account the ASUC had that was independent. Otherwise, fundraising would need to go through the campus, and they would need to use campus fundraising mechanisms and requirements on how the money was managed. The account was independent of the University. Ms. Shah asked if that was similar to the Auxiliary. Mr. Permaul said it was. When the Auxiliary raises money on the ASUC's behalf, it had to go through the campus process and follow campus rules and regulations.

Mr. Mairena yielded time to Mr. Sinanian. Mr. Sinanian said it seemed that the restructuring of ASUC revenue streams will require changes to the By-laws. Mr. Permaul said it wouldn't.

Ms. Raffi asked if he could name some of the companies they have money invested in through the Boston Trust. Mr. Permaul said he didn't have a breakdown and they could get that from their lawyer.

Mr. Mairena said it was mentioned that fundraising had to go through the University. He asked what role the ASUC has played in the Campaign for Berkeley to gain any kind of funds for the ASUC. Mr. Permaul said that fundraising for the Campaign for Berkeley and Student Affairs was being channeled through Vice Chancellor LeGrande. He has a fundraising officer, Maryellen Himell, who oversees that. Mr. Permaul said he was working very closely with her on the Lower Sproul project. She has shown him material for the Campaign for Berkeley, which was in the hands of Undergraduate Affairs. People could make an appointment to ask her about that.

Ms. Hussain asked how it would help to fundraise through the Boston Trust Account if they didn't have access to that account. Mr. Permaul said they did have access. The Boston Trust was the investment account the ASUC has, with \$1.3 million, the last he heard. The ASUC gets money from that account,

which was then distributed by the ASUC lawyer and the Senate to the scholarship program. A certain portion is reinvested, and that's how it continues to grow.

Ms. Raffi asked if he could break down the numbers he gave at the beginning of his report, about the Senate getting \$17-18 million in general revenues. Mr. Permaul said the Cal Student Store, which was the largest source of their revenue, guarantees to the Auxiliary \$1.75 million a yearly, net, clear. The total sales they get out of the Student Store, adding some of the other businesses they have, fluctuates between \$17-18.5 million a year in revenues. The fact that they haven't broken \$20 million, which was something they routinely did in the 1980s, was something he was determined to change for them before he left the ASUC, which should generate about \$25-30 million a year in sales.

Ms. Raffi asked where the difference was between \$16 million and \$1.5 million, and if that was written into the contract. Mr. Permaul said the guarantee was for \$1.75 million. Everything the Store earned over \$17 million, they get additional commission on. The last two years the ASUC received commission. But as he reported earlier that year, in December, the Store was \$1.3 behind last year's revenue, in part because the campus changed the beginning of the school year and cut a week off of Student Store sales because it cut down Welcome Week by a week. On top of that, the country had a financial meltdown. The Store was now about \$1 million behind in sales. Certainly TSW is helping them in terms of recovery of revenue. That will help them, but it will only have been there for half a year. And in this financial crisis, people spend less. Last year TSW did \$4.5 million in sales on the campus. He was hoping to get \$1.9 million by the end of the year, although that was ambitious. He'll follow that closely with the Store.

Ms. Raffi said that in addition to the \$16-17 million they get, she asked what other kinds of revenues are in this. Mr. Permaul said they have revenue from Coca-Cola and from vending. They also have revenue from all the small businesses. By cutting down the cost of the Cal Lodge, they cut the deficit almost in half. They've also turned Lecture Notes into a viable business. When he arrived it had been 15 years in the red, and has now been two years in the black. And they're determined to do that with the Art Studio as well. He hoped that by next year it will break even and start making money for them. His goal was to stop having financial drains on the ASUC and have programs that produce revenue for them.

Ms. Raffi asked what portion of the \$17 million was the revenue from small businesses. Mr. Permaul said there was none, and that was all from the Cal Student Store. That was one thing that was confusing about the current disposition against large businesses on campus. Follett is the single largest bookstore provider of colleges and universities probably in the world. It's a huge corporation and has been there for ten years. So that was a little confusing to him. He thought most of them understood the principle that corporate business required large and small businesses. There's a synergy between the two. They cannot have small businesses without large ones. And they certainly can't have large businesses without small ones. If they go to San Francisco to shop, there's Nordstrom's, Bloomingdale's, and Macy's, the three anchors for the downtown business district. And all around them are a tremendous number of boutique businesses that require large business anchors. Between the two, they create financial feasibility for local business. Telegraph Ave. has a large anchor on the north end, the ASUC, and the large anchor on the south was Cody's, which no longer exists. Beyond Channing Way on Telegraph, the commercial district was a slum. From Channing Way to Durant, with Larry Blake's, Alec's, Chipotle, and Walgreen's. The Bookstore's Convenience Store closed because it could not compete with Walgreen's, and students have flocked there in huge numbers. There's about to be a new national business coming across the street that students will flock to as well. Small businesses between the middle of Channing Way to Durant and towards the campus are doing extremely well. People want to buy into that location. Below that, people

weren't investing. So he thought people understood there's a synergy between large and small, and that was a synergy they need on campus. They cannot have small businesses like the ones in the Food Court unless they also have large businesses that basically subsidize them.

Ms. Raffi asked if there was ever a time where Telegraph did not have a sort of business slum area. Mr. Permaul said that in the dark ages, when he and Mr. Spivey were students there, Telegraph was the Westwood Village of Northern California. It had very expensive produce stores, furniture stores, high-end restaurants, and was a very elegant place. And it had been that way for 40 or 50 years.

Ms. Raffi asked what revenues they could expect to get from Panda if they sign a contract, and what portion of their current revenues that would represent. Mr. Permaul said Panda would become the second largest business in the operation. It's anticipated there would be 900 to 1,000 student visits per day. It could be eclipsed ultimately by TSW. TSW is part of Follett so this was already accounted for, and the Auxiliary has booked those expectations for the next fiscal year. Without that, then the same issue he was having with the budget this year would repeat in terms of what will happen to people and they'll have this conversation next year again. Ms. Pasco said time for the Special Order had expired. Mr. Mairena moved to extend by ten minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Flores and passed with no objection.

Ms. Shah asked if there were other sources of revenue that were under-used, such as the Art Studio. Mr. Permaul said it's very clear that the Cal Lodge was still not making enough money to support itself. The contract with the Cal Lodge manager has been extended one more year, and after this coming year, they'll need to have a serious conversation with the SOB about what they want to do with that. It's an historic and wonderful property, but it might be better to take a look at selling. But this was a very bad time to sell a business. They have to think about how they manage and utilize that resource.

Ms. Shah said that considering the fact that a lot of students didn't know about the Cal Lodge, and a lot of student groups have retreats. Mr. Permaul said they do, but most students go to South Lake Tahoe. They want private bathrooms and other amenities. An earlier generation would go to the North Shore, play outside, and go to the Cal Lodge. It's just a different generation and different tastes. They've cut the losses of the Cal Lodge in half. The ASUC had been spending \$30,000 a year just to keep the Lodge closed; so they've managed to open it and find ways to build revenue there. But they had to do a better job. That's one reason they definitely need a partner in student government doing marketing and communications. That way they could help get the word out to students.

Ms. Shah asked if it would be possible to renovate the Cal Lodge rather than selling it. Mr. Permaul said they have been steadily renovating it with revenues they've been getting back in. They're almost at the point where the current vendor will be able to use the kitchen. Hopefully, once kitchen repairs are done, they could actually break even. They've had to do a whole bunch of stuff to even bring the Lodge up to code. Mr. Spivey said there was another hurdle, and next year there will be a huge waste water fee increase, \$2,700 a quarter or so.

Ms. Shah asked how they were advertising off-campus. Mr. Permaul said they've tried everything they could. They advertise to other colleges and universities. The folks at Davis use it more heavily than Cal does. They advertise to community colleges, the UOP, to churches, Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups.

Mr. Mairena said a lot of students didn't necessarily want Panda there. He asked if the estimate of 900 to 1,000 students per day accounted for the possibility that students may protest and boycott Panda. Mr. Permaul said it did, because that was a conservative estimate.

Mr. Mairena said that at their retreat, Senators talked about having a temporary committee on the Cal Lodge. He asked if that would be a good first step. Mr. Permaul said there was nothing better than peer-to-peer promotion. So the Auxiliary would strongly urge the ASUC to form such a committee.

Mr. Nahabet asked if he had an estimate of what sort of revenue Panda might bring in according to the numbers that were expected. Mr. Permaul said that if they were able to get it fully operational, because next year will only be a partial year, they're looking at about \$127,000 or more a year in new revenue to the ASUC.

Ms. Ude asked if there was a possibility to have transportation to the Lodge. At the Cal Lodge, the manager felt that one reason students weren't utilizing the Lodge was because of transportation. Mr. Permaul said it used to be very inexpensive to rent a bus, and liability insurance was nominal. That's changed dramatically in recent years and was a huge expense that didn't exist previously. That was a key reason why student groups don't go up *en masse*, because it's so costly. He and Mr. Spivey haven't had time to focus on that, but if they could find a way to tackle that problem, it would be great.

Ms. Raffi asked about the typical revenue from one vendor in the Bear's Lair per year. One vendor brought in \$2,400 and the other was \$4,800. That was one reason thought the SOB decided to go out to an RFP. They are years away from having asked for commissions on revenues. The Auxiliary had no idea how much those businesses generate, and it could be significant. That was one element of the RFP.

Ms. Ude asked if he could keep the Senate updated on his efforts to find more sustainable transportation for students to the Cal Lodge. Mr. Permaul said he would, and he would love to have a Senate committee help with that as well.

Mr. Permaul said he wanted to thank the Senate and said he really appreciated the questions. This was probably the most engaging discussion he's had in three years. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him for the Special Order.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (March 11)

Back in session, Ms. Pasco called for any changes to the agenda for the March 11 meeting. Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to include another Special Order next week, on the federal economic stimulus and its budget impact on higher education, by Kortney McBride and Ms. Jirachakitti. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Hussain. THE MOTION TO HEAR A SPECIAL ORDER ON THE IMPACT OF THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE ON HIGHER EDUCATION PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

A motion to approve the agenda, as amended, was made and seconded. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED, PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

ANNOUNCEMENTSGuest Announcements

Ms. Pasco said the first guest announcement was from Glenda Rubin and Christina Fletes on emergency preparedness. Ms. Fletes introduced herself and said she was part of the External Affairs VP's office and was the City Affairs advisor. Glenda Rubin introduced herself and said she was from the campus Office of Community Relations. Ms. Fletes said they were there as a result of the emergency preparedness meeting they had last Thursday attended by themselves and City and campus emergency preparedness directors, the City Manager's office, a property owner, City Council members Wozniak and Worthington, a few staffmembers, members of a neighborhood association, a church, and a representative of the co-ops. There's a growing concern that students might not be prepared if they're hit by a large earthquake and if they'll have enough food, water, emergency kits, and if they knew where to go if buildings collapsed or were no longer safe.

Ms. Rubin said they met to start a new collaboration and work under the auspices of the Chancellor's Task Force on Student-Neighbor Relations. Ms. Fletes said they're trying to find new ways to inform students and to urge them to prepare themselves. It's predicted that within the next 30 years they'll be hit by one of the biggest earthquakes they've seen. She would ask Senators to work with them and to encourage students to register with the WarnMe system. There are about 18,000 people signed up, not all of whom are students. It was a great method that could help guide and inform students about what to do in case of an emergency, not just an earthquake.

Ms. Rubin said the Student Committee and the Chancellor's Task Force on Student Neighbor Relations was formed about four years ago to address issues long-term residents have had about late-night noise and alcohol-related behavior, but it made sense for the Safety Committee to come under the Task Force's umbrella. They might be able to get more resources. In the future, the Task Force will deal with other issues, such as crime and street safety, but it was felt that starting with emergency preparedness made sense. They'll research some best practices and successful models. The Greek community has disaster caches. A large property owner was at the meeting, and property managers were an easy conduit to distribute material to student tenants. They'll get on the agenda of the Berkeley Property Owner's Association to begin that process. They'll also see about developing a pilot project, possible through a grant through the Chancellor's Community Partner Fund. They'll also possibly have an emergency preparedness day or summit. Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank them for their presentation.

Ms. Pasco said the next guest announcement was from Xander Lenc, from Power Shift '09. Mr. Lenc introduced himself said people may have seen Power Shift on the news recently. It was a spectacular event, one of the largest youth conventions on planet change that the world has ever seen, with 12,000 students. It was unbelievable. They had workshops on task delegation, leadership, scientific panels on clean technology, policy panels discussing cap-and-trade, cap-and-dividend, optioning on carbon trading, discussions on inclusivity and making the environmental movement more inclusive. That was a huge issue nationwide and on this campus. He was looking forward to continuing these strategies. The greatest thing was that they taught people how to lobby. They formulated a platform they felt powerful about and had a coalition to work on it. There was a very comprehensive view of what a good legislative policy

would look like. They had meetings across Capitol Hill with representatives and Senators. His groups included the offices of Barbara Lee and Barbara Boxer, and his own San Diego district. He actually got kicked out of his representative's office. They didn't realize who he was. But at least he got to keep the green construction hat he was going to give his Congressman, representing the green jobs that can be created and the intersection between economic and environmental justice. He wanted to thank the Senate for funding it provided. He learned so much. He even managed, during a break, to visit the University of Maryland, nearby Washington, and visited a local student food co-op.

Mr. Patel said the next guest announcement was from David Velasquez, on the ASUC Internship Program. Mr. Velasquez introduced himself and said he was the Co-Director of the ASUC Internship Program, in the EVP's office. They had a meeting that day and heard from Dean Poullard, who talked about the Social Theory model of leadership. But they only had four people turnout. Mr. Velasquez said he would urge Senators to encourage their interns to come out to these meetings. And if Senators have interns who haven't given contact information to the Internship Program, he would urge them to provide that information. They've sent out recaps and minutes on what they present each week.

Ms. Oatfield asked if this was regularly scheduled a DE-Cal. Mr. Velasquez they intend to turn it into a DE-Cal, but couldn't get a faculty sponsor. They wanted it to be a DE-Cal to hold interns accountable and so there wouldn't be problems with attendance. Meetings are 5:00 to 6:00 every Wednesday in 215 Dwinelle.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASUC

Report from the Graduate Assembly Representative

Mr. Daal said the GA Delegates meeting for March will be on Thursday, and Senators were all invited. Regarding Lower Sproul, the Web site is up, and includes a survey to assess student need in Lower Sproul. He would urge everybody to visit studentcenter.berkeley.edu and take the survey. It will help in determine what the new student center complex will look like.

Mr. Daal said he would like to proudly say that the GA was voted as the Graduate Student Assembly of the Year by the UCSA at the Student Lobby Conference. (Applause) Finally, he will formally submit the revenue and expense sharing bills next week. He has requested a Special Order next Wednesday to discuss the bills with the Senate. He would ask for things to cover next Wednesday in the Special Order. Suggestions were given.

Mr. Daal said he was at a Lower Sproul Steering Committee meeting and it was pointed out that another \$1 million was needed to complete the planning process. That was on top of the \$750,000 received last year to fund this year's planning phase. An administrator asked him if he thought a referendum would pass to raise \$1 million to complete the planning, assuming the tentative referendum scheduled for next year for the entire project is delayed by a year or more. Mr. Daal asked if Senators thought students would be interested in supporting further planning in the amount of \$1 million.

Mr. Tran asked why there was a need for this additional money. Mr. Daal said apparently the money they have now was to fund master planning, which didn't include programming; and that is the most important part for students. And it didn't include a schematic design, which was much more detailed.

Ms. Flores said in her opinion, she didn't think the students would vote for that. It was a lot of money.

Ms. Hussain said that \$1 million was 66% of what they get from mandatory student fees. In this economic period, she didn't believe students would support that.

Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him for his report.

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

Committee Reports

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Ms. Hussain said the meeting was called to order at 9:13 p.m. SB 70 was approved; SB 69 was amended and approved; SB 75 was tabled; 95A was tabled; 96 was approved; 76 was amended and approved; 78 was approved; 98 was amended and approved; 80 was approved; 93 was amended and approved; 91 was tabled; 92 was amended and approved; 94 was amended and approved; 73 was amended and approved; 97 was amended and approved; 90 was amended and approved; 77 was amended and approved; 79 was tabled; 85 was amended and approved; 88 was approved; 82 was amended and approved; 99 was amended and approved; and 74 was amended and approved; and 84 was amended and approved.

They adjourned at 3:35 a.m. 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 7
Monday, March 2, 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

Meeting Called to order at 9:13PM

- I. Meeting Called to order at 9:13PM
- II. Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2009

Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

- a. Approved
- III. Roll Call 9:21PM
 - a. All present but Senator Zuo, President Winston
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for March 2, 2009
 - a. Approved
- V. Waivers
 - a. FAST tabled again
 - b. SSDP tabled again
 - c. Women's Conference tabled again
 - d. All others approved
- VI. Committee Business
 - a. Finance Officer Batac made a report about each Senator and the amount of money each of their bills have allocated at the request of Senator Shah; in her opinion, the way Senate is headed, we will once more (even after this time) have to replenish the contingency fund because our spending is so unprecedented
- VII. Old Business
 - a. SB 70
 - i. Approved
 - b. SB 69a
 - i. Amended to read as a 3rd year SAG and allocated \$600
 - ii. Amended to add Senators Shah, Hussain, and Nahabet as cosponsors
 - iii. Approved
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Appointments
 - i. None
 - b. SB 75
 - i. Tabled
 - c. SB 95a
 - i. Tabled
 - d. SB 96
 - i. approved
 - e. SB 76a
 - i. Amended to add Senator Rodriguez as cosponsor
 - ii. Approved
 - f. SB 78
 - i. Approved
 - g. SB 98a
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Amended to read \$400
 - iii. Approved

Report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

- h. SB 80
 - i. Amended to add Senators Flores, Hussain, and Shah as cosponsors
 - ii. Approved
- i. SB 93a
 - i. Amended to read as "\$297 will be allocated to Berkeley Project Month"
 - ii. Approved
- j. SB 81a
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Amended to read \$250
 - iii. Approved
- k. SB 91
 - i. Tabled
- l. SB 92a
 - i. Amended to read \$350
 - ii. Approved
- m. SB 94a
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Amended to read \$1350
 - iii. Amended to add Senators Shah, Hussain, Smelko, Nahabet, Raffi, Chen, Flores, Rodriguez as cosponsors
 - iv. Approved
- n. SB 73a
 - i. Amended to add Senators Shah, Hussain, Smelko, Dhar, Nahabet, Raffi, Chen, Flores, Rodriguez as coponents
 - ii. Approved
- o. SB 97a
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Amended to read \$800
 - iii. Amended to add Senators Rodriguez, Shah, Hussain, and Flores as cosponsors
 - iv. Approved
- p. SB 90a
 - i. Amended to amount to \$1100
 - ii. Adopted amended version
 - iii. Amended to add Senators Raffi, Chen, Shah, Nahabet, Dhar, Hussain, Rodriguez as cosponsors
 - iv. Approved
- q. SB 77a
 - i. Amended to adopt the amended version
 - ii. Amended to read \$269
 - iii. Amended to add Senators Flores, Shah, Hussain, Rodriguez as cosponsors
 - iv. Amended to add Jimmy Huang as a co-author
 - v. Approved
- r. SB 79
 - i. Tabled
- s. SB 85a

 Report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

- i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Adopted newly amended version
 - iii. Amended to add Dan Youmans as a co-author
 - iv. Amended to add Senators Hussain, Flores, Rodriguez, Smelko, T. Tran, Chen as copsonors
 - v. Approved
- t. SB 88
 - i. Adopted the amended version
 - ii. Amended to read \$936.85
 - iii. Approved
- u. SB 82a
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Approved
- v. SB 99
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Amended to add Senators Hussain, T. Tran, and Nahabet as copsonors
 - iii. Approved
- w. SB 83
 - i. Approved
- x. SB 74a
 - i. Amended to read “the ASUC shall allocate \$15,000....”
 - ii. Approved
- y. SB84a
 - i. Amended to read \$35,000
 - ii. Approved
- z. SB 89
 - i. Tabled

IX. Adjournment

- a. Roll Call
- b. All Present but President Winston, Finance Officer Batac, Senator Zuo
- c. Meeting Adjourned at 3:35AM

End written report from the Finance Committee

Reporting for the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee, Mr. Mairena said they met on Monday, March 2. The meeting was called to order at 9:07. SB 86 passed as amended, to add Ms. Cho, Mr. Sakaue, Mr. Smelko, and Mr. Mairena as co-sponsors. SB 87 passed as amended, with new co-sponsors, Ms. Cho, Mr. Mairena, Mr. Smelko, and Mr. Tran. All members were present except for Ms. Oatfield, Ms. Chen, Attorney General Sinanian and Solicitor General Hollihan.

Reporting for the University and External Affairs Committee, Ms. Tran said the meeting began at 9:10 in the June Jordan Room on Monday. All Senators were present. There was information in support of SB

86, which was amended and approved. Mr. Owens sent amendments through e-mail. SB 87 was amended and approved, with Mr. Owens, Ms. Raffi, and Mr. Tran added as co-sponsors. All Senators were present and the meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Begin written report from the University and External Affairs Committee

March 2, 2009, External Affairs Committee

All Senators Present

Meeting began @ 9:10 PM

Minutes Approved
Agenda Approved

Ian Forgie & Ali Madani (Muslim Students Association) made a presentation in support of a prayer and meditation space

SB 86 was amended
SB86A: 5-0-0
--See email "SB 86A"

SB87A: Senators Owens, Tara, Tu Tran added as cosponsors
5-0-0

All Senators Present

Meeting ended @ 9:17 PM

End written report from the University and External Affairs Committee

Ms. Pasco said the Standing Committee on the Advocacy Agenda did not have a meeting and there was no report.

Ms. Shah moved to go to Appointed Official Reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

Report from the Lobby Corps Director

Ms. Ballard said the Student Lobby Conference was that past weekend and she wanted to give the Senate some updates, from her experience being a Co-Delegation leader, with Ricardo Gomez, the Legislative

Liaison for External Affairs. It went really well, and smoothly, and they brought a lot of people. It was really exciting to have everybody there. She wanted to thank the Senate for its funding and support. She brought along some students who actually went to the Conference in order to give the Senate some insight on how their first-years and second-years gained experience, and to show the Senate that its money was well spent.

Brianna introduced herself and said she was a second-year in Social Welfare and a Public Education/Ethnic Studies minor. She never lobbied before, and it was a great experience. She got to attend a lot of workshops. Two of her favorites were public speaking and on the Master Plan, which affects all of them. She was able to network not only with students from UC Berkeley who she never met, but also with students from across the UC System. It was empowering to see all of them working towards the same goal. She also got to meet Assemblyman Alberto Torrico and Lt. Governor. Garamendi. She got to meet a lot of people. It was an experience she would have never had the chance to have if it wasn't for this Conference. She would recommend it to everyone and she hoped she could go next year.

Lucana introduced herself and said she was a first-year. She was thinking of majoring in Public Health. She's a Lobby Corps extern. The Conference was really wonderful. People like Megan and Ricardo put so much work into it. The money spent on this was well spent. She's done in-district visits before, but this gave her a much more a hands on Sacramento floor. They've met with Mr. Torrico before, but the Lobby Visit was much more of a hands-on and Sacramento feel. Mr. Torrico was very receptive to what students had to say. He spoke about the high cost of fees and the Master Plan, and how all those promises have been broken. Over all, it was very empowering, and she planned to attend next year.

Brianna said she attended a workshop about how to set up a proper lobby corps. While Berkeley has a good Lobby Corps, it could be even better. And that's what she learned at the Conference. One thing they're trying this semester is that they're doing student group collaboration. So they've already collaborated with the Nikkei Student Union to lobby on a bill that was sponsored by Assembly member Furutani. It would present an honorary degree for people who were interned during the time of Japanese internment. They're having a SU collaboration at that time. They have a lobby training set up for this group and they're going to go to Sacramento on March 16 and lobby different Assembly members, and hopefully rally some support.

Brianna said they're also doing a bridges collaboration for the repeal of Prop. 209, specifically for student outreach, so outreach efforts can be race and ethnic oriented. Assembly member Hernandez introduced AC 87, which would revise Prop. 209 to recruit members of marginalized communities. She was looking forward to working with the other R&RCs. She hoped to have a meeting soon to plan a lobby training in April and send a delegation to Sacramento to lobby and make sure they really advocate on this issue. It was very, very important to them, especially the bridges community. It's something they've been waiting for over ten years.

Lucana said that if Senators had any student groups interested in lobbying or taking up any issues and being proactive politically, they were more than happy to join them. Their political affiliation for any issue didn't matter, and they could get lobby training and work with legislation that fit their student group. Lobbying in any form, for any issue, was empowering and important. And it was important to have the student voice heard on any issue.

Report from the Attorney General

Mr. Sinanian said it appears that the recall election went smoothly. He was glad Ms. Liedblad and the Elections Council had enough time to get it going. They did a good job with the time they had.

Mr. Sinanian said he filed two suits last week. For one, they reached a settlement on with the Jewish Student Union. He and Ms. Raffi, as President, had to sign the paperwork. The other suit was against the IFC. There will be a hearing next week. There will be additional suits. He hasn't been able to get them out because he was a one-man show, as the Solicitor General had family responsibilities.

Regarding the proposition for the upcoming election, Mr. Sinanian said that Ms. Raffi got the ball rolling, and he'll work with her and Con-Review on it. As for the restructuring of the Auxiliary, he asked Dr. Permaul is there will be any By-law changes involved, and he said there wouldn't be. Mr. Sinanian said CollegiateLink will transplant what they currently do, and thought that would need a change in the By-laws. He thought Dr. Permaul was looking at higher levels, which didn't apply. It looked like a great system. He called for any questions.

Ms. Hussain asked if thought signatures from 35% of 30,000 students should be needed to remove a Senator from office. Mr. Sinanian said that might need some tweaking.

Ms. Flores asked if Ms. Raffi has consulted with him on the bill. Mr. Sinanian said she didn't directly, but they did talk informally to people about some of the proposed changes. Ms. Flores asked if he had an opinion for the percentage of signatures needed for a recall. Mr. Sinanian said it should be a percentage that was more than 1,000, and at least 2,000, but not more than 25% of students. But he wasn't a demographer.

Ms. Flores asked if he read Sen. Mr. Moghtader's op-ed. Mr. Sinanian said he did. Ms. Flores said she was concerned because in the op-ed., he said the petition had SJP members. She asked if Mr. Moghtader consulted him or saw the petition roster. Mr. Sinanian said he never released the list. Nobody has seen it but him. He would say the statement was conjecture.

Report from the Finance Officer

Ms. Batac said she distributed their current accounts. They're in the red by \$2,088. They had two really busy weeks, and spent over \$8K and over \$7K. The third and fourth weeks averaged around \$2-4,000. So a bill was submitted that Fi-Comm passed for \$35,000 to replenish the Contingency Fund.

The Greek Opportunity Fund has \$1,382, and that will also be replenished. In carryforward, they have \$293,000.

Ms. Batac said she held her first budget workshop on Saturday, and it was great, although not the number she expected, with maybe 15 people. That could mean she structured her instructions and FAQs well. She also dealt with Millicent Morris-Chaney, Ann Marie Pettigrew, Robert Jittrikawiphol, and Jan

Crowder, and asked them what gave them the hardest time last year, the main questions people had, and put them in Frequently Asked Questions. She also asked CLL to include spring budget information in its newsletter. So groups should be aware of spring budgeting.

Ms. Batac said she also sent out a document that tracks the bills that each Senator wrote out of the Contingency Fund and the Greek Opportunity Fund. There was a bit of contention in Fi-Comm about this document. One concern was that some people might misrepresent the information. After thinking about it and hearing Fi-Comm's comments, Ms. Batac said she wanted to continue sending out this document. It was public information and she wasn't presenting new numbers. If she stopped, she thought another Senator would take up that task anyway. It also increases transparency and accountability. The document itself was neutral. She called for any questions.

Ms. Chen asked if she could add one more column in the tracking document to show the average allocation.

Ms. Hussain asked if the tracking was for this semester. Ms. Batac said it was for the entire year.

Ms. Flores asked how she got the idea of listing Senators and their bills. Ms. Batac said Ms. Shah approached her.

Ms. Rodriguez said that based on bills that were passed in Fi-Comm on Monday, and the presentation by Mr. Permaul, she asked if the Senate should put a tab on its spending for the rest of the year. Ms. Batac said they started the year with \$420,000 in carryforward, and to now, they've spent \$126,000 from carryforward. So they have about \$300K left. Next year's government will not have the same opportunity. She wanted at least \$100,000 left over for carryforward for next year. Next week the Senate will consider transferring \$70,000 for the spring budget. They'll also have to replenish the Elections Council's account. So that was minus \$100K. So they had \$100K left, which didn't include replenishing the Contingency Fund at \$40K. So they have \$60,000 left to give to groups. But they also had the AOF bill and other bills that would take money from carryforward. So they're in a very tight position, at the seventh week of school. She believed they'll have to replenish the Contingency Fund again, decreasing carryforward a lot more.

Ms. Shah asked what she would suggest for a cap on spending. Ms. Batac said the goal for the semester as a cap would be to keep the ending carryforward at \$100,000. That was all she was asking. They could consider that as a cap.

Ms. Flores asked if it was possible to have more than \$100,000. Ms. Batac said she would recommend leaving a lot more in carryforward. The ASUC has been averaging about \$175,000 in revenue, and adding the carryforward, that would be \$275K.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (cont'd)

The following bills were up for consideration that evening under the Consent Calendar: SBs 70; 69, as amended; 96; 76, as amended; 78; 98, as amended; 80, as amended; 93, as amended; 92, as amended; 94, as amended; 73, as amended; 97, as amended; 90, as amended; 77, as amended; 85, as amended; 88, as amended; 82, as amended; 99, as amended; 74, as amended; 84, as amended; 83; 81, as amended; 86, as amended; and 87, as amended.

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

Back in session, the following bills were removed from the Consent Calendar: SBs 82A, 85A, and 88A.

The following bills remained under the Consent Calendar: SBs 70; 69, as amended; 96; 76, as amended; 78; 98, as amended; 80, as amended; 93, as amended; 92, as amended; 94, as amended; 73, as amended; 97, as amended; 90, as amended; 77, as amended; 99, as amended; 74, as amended; 84, as amended; 83; 81, as amended; 86, as amended; and 87, as amended.

A motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Flores.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION:

SB 69, AS AMENDED; SB 70; SB 73, AS AMENDED; SB 74, AS AMENDED; SB 76, AS AMENDED; SB 77, AS AMENDED; SB 78; SB 80, AS AMENDED; SB 81, AS AMENDED; SB 83; SB 84, AS AMENDED; SB 86, AS AMENDED; SB 87, AS AMENDED; SB 90, AS AMENDED; SB 92, AS AMENDED; SB 93, AS AMENDED; SB 94, AS AMENDED; SB 96; SB 97, AS AMENDED; SB 98, AS AMENDED; AND SB 99, AS AMENDED;

Consent Calendar Waivers:

FAST tabled again
SSDP tabled again
Women's Conference tabled again
All others approved

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY OF BERKELEY

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY OF BERKELEY (cont'd)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Consent Calendar -- SB 69, In Support of the Center for Democracy of Berkeley (cont'd)
-- SB 70, In Support of Berkeley's Hindi Film Dance (HFD) Team
-- SB 73, In Support of Cal Veterans Group's Hail and Farewell Ball

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY OF BERKELEY (cont'd)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate recognize Center for Democracy as a third-year ASUC-Sponsored SAG (Student Activity Group).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocates \$600 to the Center for Democracy of Berkeley from the Senate Contingency Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 70, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Shahil Patel and Ms. Dhar:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BERKELEY'S HINDI FILM DANCE (HFD) TEAM

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

WHEREAS, Cal's Hindi Film Dance team is CLL-sponsored since spring 2006 and is a third-year ASUC Student Activity Group (SAG); and

WHEREAS, Hindi Film Dance is a type of dance that is based on Bollywood musical movies; and

WHEREAS, the HFD team represents Cal nationally; and

WHEREAS, last year, the team won first place at Bollywood Berkeley 2008, first place at Jhoomti Shaam Los Angeles 2008, first place at the national Best of the Best Chicago 2008 competition; and

WHEREAS, this year, the team placed first in the entire nation at PhillyFest 2009 in Philadelphia last month; and placed first in all of California at Triple Threat 2009 in Sacramento last week; and

WHEREAS, team members pay out of pocket for travel, lodging, sets, props, costumes, music recordings, video recordings, competition registration fees; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the team is as follows: \$19,623.48;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$600 from the Senate Contingency fund to sponsor Cal Hindi Film Dance

The following Resolution, SB 73, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ivan Williams, Mr. Owens, and Mr. Zuo, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Shah, Ms. Hussain, Mr. Smelko, Ms. Dhar, Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Raffi, Ms. Chen, Ms. Flores, and Ms. Rodriguez:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CAL VETERANS GROUP'S HAIL AND FAREWELL BALL

WHEREAS, the Cal Veterans Group is a Student-Initiated Service Group in good standing with the ASUC of University of California at Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the Cal Veterans Group is also host to, member of, or active participant in: Student Veterans of America (a network of campus veteran groups across the nation dedicated to helping veterans successfully transition to higher education), Vets 4 Vets (an on-campus veteran-to-veteran peer counseling organization), Swords to Plowshares (which provides full-spectrum assistance to homeless and low-income Bay Area veterans), the Concord Vet Center, and the East Bay Stand Down (a semi-annual homeless veteran camp that specializes in identifying and resolving the causal factors that lead to and perpetuate veteran homelessness); and

WHEREAS, the Cal Veterans Group is an apolitical organization dedicated to providing support, outreach, advocacy, and community for veterans attending UC Berkeley and local colleges while vigorously aiding those veterans less fortunate than ourselves via, but not limited to, the coordinated participation of our members in the aforementioned organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Cal Veterans Group works constantly to assist its members (and veterans at large) in obtaining services that provide for their unique legal, financial, medical, social and psychological needs; and

WHEREAS, the Cal Veterans Group brings the student veterans of UC Berkeley together for the apolitical purpose of providing one another mutual support during the difficult transition from military service to civilian life by providing a community in which veterans, affected physically and or emotionally by the trauma of war and military service, can seek mutual support from one another; and

WHEREAS, the Cal Veterans Group, in order to further and enhance the aforementioned community and its endeavors, is thereby holding its first ever Hail and Farewell Ball at the Bancroft Hotel in Berkeley May 22, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Hail and Farewell Ball shall be a formal welcome ceremony for veterans newly admitted to the University of California at Berkeley, an opportunity for members of the community at large to meet their veterans as it is open to all, a celebration for UCB's graduating student veterans, an opportunity for the Cal Veterans to increase its membership and therefore its ability to participate in philanthropic endeavors, an evening to reflect upon both the successes and failures of the group in fall '08 and spring '09, an inauguration ceremony for our summer and fall '09 officers, and as an opportunity to strengthen our ties to other non-profit philanthropic organizations throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Cal Veterans are marketing the event to the entire Berkeley Student body through the use of fliers and posters; and

WHEREAS, the Cal Veterans are pursuing numerous fundraising ventures and event promotion avenues, including but not limited to the ASUC; and

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CAL VETERANS GROUP'S HAIL AND FAREWELL BALL
(cont'd)

WHEREAS, some of the costs of having the Hail and Farewell Ball will be: Total, \$3820.82;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$\$660 from its general fund to the Cal Veterans Group for its Hail and Farewell Ball on May 22, 2009.

The following Resolution, SB 74, as amended in committee, was authored by Mr. Zuo and Ms. Flores and was co-sponsored by AAVP De la Cruz:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REPLENISHING THE ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITY FUND
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WHEREAS, the Academic Opportunity funds travel expense for students; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, \$21,450.00 was allocated to the AOF fund in the beginning of fall 2008, it has been replenished two times already: once in fall 08 (SB 169a) with an amount of \$11,953.77, and once in spring 2009 (SB 21) for an amount of \$12,000; and

WHEREAS, 57 applications have already been considered this semester, and only \$257.76 is left in the AOF, and the ASUC AOF Grant anticipates a comparable rate of applicants for the rest of the semester;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$15,000 from the Carry Forward Fund to the Academic Opportunity Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 76, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Nick Roth and Ms. Chen and was co-sponsored by Mr. Trần, Ms. Dhar, Mr. Nahabet, Mr. Smelko, and Ms. Rodriguez:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF BERKELEY

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Astronomical Society of Berkeley is to provide an environment in which people can learn about astronomy; and

WHEREAS, we also want to build a community that includes students and faculty of all majors to inspire, build, and expand on interests in astronomy; and

WHEREAS, we are a group of astronomy enthusiasts, and we formed this club approximately two weeks ago (Thursday, February 5th, 2009), and our goal is to spread awareness of astronomy, and to create an environment on campus where we can continue to engage our interests in astronomy; and

WHEREAS, we have bi-weekly meetings where we update our members on upcoming events and activities, and afterwards we typically watch a video of something astronomy related; and

WHEREAS, ideally, our club should have around 50 dedicated members and we are also working to organize monthly star parties for our club members; and

WHEREAS, it is important to everyone that this club be accessible not only to astronomy majors, but to students of all majors that have even a passing interest in astronomy; and

WHEREAS, our future goals include trips to the Chabot Space and Science Center, taking part in star parties at the Lawrence Hall of Science, and to hold a telescope making workshop; and

WHEREAS, the line item budget for this event is as follows: Total, \$200;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes the Astronomical Society of Berkeley as a first-year Student Activities Group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$150 from the Senate Contingency Fund to the Astronomical Society of Berkeley.

The following Resolution, SB 77, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Angela Wang, Ms. Chen, and Jimmy Huang, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Trần, Ms. Dhar, Mr. Nahabet, Mr. Smelko, Ms. Flores, Ms. Shah, Ms. Hussain, and Ms. Rodriguez:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE'S TEST PREPARATION SERVICE (PTPS)

WHEREAS, the People's Test Preparation Service (PTPS) was founded in 1995 at the University of California, Berkeley and is a non-profit, student-run organization dedicated to providing standardized test-taking skills to urban communities; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE'S TEST PREPARATION SERVICE (PTPS) (cont'd)

WHEREAS, most college-bound students know that a critical component for college admissions is the SAT score. Unfortunately, SAT scores are directly correlated with family income levels; and

WHEREAS, SAT scores of low-income students in the East Bay are among the lowest in the State of California. There are only a few SAT preparation services available to low-income youth. Prices for commercial test-preparation companies start at \$500, which many families cannot afford; and

WHEREAS, PTPS has over 25 teachers, all of whom are UC Berkeley undergraduate and graduate students, that teach at nine sites throughout the Greater East Bay Area and provide valuable SAT test preparation to roughly 200 students per semester; and

WHEREAS, this student group comprised of roughly 50 Berkeley students provide educational services to local students in the aims of increasing SAT scores and hopefully bettering the chances for a higher education, and

WHEREAS, the line item budget for PTPS is as follows: Total, \$7,000;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize People's Test Preparation Services as a 12th year Student-Initiated Service Group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$269.00 from the Senate Contingency Fund to People's Test Preparation Services.

The following Resolution, SB 78, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Mr. Mairena and Xiaosi Zhang and was co-sponsored by Mr. Sakaue and Ms. Tran:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY CLUB AT BERKELEY

WHEREAS, the Chinese Calligraphy Club at Berkeley (CCCB) provides opportunities for the lovers of Chinese culture and Chinese calligraphy to study and practice Chinese calligraphy together; and

WHEREAS, CCCB offers lessons to interested beginners to the art of Chinese Calligraphy; and

WHEREAS, CCCB is a newly established club, starting in spring 2009. It hasn't received any funding from ASUC before; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese calligraphy experts will teach the basic rules of Chinese Calligraphy to all the members; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY CLUB AT BERKELEY (cont'd)

WHEREAS, CCCB provides all the equipment that is needed for Chinese calligraphy and the members will do extensive practice of Chinese calligraphy. According to different levels of the members, the classes are divided into elementary and intermediate levels; and

WHEREAS, this semester, CCCB members will also make preparations for taking part in the All-American Youth Chinese Brush Painting and Calligraphy Competition 2009;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize the Chinese Calligraphy Club at Berkeley as a first-year Student Activity Group (SAG).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$150 (one hundred and fifty dollars) to the Chinese Calligraphy Club at Berkeley from the Senate Contingency Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 80, as amended in committee, was authored by Ashley Merriman, Christine Russell, Mr. Nahabet and was co-sponsored by Ms. Flores, Ms. Hussain, and Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE YWCA'S YOUTH MENTOR PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the mission of the Youth Mentor Program is to foster strong resiliency and greater confidence in youth, empowering to accomplish their individual, educational, and career goals; and

WHEREAS, children and adolescents progress through each development stage, they struggle to define a sense of self within their environment, and many children and adolescents do not have opportunities to develop supportive and reliable relationships that foster the development of confidence and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Mentor Program has been established to provide today's youth with consistent, caring, and supportive mentors who will act as role models; and

WHEREAS, through one-on-one activities, planned jointly by the matches, a relationship is created that provides unconditional support and encouragement and the child will develop a sense of importance and self-worth, which then carries on throughout all aspects of his or her life; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Mentor Program currently has 105 pairs (105 Cal student mentors and 105 middle school student mentees). The total number of active participants is 210 and is still growing; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Mentor Program began in 1985 and worked with two middle schools in Berkeley, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School and Willard Middle School and now works with Claremont and King Middle Schools; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE YWCA'S YOUTH MENTOR PROGRAM (cont'd)

WHEREAS, every month, the Youth Mentor Program hosts free program-wide events for all of its participants and the events usually include a meal and games and activities for the pairs to participate in; and

WHEREAS, with the current economic crisis, the YWCA and, subsequently, the YMP, have been adversely affected and in order to ensure that the high quality of the program and the services that the YMP offers to the community continue, additional funding is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the Youth Mentor Program is listed below: Total, \$2,780.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize the YWCA's Youth Mentor Program as a first-year Student-Initiated Service Group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$200 from the Senate Contingency Fund to YWCA's Youth Mentor Program.

The following Resolution, SB 81, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Dave Wang and Ms. Cho:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF POTCH (PUTTING ON THE CHRISTIAN HITS)

WHEREAS, POTCH, which stands for *Putting On The Christian Hits*, has been an traditional event for Fellowship in Christ Berkeley (FiCB), a third-year ASUC-sponsored SAG; and

WHEREAS, POTCH consists of numerous acts that are performed or created by students, including video clips, skits, dance routines, vocal and instrumental music, and many more, all encompassing a common biblical theme and utmost focus on glorifying Christ; and

WHEREAS, students find creative outlets for their faith by performing, watching, or helping out at the event, and consider the event to be a valuable time and space for them to come together before the school year ends to express, fellowship, praise, and engage in dialogue; and

WHEREAS, in past years POTCH was mainly advertised within FiCB, which usually had a membership size of about 80, but this year is planned to expand beyond the single fellowship to whoever is interested in heartfelt entertainment, seeks to better understand the Christian faith, and/or wishes to partake in fellowship activities; and

WHEREAS, in order for this proposal for outreach, transparency, and expansion to succeed, the organizers of POTCH plan to reserve a room on the UC Berkeley campus that is easily accessible to all students, publicize and table on Sproul, and hold a reception scheduled as

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF POTCH (PUTTING ON THE CHRISTIAN HITS) (cont'd)

a part of the event so that all attendees, regardless of race or religion, may feel welcomed and free to integrate, socialize, and partake in this annual student-organized experience; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$250 from the Senate Contingency fund to POTCH.

The following Resolution, SB 83, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Hussain and Mr. Trần:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR THE INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY FUND

WHEREAS, the Intellectual Community Fund (ICF) is one of the five funds offered by the ASUC Grants Department; and

WHEREAS, the ICF supports a more unified campus community that is conducive to free intellectual exchange; and

WHEREAS, the ICF increases accessibility to resources for students who desire to put on events that serve a diverse population at UC Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, these events may require expenditure for publicity materials, speaker fees, and equipment fees; and

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

WHEREAS, there is currently only \$4,515 (four thousand five hundred fifteen USD) in the ICF and the ASUC Committee for ICF cannot allocate more than 60% of the fund within the Fall Session; and

WHEREAS, the ICF started out this 2008-2009 Academic Year with the minimal amount of \$8,250 available in the Fund; and

WHEREAS, there are many deserving programs and projects requesting funding. As of November 12, 2008, there will be nearly 10 more applicants to be considered for the rest of the Fall Semester, which means the ASUC Committee for ICF must severely restrict its allocations or break the 60% limit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$5,000 (five thousand USD) to the Intellectual Community Fund from the Carry Forward Account.

The following Resolution, SB 84, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Hussain:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REPLENISHING THE ASUC SENATE CONTINGENCY FUND

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$35,000 (thirty-five thousand dollars) from Carry Forward to the Senate Contingency Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 86, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Shah, Ms. Ude, and Rahul Patel, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Yang, Ms. Flores, Ms. Rodriguez, and Academic Affairs VP De la Cruz:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COMMEMORATING OSCAR GRANT'S LIFE

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2009, Oscar Grant of Hayward died at age 22, leaving behind a wife and a one-year old daughter; and

WHEREAS, Grant was shot in the back while unarmed and on the ground early New Year's Day by Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) police officer Johannes Mehserle, at the Fruitvale Station in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, this tragedy is not a first for the BART police force, which has been accused in the past of using excessive and unnecessary force in two other shooting deaths; and

WHEREAS, the tragedy of Oscar Grant's death was one in which the life of an innocent person was taken, on a mode of public transportation used overwhelmingly by students, with no exception to the students of UC Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the ASUC acknowledges that the tragedy that occurred not as one existing outside of the University but as one that affects all students utilizing BART; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COMMEMORATING OSCAR GRANT'S LIFE (cont'd)

WHEREAS, BART police is not subject to a civilian oversight board, and in spite of numerous calls for one by community leaders over the years, BART has refused to create one; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Tom Ammiano and Senator Leland Yee promised to introduce legislation after Grant's death requiring BART to create a civilian oversight board; and

WHEREAS, the Senate works to ensure not only the physical well-being of our peers, but also their emotional and psychological well-being; and

WHEREAS, student safety is an important issue to most students attending UC Berkeley and any and all efforts to ensure that safety should be given the highest priority;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC condemn the inhumane killing of Oscar Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC External Affairs Vice President (EAVP) Jirachakitti assist in the effort to help ensure student and community safety by drafting a letter to Assemblymembers Tom Ammiano and Barbara Lee and Senator Leland Yee in support of a BART police oversight committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after passing this bill, the Senate commemorate Oscar Grant's life with a moment of silence.

The following Resolution, SB 87, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ramy Salah, Ms. Hussain, and Ms. Shah, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Sakaue, Ms. Tran, Ms. Yang, Ms. Ude, Academic Affairs VP De la Cruz, Executive VP Pasco, Mr. Owens, Ms. Raffi, and Mr. Trần:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NON-DENOMINATIONAL PRAYER AND MEDITATION SPACE

WHEREAS, the Tilden Room was originally built to serve as a reflection/prayer room prior to the expansion of the campus; and

WHEREAS, prayer/meditation space has been specified as a need by several different communities on campus for the last three years; and

WHEREAS, many avenues have been explored to serve as a prayer and meditation space, but have proven to be inaccessible and unfit for different types of prayers; and

WHEREAS, currently, there is no designated space on campus for students to fulfill these daily and necessary religious obligations for mental and spiritual well-being; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NON-DENOMINATIONAL PRAYER AND MEDITATION SPACE

WHEREAS, Advocacy Agenda Committee #1 was established at the beginning of the year in part to empower students with access to facilities for prayer and meditation; and

WHEREAS, several Senators and EVP Pasco have been working all year to try to bring this prayer and mediation space to fruition; and

WHEREAS, after exhausting several channels, the ASUC is trying to further collaborate with University Administration to find a suitable space for prayer and meditation; and

WHEREAS, the position for Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion (VCEI) was created to address student concerns of campus revolving around lack of access and resources, as well as issues of diversity and encompassment of the entire student population; and

WHEREAS, a growing demand for a prayer and meditation space falls under the category of equity and inclusion, as it is of great importance to various communities on campus;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC strongly encourages the campus Administration to make finding a suitable space for non-denominational prayer and meditation a high priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that President Winston and EVP Pasco write a letter to the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion stressing the importance of a space for prayer and meditation, whether it be an accessible interim until a permanent one, or a permanent space itself.

The following Resolution, SB 90, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Rebecca Juskovic and Mr. Smelko and was co-sponsored by Ms. Dhar, Mr. Trần, Mr. Nahabet, Mr. Zuo Ms. Raffi, Ms. Chen, Ms. Shah, Ms. Hussain, and Ms. Rodriguez:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DELTA DELTA DELTA'S "SUNDAY FUNDAY"
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 sponsors community service, as well as, encourage an awareness and understanding of different causes and issues; and

WHEREAS, Tridelta was founded at Boston University in 1888 by Sarah Ida Shaw and Eleanor Dorcas Pond on the principle that members should be selected based on their inner self and character, rather than their personal appearance; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DELTA DELTA DELTA'S "SUNDAY FUNDAY"
PHILANTHROPY EVENT (cont'd)

WHEREAS, in 1900, the Pi chapter was founded at UC Berkeley, making it the first Tridelta chapter on the West Coast. The chapter currently has 99 members, all of whom are required to actively participate in at least one activity other than the fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Delta Delta Delta's annual fall philanthropy is Delta's House of Pancakes (DHOP), a pancake brunch held either the Sunday after the Big Game or the USC game. It is nationally recognized by Saint Jude's and Tridelta, and has been very well received by the UC Berkeley community; and

WHEREAS, Tridelta's annual spring philanthropy is a silent auction where over \$4,191.25 is raised and goes directly to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital has been Tridelta's national philanthropic focus since 1999, and is the leading pediatric treatment and research facility focused on children's catastrophic diseases; and

WHEREAS, the hospital is unique in that no family is ever turned away regardless of their ability to pay, which is why every dollar donated is critical to fulfilling the mission of the hospital; and

WHEREAS, in the 2005-2006 academic year alone, Tridelta raised over \$1 for Saint Jude's, and after this successful year Tridelta committed to a "10 in 10" campaign, meaning it would raise \$10 million in 10 years to support a new patient care floor; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the new Sunday Funday event is to maximize participation from students all across campus, build community, and ultimately allow Tridelta to fulfill its mission in donating even more to Saint Jude's Hospital and its critically important research and care; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the event is as follows: Total, \$ 1,612.99;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize Delta Delta Delta's "Sunday Funday" 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" spring philanthropic event.

The following Resolution, SB 92, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Eric Isaacs, Chris Gladden, Ze'ev Adams, and Mr. Trần, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Nahabet, Mr. Smelko, and Ms. Dhar:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BERKELEY NANOTECH CLUB'S 6th ANNUAL NANOTECH FORUM

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Nanotech Club (BNC) is an interdisciplinary consortium managed by UC Berkeley students (grad and undergrad) in Science, Engineering, Business, and Public Policy, with a focus on nanosciences and nanoengineering; and

WHEREAS, BNC's goals are:

1. Encourage research and entrepreneurship in nanotechnology.
2. Provide an information and exchange platform for the Berkeley campus community.
3. Organize events to learn about innovations in nanoscience and engineering; and

WHEREAS, BNC sponsors ethical invention, development, and implementation of novel nanotechnologies by facilitating discussion amongst the present and future leaders of the field; and

WHEREAS, BNC organizes an annual Nanotechnology Forum (this year on April 26, 2009) to bring together students, staff, faculty from all over the Bay Area, as well as scientists, businesspeople, and policy makers, to explore many topics about nanotechnology research and the future of this field; and

WHEREAS, past forums hosted over 500 attendees from 10 universities, national laboratories, and research institutes exhibiting over 60 poster presentations. Moreover, the forum is a student-organized conference which promotes information exchange and amazing entrepreneurship opportunities for Berkeley students and alumni in the SF Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the Conference is sponsored by the Berkeley Center of Integrated Nanomechanical Systems (COINS), Berkeley Nanosciences and Nanoengineering Institute (BNNI), the Molecular Foundry at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Chevron Molecular Diamond Technologies, Hitachi, the Berkeley Physics Department, the College of Chemistry, the College of Engineering, and of course, the ASUC totaling, to about \$13,000; and

WHEREAS, the forum's budget, as of February 19, 2009, is as follows: Total, 18,902.13;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes the BNC 6th Annual Nanotech Forum as an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$350 (three hundred and fifty dollars) be allocated to Berkeley Nanotech Club's 6th Annual Nanotech Forum from the ASUC Senate Contingency Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 93, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Steven Nguyen, Mr. Trần, Mr. Smelko, and Ms. Dhar, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Nahabet, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Chen, and Ms. Raffi:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BERKELEY PROJECT MONTH

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Project (BP) began in 2006 as a giant, one-day service event which involved over 1,000 UC Berkeley students from all over Cal to work together with community partners at 43 service project sites all over the city of Berkeley. In 2008, 2,000 volunteers from UC Berkeley participated with at least 70 project sites; and

WHEREAS, BP sets out to change the relationship between the students and the residents of Berkeley, creating a network of service activities which will 1) serve the needs of Berkeley and its residents and 2) create a single community under the Cal campus and residents of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, BP Month involves three days of campus and community-wide service projects including: urban renovation, greening Berkeley, and community enrichment to involve at least 100 students each day starting Feb. 28; and

WHEREAS, the budget for BP Month, as of February 15, 2009, is as follows: Total BP Month projected budget, \$2,214; and

WHEREAS, usually BP receives donations for their food and give-away costs, yet this semester the group will seek grants and provide less give-a-ways to be solvent;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that \$297 (two hundred and ninety-seven USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to Berkeley Project Month.

The following Resolution, SB 94, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Mursil Makhani, Nathan Rahmanou, and Mr. Trần, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Raffi, Ms. Shah, Ms. Hussain, Mr. Smelko, Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Chen, Ms. Flores, and Ms. Rodriguez:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CAMP KESEM'S SUMMER CAMP

WHEREAS, national Camp Kesem started in 2000 at Stanford using the word "Kesem" to mean magic by which is the organization's creed. To this day, it continues to serve children and the student leaders on campus; and

WHEREAS, Camp Kesem (a third-year SISG) creates a magical summer camp experience for children with parents who have cancer; children with terminal or ill parents often have emotional needs that little or no one will tend to. Moreover, it is challenging for these children to find peers with whom they can relate, so they are often left feeling completely alone when coping with the fear, guilt, anger, and sadness associated with their condition; and

WHEREAS, Camp Kesem's summer camp gives the children a place to be where they no longer feel alone -- every child at Camp Kesem can understand what their fellow campers go through

-- SB 96, In Support of Foresight's Act for Sight

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CAMP KESEM'S SUMMER CAMP (cont'd)

while forming and developing relationships with their peers and camp counselors (Berkeley undergrads). This is perhaps the most transformative experience for these children; and

WHEREAS, Camp Kesem provides a transformative experience for Cal students as well in allowing them an opportunity to truly make an impact as a counselor while developing skills that will be critical to their future: project management, community relations, human resources, psychological and social interaction, and mentorship; and

WHEREAS, Camp Kesem continues to demonstrate marked growth since its inception to now include over 40 counselors and nearly 100 members at general body meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Summer Camp's budget, as of February 22, 2009, is as follows: [Budget provided.]

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes Camp Kesem's Summer Camp as an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$1,350 (one thousand three hundred and fifty USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to Camp Kesem's Summer Camp.

The following Resolution, SB 96, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Daphne Chan and Mr. Trần:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FORESIGHT'S ACT FOR SIGHT

WHEREAS, the Act for Sight Budget, as of February 23, 2009, is as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that \$100 (one hundred USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to the Foresight for the Act for Sight Project.

The following Resolution, SB 97, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Marisela Tan and Mr. Trần, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Shah, Ms. Hussain, Ms. Flores:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRE-PHARMACY INFORMATIONAL LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP SOCIETY'S 3rd ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

WHEREAS, the Pre-Pharmacy Informational Learning and Leadership Society (PILLS), a 9th year SAG, is dedicated to assisting students in their pursuit of pharmacy, the science, the profession, and the student life; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRE-PHARMACY INFORMATIONAL LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP SOCIETY'S 3rd ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM (cont'd)

WHEREAS, PILLS is the primary and only organization at UC Berkeley serving Pre-Pharmacy students by providing information about pharmacy and related health fields to guide students through their transition from undergraduate to pharmacy school logistically, mentally, and academically to provide a community for pre-pharmacy students at UC Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, PILLS organizes a Northern California Pre-Pharmacy Symposium (NCPPS) to gather some of the greatest students and leaders in pharmacy to inspire and teach the next generation of pharmacists; and

WHEREAS, PILLS organized the first conference in 06-07 to draw in 200 attendees and 20 speakers with even greater number of attendees and speakers last year 07-08 year. This year, NCPPS is more innovative in providing more workshops in different fields, even including alternative medicine to demonstrate the versatility of the PharmD degree; and

WHEREAS, PILLS NCPPS continues to be a flagship for Cal's lead in educating students about the vastly diversified and changing field of pharmacy; thus this symposium presents to students the many opportunities within the field of pharmacy to instill a sense of anticipating and excitement for the field of pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, this year's symposium will be on April 11, 2009, 9 AM – 5 PM in the Lipman Room and Barrows Hall with a wider variety of speakers, more student panels, more companies, more pharmacy school recruiters to provide the ultimate networking and learning experience for Cal students; and

WHEREAS, the 3rd Annual NCPPS' budget, as of February 20, 2009, is as follows: Total, \$1,950;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes the PILLS 3rd Annual NCPPS as an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$800 (eight hundred USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to PILLS for the 3rd Annual NCPPS.

The following Resolution, SB 98, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Eli Chait and Mr. Trần:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STARTUPS @ BERKELEY

WHEREAS, Startups at Berkeley (ST@B) was formed to bring together undergraduates, graduate, faculty entrepreneurs, and corporations at UC Berkeley to interact with the greater entrepreneurial ecosystem and create a community around entrepreneurship at Berkeley; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STARTUPS @ BERKELEY (cont'd)

WHEREAS, ST@B fulfills its goals through mixers, regular dinners, and the annual hackathon event in which undergraduate students compete in a coding competition (the winner receives a prize and bids from VCs for launching the startup); and

WHEREAS, ST@B is led by an interdisciplinary group of students from numerous departments across campus and continues to draw in an interdisciplinary crowd for entrepreneurship synergy; and

WHEREAS, ST@B's Spring Mixer will be held on March 12, 2009 with anticipated 150 undergrads, 30 graduates, 5 faculty members and several entrepreneurs from all over the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, ST@B Spring Mixer's budget, as of February 17, 2009, is as follows: Total, \$1,280;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes Startup @ Berkeley as a first- year SAG (student activity group).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes Startup @ Berkeley's Spring Mixer as an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$400 (four hundred USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to Startups @ Berkeley's Spring Mixer.

The following Resolution, SB 99, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Isaac Miller, Mahaliyah Ayla O, and Ms. Flores, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Shah, Mr. Mairena, Ms. Rodriguez, and Ms. Ude, Ms. Tran, Ms. Yang, Mr. Sakaue, Pres. Winston, AAVP De la Cruz, EVP Pasco, EAVP Jirachaikitti, Ms. Hussain, Mr. Trần, and Mr. Nahabet:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2nd ANNUAL ACTIVISM RIGHT THERE

WHEREAS, the University of California, Berkeley has a longstanding tradition of being at the forefront of student activism and service to its community, nation, and world; and

WHEREAS, the University of California, Berkeley also has a longstanding tradition of being a pioneer in the performing and visual arts and has one of the premier student arts communities in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Administration of UC Berkeley and the ASUC have both a tradition and a mandate of supporting multiculturalism, as reflected by the newly created Office of the Vice Chancellor for Equity and Inclusion and the ASUC By-laws, most specifically in Title XI: SUPERB, Title XXII: ASUC Multicultural Fund, Title XXIII: From All Perspectives Show; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2nd ANNUAL ACTIVISM RIGHT THERE (cont'd)

WHEREAS, artistic spaces facilitate cross-cultural dialogue and the building of politically engaged inter-community coalitions working for the betterment of the entire student body; and

WHEREAS, these spaces also allow for the bridging of the UC Berkeley campus with the wider Bay Area community, and provide outreach opportunities for the inclusion of young people from diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds in the UC Berkeley community and give young people from underrepresented communities a vision of UC Berkeley as an institution of equal opportunity for all young people; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of UC Berkeley students from both the undergraduate and graduate communities, representing many different ASUC sponsored student groups at Cal, and youth from over 20 different Bay Area youth and community organizations are putting on Activism Right There, an event celebrating the history of activism and the arts at UC Berkeley March 10th, 2009; and

WHEREAS, this year the event will be a part of a week of events commemorating the 40th anniversary of the third world Liberation Front, who were responsible for the creation of the Ethnic Studies Department. Activism Right There will specifically be focusing on the connection between social movements and artistic and cultural movements, particularly as they relate to the struggle for Ethnic Studies and issues impacting communities of color; and

WHEREAS, we hope that by drawing intergenerational connections between different participants in student movements current students will learn about a vital part of our campus' history that is often invisible, and will draw inspiration from the experience that they can channel into their scholarship and activism inside and outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the panel discussion will include members of the '69 and '99 Ethnic Studies Strikes, including acclaimed artist-activists Bob Wing and Favianna Rodriguez. Favianna is designing a poster specifically for Activism Right There and Bob Wing is collaborating with the artist Jesus Barraza to create an original poster commemorating the 40th anniversary of twLF; and

WHEREAS, the concert portion of the evening will consist of spoken word poets, politically conscious hip hop artists, and dancers. Our lineup includes the Brown Buffalo Project, Los Rakas, Bambu (formerly of Native Guns), Invincible, and Zion I. The event will be DJ'd by K-Salaam and hosted by Jennifer Johns. There will be dancers from Cal and from Sisterz of the Underground, a Bay Area Collective of women break-dancers; and

WHEREAS, Last year we had 2000 students and community members attend the event. We outreached heavily to off-campus organizations and to schools in the East Bay. Bridging the campus and the community is a central mission of this event. We are requesting the funding specifically for the cost of renting Zellerbach Auditorium, a space that is rarely used by the many students, particularly for programming that is relevant to the history and present of student activism at Cal; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2nd ANNUAL ACTIVISM RIGHT THERE (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the budget for the 2nd Annual Activism Right There 2009 is as follows: Total income, \$19,000; Total expense, \$30,933;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize this event as an ASUC sponsored event and allocate \$1500 (fifteen hundred dollars) from the Senate Contingency Fund to the 2nd Annual Activism Right There.

On a point of personal privilege, Mr. Nahabet said a bill they approved under the Consent Calendar, SB 86, called for a moment of silence to commemorate Oscar Grant, In Support of Commemorating Oscar Grant's Life. [A moment of silence was observed.]

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

The following Resolution, SB 82, was authored by Ms. Raffi and Sammy Averbach and was co-sponsored by Ms. Chen, Ms. Cho, Ms. Dhar, Ms. Shah, Mr. Smelko, Mr. Tran, Ms. Yang, and AAVP De la Cruz:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

WHEREAS, the Golden Apple Award is the only student-conferred teaching award on campus; and

WHEREAS, it was created to honor those professors who teach with energy, are inspiring, demonstrate passion, and show care in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, previous winners, including Prof. Presti and Prof. Zook, were asked to teach Discovery Courses last semester and the Department of Letters and Sciences noted the award on promotion of the classes; and

WHEREAS, the award has gained popularity and prestige over the last four years with nominations tripling from 2005 to 2008 and attendance at the award ceremony increasing by nearly fifty percent; and

WHEREAS, the award has garnered media attention with articles written in local and national newspapers, including the *San Francisco Chronicle*; and

WHEREAS, the ASUC has sponsored this award since its inception five years ago; and

WHEREAS, last year's winner was Professor Ananya Roy; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARD (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the ASUC is charged with representing the voice of the students through sponsorship of events such as this; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2009 this program was allocated \$1,000 from the Senate Contingency fund; and

WHEREAS, as AAVP De la Cruz voiced his concern for the financial situation of the Golden Apple Award since the withdrawal of the considerable Alumni Association funding it has received in previous years; and

WHEREAS, AAVP De la Cruz made the suggestion that \$2,000 for the Honorarium and \$100 for the Award plaque be funded from Carry Forward; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of an honorarium for the winning professor, the ASUC shall provide a seed grant for the winner's use in implementing a student-inclusive program for the benefit the entire campus community; and,

WHEREAS, the guidelines for the seed grant fund will be drafted by an inclusive student working group; and

WHEREAS, the budget is as follows: Total, \$3,900;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$2,000 from the Carry Forward for the Award.

Ms. Flores said she was going to vote for the bill, but wanted to say something about the sustainability of the Golden Apple Award, because of a lack of sponsorship, especially from the Alumni Association. There was a need for \$2,000 for this Award. Instead of giving money to the professor, the \$2,000 will become a seed grant for that faculty. The Senate hasn't accounted for this financial burden that year, and the money was coming out of their carryforward fund, which was being depleted. A joint project with the Academic Affairs Office was a great idea, but the Senate should start thinking about having this as a line item in the spring budget.

A motion to recess for one minute was made and seconded by Ms. Flores and Ms. Ude and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Ms. Flores moved to call the question on SB 82A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 82, AS AMENDED, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARD.

Up for consideration was SB 85, Resolution In Support of the Global Business Brigades and the Berkeley Environmental Global Brigades, as amended in committee. The amended version was unavailable at the time of printing.

Ms. Chen said she pulled the bill because she was concerned about the budget. It was brought up that other bills were passed with similar budgets, but they should ask groups to specify a breakdown of what their supplies were. Instead of saying "\$100 for supplies," they should indicate what the money was going towards. A lot of bills passed last semester for groups going abroad were fairly detailed.

Ms. Hussain said that with a medical mission abroad, people themselves were buying supplies, which made it difficult to have a breakdown. It's usually a flat rate per person, which also goes towards supplies. It wasn't always possible to have an exact breakdown, especially when other people make purchases as opposed to when a group buys the supplies itself.

Ms. Chen said they should encourage groups to get that information, since it was available. It was important to be as transparent as possible.

Ms. Chen moved to call the question. The motion was seconded by Ms. Flores and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 85, AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GLOBAL BUSINESS BRIGADES AND THE BERKELEY ENVIRONMENTAL GLOBAL BRIGADES.

The following Resolution, SB 88, as amended in committee, was authored by Ms. Shah, Ms. Tran, and Ms. Hussain, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Ude, Ms. Yang, Mr. Sakaue, Ms. Hussain, and EVP Pasco:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TANG CENTER AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, this year, the ASUC Senate has engaged in student issues in several ways, one of which is ensuring that these issues are addressed in its three Advocacy Agenda Committees; and

WHEREAS, Advocacy Agenda Committee #1, the Advocacy Committee on Student Health and Mental Well-Being, is dedicated to the ensuring and promoting the health of UC Berkeley's student body; and

WHEREAS, during the week of March 2-6, the Advocacy Committee aims to inform the student body about the health services offered through the Tang Center by hosting Tang Center Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the week of events is a collaborative effort between the ASUC and many student organizations ranging from SHEP, to NAPAWF, the Art of Living Club, to FemSex; and

WHEREAS, the completion of this week of events will be a fulfillment of one of the committee's major goals; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TANG CENTER AWARENESS WEEK (cont'd)

WHEREAS, all Senators agreed to work on the issues in this year's Advocacy Agenda; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the week is as follows: Total, \$2,426.85;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$936.85 from the Senate Contingency Fund and recognize Tang Center Awareness Week as an ASUC-sponsored week of events.

Mr. Sakaue said that as a member of Advocacy Agenda Committee #1, he would urge Senators to support this bill. It's the only event that has come out of their Advocacy Agenda Committees. The Committee has been very active. Their mission was to do programming, and it was important for the Senate to support the mission of these Committees as institutions of the ASUC that were trying to make the campus more accessible and useful.

Ms. Cho said the bill was amended, and asked what the amount was for. Ms. Hussain said a big cost was for T-shirts for publicity during the Week. They've applied for grants, and they've gotten all the other funding besides for T-shirts.

Ms. Dhar said she liked the idea of campus-wide programming. Her issue was with the payment for T-shirts. She had an ethical issue with paying for that. They've denied T-shirts to other groups and haven't allowed waivers for them. This brought up serious ethical concerns if they allow T-shirts for themselves and not for the students. She wouldn't vote for that, whether the money came from the Contingency Fund or from the Senate Only account.

Mr. Sakaue said they were referring to the Advocacy Agenda line item, which was separate from Senate Only. Ms. Dhar said she wasn't aware of that, but regardless, she wasn't comfortable funding T-shirts. It was too much of a double standard. Mr. Sakaue asked if she as a Fi-Comm member voted for any waiver that requested a student group to use money for T-shirts. Ms. Dhar said they passed one by mistake at the beginning of the year, the second Fi-Comm meeting. After that, they denied T-shirt waivers. And they've done that for multiple groups, including her own.

Ms. Cho asked how much the amount was in funds that Advocacy Agenda Committees could use. Ms. Pasco said it was \$800.

Ms. Hussain said they have passed T-shirt waivers, for Tikvah and HMAP, and Fi-Comm has not denied a T-shirt waiver. So they've passed T-shirt waivers in the past, multiple times.

Ms. Chen asked if the amended version says the money was from the Contingency Fund or the Advocacy Agenda Committee. Ms. Hussain said they're asking for money from both. But the bill asks for money from the Contingency Fund. From the Advocacy Agenda account, it was for T-shirts and programming.

Mr. Nahabet asked what the cost was for waiving HMAP T-shirts twice. Ms. Hussain said it was \$500 each.

Ms. Cho said aside for the fact that they've waived T-shirts, they haven't been doing active waivers, and she felt there was a lack of communication in this case. She could see why the Advocacy Agenda

Committee couldn't get money for grants and thus wanted a fee waiver. But she wished the Committee had let them know that they planned to submit a fee waiver so they wouldn't have to do a retroactive waiver.

Ms. Hussain said Fi-Comm has passed several retroactive waivers as well. And that was in last semester's Fi-Comm as well.

Ms. Chen asked if the Senate allocated money to those groups on behalf of the waivers or publicity, and if chose to waive that money for T-shirts. Ms. Hussain said the money was waived.

Mr. Nahabet asked how much the Southeast Asian In Politics was allocated. Ms. Hussain said they got \$250 and they used \$152 a fee waiver. Ms. Cho asked if that was allowed. Ms. Hussain said it was because it was an event, not a group. Groups have certain bounds under which they could have waivers, and this was allowed.

Mr. Sakaue said the Advocacy Agenda Committee made multiple announcements that it was seeking funding from other sources. They included that in their minutes.

Ms. Chen asked if the Committee sought funding from the Student Opportunity Fund. Mr. Sakaue said they're applying. Ms. Shah said they're applying to the MCF and the ICF. They're not approaching the Fifth Account.

Ms. Chen asked what accounts they were applying to and what they anticipated. Ms. Hussain said it was MCF and ICF. They're hoping for \$500 overall. Ms. Chen asked if they could fund T-shirts. Ms. Hussain said they can't. Ms. Hussain said T-shirts were a big part of publicity. They hope to get that, but haven't heard back.

Ms. Chen asked what they hoped to cover. Ms. Hussain said it would be for fliers and subsidize part of the T-shirts with grant money. T-shirts have been a huge part of publicity. Ms. Chen asked if the \$936 covered the rest of the T-shirts and the food. Ms. Hussain said they're not asking for food. They don't know if grants will accept the T-shirt recommendation, so they're asking for \$936. Even if they use all their money they have, that's what will be left over.

Ms. Dhar asked how they budgeted for the SOF. Mr. Sakaue said they didn't budget for that. Ms. Dhar asked how much they expect from that. Mr. Sakaue said they didn't apply. They initially planned the Week for the second week of school, but things had to be re-arranged because of Winter Break, so it was uncertain when the Week will be. They couldn't apply for Student Opportunity Funds without a firm deadline. Ms. Dhar asked why they couldn't apply for SOF at that time, as it seemed more appropriate. Ms. Hussain said that SOF applications have to be put in two weeks before the date of the event. That was an oversight by the Committee. By that time it was too late. The Committee dropped the ball.

Ms. Dhar said there was an oversight, and now the Contingency Fund was being used to cover that oversight. She had problems using the Contingency Fund to cover their mistakes. Student groups could also say that as well.

Mr. Owens asked for a straw poll on the bill. The request was seconded by Mr. Mairena. A straw poll was taken on passing SB 88A. After the straw poll, Ms. Pasco said the result was 8-6-1 and the bill would fail.

Ms. Flores said numerous groups were directed by Senators to go to the Contingency Fund. The AAVP's office during Spring Welcome Week used T-shirts as publicity, and ASUC money was used for that. And T-shirts for Tang Center Awareness Week were also being used for publicity.

Mr. Nahabet asked what method was used to distribute T-shirt for Spring Welcome Week. Ms. Flores said she didn't know. Mr. Nahabet asked how much was spent. Ms. Flores said she didn't know.

Mr. Mairena asked if they could move and possibly make amendments.

Ms. Chen said she didn't think they should fund T-shirts, as she made clear in Fi-Comm, when they don't fund T-shirts to student groups. People could still publicize without T-shirt. And people organizing the week could also apply for grants.

Ms. Flores said that because the Advocacy Agenda Committee was considering lack of support from other Senators and resorted to having T-shirts. She would ask if every Senator has taken the initiative to publicize this event.

Ms. Hussain said the Advocacy Agenda came from the entire Senate at the beginning of the year. They haven't seen much support from the rest of the Senate. They would like to add it to the By-laws and make it its own line item in the budget.

Ms. Cho said that if they passed this, knowing that what they were doing was against the Constitution, she'd feel they were wronging the students because the ASUC will have told them one thing and practiced another. It would be making Senators' projects over the projects of students. If they pass the bill for this amount, they'd have to tell the student body that there was a mistake on the Senate's part.

Mr. Sakaue asked if her opposition was against the bill in its entirety, or if they wanted to fill in a blank and amend the bill.

Ms. Cho moved to draw a blank. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed by hand-vote 10-3-2.

Ms. Pasco said called for proposed amendments. Mr. Sakaue suggested \$800. Ms. Chen suggested \$290; Mr. Owens suggested \$500; Mr. Owens suggested \$650; Ms. Ude suggested \$700. Seeing no further amounts, Ms. Pasco said they would come to a vote.

Ms. Pasco said the first amendment to consider was amending SB 88 to \$800. the motion to approve the amendment to SB 88 by \$800 failed by hand-vote 9-4-1.

Ms. Pasco said they would next consider amending SB 88 by \$700.

Ms. Flores said she asked the EAVP how much they spent on Spring Welcome Week, and he said it was for \$1,000.

Mr. Owens moved to recess for ten minutes. He asked to rescind the motion and moved to recess until the discretion of the Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tran and passed by hand-vote 12-3-0. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Ms. Hussain moved to consider an amendment of \$290.

Mr. Zuo said he believed it was immoral to fund T-shirts when the Senate has denied that to student groups. But he would consider a fee waiver for \$290. It could be used for other things. Money has been spent out of pocket as a result of poor planning. He thought \$290 was a fair amount based on the budget and on fiscal policy.

Ms. Raffi said that in this discussion they shouldn't consider that somebody spent money. Groups shouldn't spend money and then look to the Senate to pay it back.

Mr. Mairena asked for a straw poll on whether Senators were willing to allocate any money at all to the bill. After a straw poll was held, Ms. Pasco said the result was 13-0-1, and the bill would fail with any allocation.

Ms. Hussain said they were asking for \$290 for fliers and the workshop. They had her word the \$290 would be used for that. She didn't understand why this wouldn't be funded. They'll see if any grants will fund T-shirts.

Mr. Sakaue moved to call the question. The motion to end debate was seconded by Ms. Ude. Mr. Sakaue asked to rescind his motion.

Ms. Chen moved to recess for two minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah and failed by hand-vote 5-6-1. Ms. Oatfield moved to recess until the discretion of the Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Ms. Hussain moved to call the question on \$290. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO AMEND SB 88 TO \$290 PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 16-1-0.

Mr. Nahabet asked what line item the money would come from. Ms. Pasco said it was the Advocacy Agenda.

Mr. Nahabet moved to amend the Resolved Clause from the Senate Contingency Fund to have the money allocated from the Advocacy Agenda line item. The motion was seconded by Ms. Raffi. The motion failed by hand-vote 8-9-1.

Ms. Raffi asked what the \$290 allocation would be used for. Ms. Hussain said it would be for fliers and programming for the workshops. Ms. Raffi asked how that would be divided. Ms. Hussain said \$190 would be for fliers and \$100 for programs.

Mr. Sakaue moved to call the question. The motion to end debate was seconded by Mr. Mairena and passed by hand-vote 10-6-0.

Mr. Mairena requested a roll call vote. The request was seconded.

Roll call was taken on the motion to approve SB 88, as amended in committee and on the floor:

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

A motion to close the rolls was made and seconded and passed with no objection.

The motion to approve SB 88A failed 8-4-6.

Mr. Mairena moved to reconsider SB 88. The motion was seconded by Ms. Flores and passed with no objection.

Ms. Cho moved to amend the source of funding to be the Advocacy Agenda fund. Ms. Cho asked to rescind her motion.

Mr. Mairena said he didn't think the Senate was listening to each other. The \$290 was in the budget for programming and publicity and wouldn't cover T-shirts. The money could come out of the Contingency Fund. The Senate was going in circles for no reason.

Mr. Nahabet asked why money should be spent from the Contingency Fund when a fund that was allocated during spring budgeting set up money for Advocacy Agenda Committees. Mr. Mairena said they were also looking for money from the Advocacy Agenda, which doesn't require a bill.

Ms. Cho said that taking from the Advocacy Agenda line item had the same restrictions as any other funds.

Mr. Nahabet asked if the money they'd look for from the Advocacy Agenda line item would be for T-shirts. Mr. Mairena said he would assume that was the case. Money for T-shirts would be a separate bill that hasn't been written yet.

Ms. Cho asked why they wouldn't fund SB 88 from the Advocacy Agenda fund. T-shirts couldn't be paid for without a bill any way.

Mr. Mairena said that if they could use money from the Advocacy Agenda line item, he asked why they shouldn't fund everything out of that.

Ms. Hussain said Tang Center Awareness Week involves five or six other organizations, so it wasn't just the Advocacy Agenda Committee that was involved. So she felt money should be covered by the Senate through the Contingency Fund.

Ms. Raffi said money was allocated to fund programs that come out of the Advocacy Agenda Committee, and a Committee putting on a week should come out of that fund. Just because it was an Advocacy

Agenda Committee, the Senate should not fund T-shirts because it wasn't fiscally responsible. There was a fund that was specifically designated for this Committee. Taking money from the Contingency Fund would mean the Senate would be spending \$800 from the Advocacy Agenda Committee line item and \$290 from the Contingency Fund, and that wasn't accounted for in spring budgeting. There was no reason to not fund this from the Advocacy Agenda fund.

Ms. Hussain asked if she was aware that other groups were co-sponsoring this event besides the ASUC. Finance By-laws state that if an Advocacy Agenda Committee seeks funds, a bill could be written. So taking money from the Contingency Fund would be legal. Ms. Raffi said she wasn't saying this was illegal, but they shouldn't write a bill for this Committee without spending down the \$800 for the Advocacy Agenda.

Mr. Mairena said the discussion was going in circles so he would ask people to provide motions for alternatives.

Mr. Smelko asked what alternatives they had besides funding this out of the Advocacy Agenda and Contingency Funds. He felt money in the Contingency Fund was in case there was overspending.

Ms. Cho said whether the money came from the Contingency Fund or the Advocacy Agenda line item, the bill would get the same amount.

Ms. Dhar it seemed highly irresponsible to take the money out of the Contingency Fund when they had the money in the Advocacy Agenda line item. It meant people were intending to spend Advocacy Agenda money on T-shirts, which was unfair and unprecedented, and something they have denied to their student groups. It wasn't about legality, but what was responsible to do.

Mr. Tran moved to amend the bill to take the money from the Advocacy Agenda line item, and to include the Advocacy Agenda committee among the student groups participating in the event. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Mairena moved to amend the amendment to add that as a Whereas Clause, because it could get confusing to the account if that money went to organizations. Or they could recognize the event as ASUC sponsored and create that account. The motion to amend the amendment was seconded by Mr. Tran.

As amended, a Whereas Clause would be added:

“Whereas the ASUC Advocacy Agenda Committee is among the student groups participating in the event,”

Mr. Tran’s amendment would also have the Resolved Clause read as follows”

“Resolved, that the ASUC allocate \$290.00 from the Advocacy Agenda Committee line item and recognize Tang Center Awareness Week as an ASUC-sponsored week of events.”

THE MOTION TO APPROVE MR. TRAN’S AMENDMENT PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

Ms. Hussain asked for a straw poll on the bill. The request was seconded by Mr. Owens. After a straw poll was held, Ms. Pasco said the result was 13-1-2, and the bill would fail.

Ms. Hussain said this shouldn't just be funded out of the Advocacy Agenda line item when seven other groups were involved in the programs.

Ms. Raffi said she didn't understand why they were fighting about this because there was more than enough to fund this out of the Advocacy Agenda. She'd ask why they have such a fund if they didn't fund SB 88 out of it. The Advocacy Agenda Committee said it worked hard to plan this, and now people were saying that the Awareness Week was put on by student groups so they should fund it out of the Contingency Fund. The bill could be passed if money came out of the Advocacy Agenda. If that got spent down, then the Senate could consider funding such things from the Contingency Fund.

Mr. Sakaue said the By-laws in Title VIII say this would have to be referred to the Standing Committee on the Advocacy Agenda before money could be allocated from the Advocacy Agenda line item.

Mr. Sakaue asked for a straw poll on tabling the bill for a week. The request was seconded. A straw poll was held. Ms. Pasco said a motion to table SB 88 would pass 11-1-2.

Mr. Sakaue moved to table SB 88A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens.

Ms. Raffi requested a roll call vote. The request was seconded.

Roll call was taken on the motion to table SB 88A:

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

Ms. Pasco said she would entertain a motion to close the rolls. Objections were raised. Ms. Pasco said the rolls were still open.

Ms. Chen moved to go to Executive Officer Reports. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

Report from the President

Kristie said the OP was working on Disability Awareness Week. They'll have a comedian from SUPERB. It will be from March 5 to March 13. A press release will be going out. Food will be

provided at every event. She wanted to invite Senators to the “Day In the Life” event on March 11. Senators can sign up to participate. They're trying to get Senators and faculty members to sign up to experience a day in the life of someone who was visually impaired or paralyzed from the waist down. People will borrow a wheelchair or be blindfolded and given a guide for two or three hours or the day. She'd pass around a sign-up list.

They're also working on Mental Health Awareness Week. They have a tentative agenda that includes movie screenings, a roundtable, meditation, yoga, gardening, and performances. They're looking for a venue for the event. If people have any suggestions, that would be great. Mr. Nahabet suggested using Dwinelle or 2050 VLSB for movie screenings.

The OP will publish a newsletter every two weeks starting March 13. It will be in pdf form so every student and faculty member could download it. The content will focus on transparency and advertising for OP activities. Other offices, student organizations, and Senators will also be able to publicize. It will also talk about current OP projects, show a calendar of events, and have news, like election results. They're also including fun stuff like an OP play list, or songs OP staff like. They'll focus on trying to get people to know the ASUC better, so they'll focus on one or two Officers every newsletter, have an interview, and put a spotlight on one student org for the week. Any feedback from the Senate on content would be great.

Report from the Executive Vice President

Ms. Pasco said that on Thursday, Panda Express representatives will be coming to campus from 7:00 to 8:00 and will hold a Q&A in the Bear's Lair. Afterwards, there will be a closed session meeting of the SOB to talk about the Panda contract from 8:00 to 10:00 in the Senate Chambers. Elected officials can attend. The next meeting they have of the SOB is March 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 in the Senate Chamber.

Mr. Sakaue moved to go back to Immediate Consideration and to close the rolls on tabling SB 88A. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION (cont'd)

Mr. Sakaue moved to close the rolls on tabling SB 88A. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rodriguez and passed with no objection.

With the rolls closed, the motion to table SB 88, by the author and in committee and on the floor, failed 9-9-0.

Mr. Sakaue moved to refer SB 88A to the Standing Committee on the Advocacy Agenda. The motion was seconded. THE MOTION TO REFER SB 88A TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ADVOCACY AGENDA PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

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

Elected Official Announcements (cont'd)

Mr. Mairena said he had a petition, started by people in the Physical Education Department, to support the PE Department so it wasn't cut. Cuts were being made throughout all departments, but cutting PE by 50% was drastic. Also, he was going to write a bill on the Cal Lodge, if anybody wanted to help. Mr. Mairena said he was sad and frustrated that evening. He missed out an important event that evening, a vigil in San Francisco representing same-sex couples who the system was trying to divorce because of the passage of Prop. 8. There will be a court case on that on Thursday, on the repeal of Prop. 8.

Ms. Raffi said she submitted a bill that evening about amending the Constitution. She wanted to state how close they came to not being able to amend the Constitution at all, and this was the last week a bill could have been submitted to do that. After that evening, no bills to do that could be submitted. In light of everything that has happened, this should have been on all of their minds. She would ask people to please take a really good look at the bill and think critically about what number they thought would make sense for the student body to mandate something to the ASUC. She put numbers in the bill that she thought were reasonable. They need to have an in-depth discussion about this. A significant amount of the student population should be behind something before the ASUC spent \$25,000 more on pursuing any type of action. Her intention was to make sure that in the future, a larger portion of the campus was behind something that the ASUC was mandated to do. She would ask them to please come up with numbers on their own.

Mr. Sakaue said that instead of talking about this behalf, the bill will be discussed in committee and could be discussed at that time.

Ms. Rodriguez said spring budgeting was happening. She would ask Senators to please double-check with their organizations to make sure they're working on that, and that they don't turn in an application late, or on the last day. Also, she would ask people to please look at the agenda packet, which comes out a week before the meeting, giving them ample time to communicate with each other about the bills. They didn't do a good job that week, and she hoped they do a better job next time.

Ms. Oatfield said that when they draw a blank, they shouldn't argue over increments of \$50. She would like to see increments of at least \$100, because they end up spending so much time debating in Fi-Comm over \$50 or \$100. Also, during a recess, she said she wanted to submit a bill to amend the finance By-laws so student organizations could spend money on T-shirts, instead of having T-shirts for some events and not others. She thought the Senate should be fair. But they should require that the T-shirts be made from an organic plant material. She noted that people laughed when she said that, but she was serious about it. If people thought that was a ridiculous idea, she would ask them to please talk to her about that.

Ms. Tran said the VSA will have its second general meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. in 2050 VLSB. At 9:00 they'll have karaoke. Also, for Sen. Yang, the Southeast Asian Student Coalition will meet on Thursday at 7:30 to 9:30 in 79 Dwinelle, and talk about Southeast Asian gangs and gang violence.

Ms. Hussain said the Jewish-Muslim Dinner happened last week and was an amazing event. She was really happy with the outcome. Six out of eight people on the Board are seniors and they got 17 people who wanted to sign up and participate, and continue it. Also, she hoped people support Tang Center Awareness Week by going to the event on Thursday. Also, surveys were sent out to 800 women on campus. They got amazing responses and some findings will be presented in Eshleman Library from 6:00 to 8:00.

Mr. Zuo said his bill on continuity will help with transparency and transition. He couldn't make it to Fi-Comm, and given Mr. Permaul's presentation on the budget, he thought that semester the Senate has been a little too lenient in funding student groups. Too many were getting their full funding. The Senate needed to crack down, even if it involved their own groups. He'll try and be more of a bad guy, and hoped everybody was. It was for the good of the school. The Senate couldn't keep funding groups at the rate they have been. Fi-Comm might get longer and more contentious, but it was for the good of the school.

Ms. Shah said she wanted to thank people for passing the prayer-space bill and the bill commemorating Oscar Grant. Also, the first two bills they pulled from the Consent Calendar, the Senate really didn't debate, and just heard comments about. She would request that if people just wanted to make a comment on a bill, to do so during Elected Official Announcements rather than pulling the bill from CC. Also, Activism Right There is Tuesday, March 10, from 7:00 to 10:30 in Zellerbach. It was amazing last year and filled Zellerbach completely. She would also ask them to please go to Tang Center Awareness Week events. On Friday there will be "Disco in Frisco" from 10:00 to 2:00. Also, this was Israeli Apartheid Week and Israeli Peace University Week. She would recommend people go to both Week's events and try and learn about the situation. Also, Friday was "Trafficked," and Ms. Pasco will look hot in her dress.

Ms. Flores said next week will be a weeklong celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Third World Liberation Front. There will be an event every day and an intergenerational dinner on Friday, where people could meet folks from the '60s, '70s, and '80s.

Mr. Smelko there's a stipulation that allows the Senate to fund from the Contingency Fund. It talks about an allocation from the Contingency Fund being made to an Advocacy Agenda Committee if it submits a written budget and applicable projects' annual expenditures. The spirit was to list everything they know they'll have to pay for instead of having to come back for a bill later on.

Ms. Chen said the Women's Conference is that weekend, March 8, 10:00 to 3:00 in Pauley.

Ms. Hussain said she and Ms. Batac will hold a spring budgeting workshop on March 14 at 2 p.m. in 220 Wheeler. Senators should have their groups attend. The budget process was long and complicated and hard to navigate. The workshop makes the process a lot easier. Applications are due March 20.

Ms. Shah said that in light of the recent assaults on women on and near campus, she was organizing an ASUC self-defense day with other women organizations on campus, on March 19, hopefully in the MCC, from 2:00 to 6:00. If people want to help out, they should send her an e-mail. And she would ask them to please advertise it to all their groups. It wasn't just for women. Ms. Chen asked who will lead the workshop. Ms. Shah said it was a group she heard about, Girl Army.

Mr. Zuo said the GA revision agreement was bigger than anything the Senate has done that year. He was disappointed that he, Mr. Tran, and Ms. Pasco were the only ones who have met about that. People

should e-mail Mr. Daal to learn about this. It shouldn't be partisan and was for the students and the ASUC.

Mr. Nahabet said he and Ms. Tran and their committee have been working on the Undergraduate Research Forum for the entire year. It's been a Senate goal from the beginning of the year. They have 50 different research groups coming out from all sorts of department, Integrative Biology, MCB, Public Health, Political Science, German, Sociology, and many others. If students were interested in research of any kind, or just wanted to meet people and find out what research happened on the campus, they could find out more. It was to end the disconnect between people doing research and others. It will be at lunchtime and will be amazing.

Ms. Hussain said that Ms. Chen did a self-defense workshop two weeks ago, so Ms. Shah should talk to her.

Mr. Sakaue 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	Kifah Shah
Sarah Cho	Christina Oatfield	Will Smelko
Meghana Dhar	Tommy Owens	Lisa Tran
Mary June Flores	Tara Raffi	Tu Tran
Saira Hussain	Claudia Rodriguez	Obiamaka Ude
Oscar Mairena	Lyell Sakaue	Yishi Zuo

This meeting adjourned at 1:05 a.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

Steven I. Litwak
Recording Secretary