

ASUC SENATE MEETING

April 15, 2008

Twelfth Week

This regular meeting of the ASUC Senate was called to order by Krystle Pasco at 7:17 p.m. in the ASUC Senate Chamber. Ms. Pasco said she would like to welcome their new Senator, Marcus Caimi.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to the minutes from the April 1 meeting.

Ms. Flores said that on page 21 the minutes state that Ms. Ude wanted her to ask the editor of *The Bare Magazine* if people had to be over 5'10" to be a model in the magazine, and it was Sen. Yang who asked that.

Ms. Hussain said that on page 1, under New Business, there were bills in parentheses and bills without parentheses. The bill numbers without parentheses were not correct, and the bill numbers in parentheses were correct. SBs 148 through 155 had already been assigned the week before.

Ms. Cho said that the minutes state that she came across a late night delivery system, and should state that Ms. Chen made that statement.

Mr. Owens said that in Elected Official Announcements, the anti-Semitic literature he received was not in the form of an e-mail, but was regular, physical mail.

Ms. Pasco said that seeing no further changes, the Chair would entertain a motion to approve the meeting. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Owens and Ms. Yang. **THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 1, 2009 MEETING, AS AMENDED, PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.**

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Pasco referred the following bills to Committee:

SB 168, In Support of BAΨ's "Night Club Management and Event Organizing Executive Series Forum," to the Finance Committee

SB 169, Recognizing the Army ROTC, to the Finance Committee

SB 170, In Support of the Relay for Life, to the Finance Committee

SB 171, In Support of the Electronic Music Club, to the Finance Committee

- SB 172, In Support of the AEPi Spring Strut, to the Finance Committee
- SB 173, In Support of the Tzvia Greenfield Event, to the Finance Committee
- SB 174, In Support of the Campus (WOW) Week of Wilderness, to the Finance Committee
- SB 175, In Support of Project Pueblo, to the Finance Committee
- SB 176, In Support of East Asian Languages Cultures Undergraduate Student Association (EALCUSA), to the Finance Committee
- SB 177, In Support of the Psychological and Psychiatric Disability Scholarship, to the Finance Committee and to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee
- SB 178, In Support of the 2009 Crimson Royale: A Scholarship Gala In Support of HIV/AIDS, to the Finance Committee
- SB 179, In Support of the Eritrean Student Association' 1st Annual Culture Show, to the Finance Committee
- SB 180, In Support of the Berkeley Cambodian Student Association CERI Mentorship Shadow Day, to the Finance Committee
- SB 181, In Support of the 1st Annual Hmong Professional Symposium, to the Finance Committee
- SB 182, In Support of the Southeast Asian Mentorship (SEAM) Benefit Concert: "Break the Chain," to the Finance Committee
- SB 183, In Support of Additional Spring Budgeting, to the Finance Committee
- SB 184, In Support of College of Environmental Design Peer Advising, to the Finance Committee
- SB 185, In Support of FAST's Spring 2009 Show, to the Finance Committee
- SB 186, In Support of Senior Senators and Graduation Materials, to the Finance Committee
- SB 187, In Support of Hip Hop In the Park, to the Finance Committee
- SB 188, In Support of Replenishing the Senate Contingency Fund, to the Finance Committee
- SB 189, In Support of the Urdu Culture Show, to the Finance Committee
- SB 190, To Create an Ecological Restoration Group Director in the ASUC By-laws, to the Finance Committee and to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee
- SB 191, In Support of GIANT's Spring Film Festivals, to the Finance Committee
- SB 192, In Support of the Gift of Life at Berkeley, to the Finance Committee
- SB 193, In Support of the Gift to Life at Berkeley's World Cultures Night, to the Finance Committee
- SB 194, to Share Expenses between the ASUC and the Graduate Assembly, to the Finance Committee and to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee and to the University and External Affairs Committee
- SB 195, In Support of Shared Commercial Activities Revenue between the ASUC and the Graduate Assembly (GA), to the Finance Committee and to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee and to the University and External Affairs Committee
- SB 196, In Support of ASA's Genocide Awareness Week, to the Finance Committee [Added during the meeting.]

SB 197, In Support of the Academian Times, to the Finance Committee [Added during the meeting.]

SB 198, In Support of at the UPSA, to the Finance Committee, to the Finance Committee [Added during the meeting.]

SB 199, In Support of the Undergraduate Research Forum, to the Finance Committee [Added during the meeting.]

Mr. Nahabet said he would like to have bills he sent out added to the agenda and included in the packet.

Mr. Mairena asked what time he e-mailed the bills to Ms. Lemus. Mr. Nahabet said he was unable to e-mail them to her. He moved to add them to New Business. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dhar.

Mr. Nahabet requested a roll call vote. The request was seconded by Mr. Owens.

Ms. Pasco said it was 7:20 and time to take roll and would do that before the roll-call vote.

Roll call was taken for attendance:

MEMBERS LEGALLY PRESENT:

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
John Moghtader	Lyell Sakaue	Stephanie Yang
		Yishi Zuo

MEMBERS PRESENT

Oscar Mairena

Roll call was taken on the motion to add bills to the agenda:

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

On a point of information, Ms. Chen asked about a “simple majority.” Ms. Pasco said it was of those voting.

New Business (cont'd)
Approval of the Agenda
Approval of the Minutes
Guest Announcements

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Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to close the rolls. It was so moved and seconded. The motion to close the rolls passed by hand-vote 10-7-2.

WITH THE ROLLS CLOSED, THE MOTION TO ADD BILLS TO THE AGENDA PASSED 9-4-7, ADDING SBs 195, 196, 197, AND 198. VOTING COMMENTS WERE HEARD.

Ms. Hussain asked if a simple majority would be 11, and not 9. Ms. Pasco said it was a simple majority of those voting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (April 22)

Ms. Pasco said they had a Special Order next week from 8:00 to 8:30, from the Temporary Committee on the Revenue and Expense Sharing Agreement between the ASUC and the GA. She called for any changes to the agenda for next week. A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Ms. Yang and passed with no objection.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (cont'd)

Ms. Flores moved to amend the seventh week Senate minutes, March 4. On page 32, SB 69A was supposed to have been amended in committee to have first-year SISG status as opposed to third-year SAG status, and the group should have been allocated \$200, not \$600. The motion to amend was seconded by Ms. Hussain. THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 69A, AS NEWLY AMENDED, PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION, IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY OF BERKELEY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Announcements

Ms. Pasco said the first Guest Announcement was from Sabrina David from the Sustainability Team Earthweek Committee. Ms. David said she was from the Sustainability Team, an ASUC-sponsored group. They Run The Local and they have a responsible investment campaign. Next week is Earthweek and they're putting on a whole week of environmental awareness events she would like to invite Senators to attend. On Monday Prof. Kamman speaking on Pres. Obama's energy policy. On Tuesday they'll have a picnic on Memorial Glade, with some workshops put on by SAFE, including a Global Footprint Network booth. In the evening there will be a panel discussion on environmental justice, sustainability, and food policy. They have representatives from Food First, the Food Empowerment Project, and others. On

Thursday there will be an environmental fair with organizations showing what they're doing for sustainability on the campus. On Friday they'll show documentary, "Flow: For Love of Water," on the world water crisis. There was a full schedule posted on earthweek.berkeley.edu. She hoped people check it out. They appreciate the ASUC's support and hoped to see people there.

Ms. Pasco said the next speaker was Whitney Ramos. Ms. Ramos said she wanted to highlight one event from Earthweek. There will be an information session on responsible investing on Monday, the 20th, from 3:00 to 4:00, in 87 Dwinelle. The ASUC Sustainability Team has been working to get an environmental policy for socially responsible investing. An ASUC Resolution may be submitted to show support for an advisory committee. This event would be a great way to get more informed if they were interested in learning about this.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASUC

Report from the Chancellor's Designee

Mr. Poullard said he would like to welcome them back after their campaigns. He would ask Sen. Chen to join him at the podium. His report that evening would consist of a joint report he and Ms. Chen would give together, dealing with increased funding for college students. The Senate had dinner with the Chancellor two weeks ago, and Sen. Chen talked with him about college affordability, and the Chancellor asked for a meeting with her. Dean Poullard said the Chancellor wanted him there, as he always does when he meets with students. So he was there at the meeting between Sen. Chen and the Chancellor where they talked about the ongoing issues around affordability for college students in the UC System.

The Chancellor helped Ms. Chen understand the ongoing, current issue about the College Affordability Act, proposed by the UCSA, and its impact on poor, working students, and most importantly, on middle class students. Mr. Poullard said they wanted to talk to the Senate about what they found out and what they propose the campus to be engaged in.

Ms. Chen said that currently, students in the lowest third of family income level qualify for Pell Grants and Cal Grants. The self-help level is \$8,700. She hadn't known this before, but "self-help" meant that with the after getting financial aid, students had to cover everything else, including textbooks, housing, and food. That came out to \$8,700. Students basically have to work or take out loans to cover that amount. The campus was trying to maintain the self-help level. She also wanted to emphasize that that any fees on campus, Education Fees, tuition, all that, one-third of that goes to financial aid.

With the Blue & Gold Plan, a student from a family with income under \$60,000 was guaranteed to be able to get money to go to school and qualify for grants. If they go above \$60,000, they could still qualify for loans, financial aid, and Work Study, but then this comes out of Pell Grants, Cal Grants, to help pay for their education. Right now the impact is really on the families who make \$60-130,000. People talk about that as "the middle class challenge," the people who basically barely missed the \$60K mark to

qualify for these grants, but at the same time, with the rising cost of everything else, it really affects their ability to basically pay for their college.

Mr. Poullard said the UCSA is pushing hard on the College Affordability Act. It would have fees in the System frozen for five years. Such a plan would be disastrous for students. If they hold fees steady, when they return to aid the one-third, that will cover for Pell Grant and Cal Grant students, they will have their Education Fees, Reg Fees, and campus-based fees paid for. However, every single year, housing goes up, as does transportation and books. The campus had no control over that. That meant that because fees were steady, students would have to pay more. That would come from more loans. People don't understand that.

The campus currently returns one-third to aid, which benefits to the poorest students in the System. The students who are hurt the most are middle-class students whose families make between \$60-130,000. When they hold fees steady, that's cute for a minute, but it affected diversity on the campus. Mr. Poullard said that most of the people below the \$60,000 amount look like him, and like Latinos, and people from poor, working-class backgrounds. So they already have a bad situation at Cal, and it will get worse if they hold fees steady.

Holding fees steady would also have a huge impact -- They had to think about how to benefit and make more money available for middle-class students. The way to do that was to lobby to increase Cal Grants and Pell Grants eligibility. If they say for now that people who make between \$60-130K were also eligible for Cal Grants, they'd at least have a little bit more aid to pay for the rising costs of school in the State. That currently doesn't exist. He would ask Ms. Chen, if she would, to tell the story that she told the Chancellor.

Ms. Chen said it was kind of personal. Her family didn't qualify for any financial aid because of her parents' combined income. But because of the economic situation, her father was having issues with his job and got laid off a while back. He had to move to Los Angeles to get a job, while her mom lives in Northern California. She didn't qualify for financial aid because both her parents are able to work and have a job. And because of that, they had to go through extreme means to basically make ends meet, and help her pay for college.

Mr. Poullard said he would thank her for that. He thought Ms. Chen's point was more endemic of the other one-third. At Cal, one-third of their students are below \$60,000; one-third between \$60-130K; and the other third above \$130,000. So they have three different communities on the campus. Even a group like Greenlining was pushing to hold fees steady. But they're looking at taxing the wealthiest folks in the State at 1%, people who make over \$1 million year, in order to pay for and get more aid for people who are in the middle class and the poorer class. Mr. Poullard said he doubted seriously that will happen, but they can still push for it. In the meantime, they had to think about how they increase fees and Cal Grants in such a way that students between the lowest and middle classes could actually afford to go to this campus.

Ms. Chen said that before all this, she had no idea about how this affordability stuff worked. She didn't know what the premise and the context of this discussion even was. She thought the first thing was that they need to basically educate and really make students aware, and maybe launch some kind of educational campaign where people could learn more about the issues behind this.

While this was just one perspective, she was talking to Dionne Jirachaikitti that day, and there are multiple ways to approach affordability, obviously, and multiple models to approach it with. But right now, Ms. Chen said she thought they needed to sit down and really work on it together, pull their knowledge, and educate the students on the best way to help resolve the affordability issue. She thought that would include sitting down with people from the UCSA and with Ms. Jirachaikitti's office. In addition, they should have some kind of training session on fees, State fees, and financial aid, for the EAVP's office, Senators interested in this topic, or future leaders on the campus, if they're interested. They could have a representative from the Financial Aid Office come so people were aware of the premise of this conversation.

Mr. Poullard said the next step was to develop an Advocacy Agenda at the State level that promotes a moderate fee increase and unrestricted increases to Cal Grants and private scholarships. Chancellor Birgeneau is single mindedly focused on raising money to help undergrad student scholarships. It's like an obsession with him, and it's all he talks about. Mr. Poullard said he was glad the Chancellor was pushing that, because as they increase their private dollars, as well as grant dollars, then the education at Cal becomes that much more affordable, not only for their poor and working-class students, but also for their middle-class students, where he thought they were really feeling the pain, with two parents and two or three jobs, trying to make ends meet and have their kids in school. And lastly, to have a strong partnership with Financial Aid and the Chancellor's office to help use their influence at the start with level.

Mr. Poullard said he wanted to thank Sen. Chen for meeting with the Chancellor. The fact that the Chancellor did that says a lot about the Chancellor's wish to have students more actively engaged in this process. Since Ms. Chen will no longer be a Senator after that year, Mr. Poullard said he told the Chancellor that he would work with the Senate next year to help people develop a campaign that was really effective. When people have the information, they could make informed decisions as determined by what was best for their most people on the campus, not the few of them.

Ms. Chen said that a lot of Senators were basically checking out of the Senate, she wanted to emphasize that she hoped they pass on this information to next year's leadership. It took her this long to really learn about the issue and get involved in the issue, and she would hate to have the same thing happen next year and the year after. She would like to see the ASUC pull together its resources and knowledge and create a plan what would sustain itself over time and deliver tangible results. She called for any questions. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend speaking time by three minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Zuo and Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

Mr. Zuo said that to argue from another side, in light of the fact that the DREAM Act has yet to pass, he asked how the situation affects students who don't qualify for scholarships. Mr. Poullard said that was a whole separate conversation. Those students are still not eligible for funding. Mr. Zuo said at this point, if fees were to increase, it would hurt those students. Mr. Poullard said it would, without a doubt. Again, that was a reality, as it was a reality that the middle third of their students are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain their status at this institution and, for that matter, across the State and across the nation. It's figuring out how to advocate for the least among them and at what level.

Ms. Chen said that Mr. Zuo brought up a really good point. There are lots of categories of people there in the bigger picture, and they want to do their best to encompass everyone and try to take into account that people come from different backgrounds. Mr. Poullard said the campus has also been focused on raising private funds, which can be used for people who don't receive funding through the DREAM Act. The

Chancellor was working very hard with groups like Stiles Hall and others, as a quote “private citizen,” to raise dollars to be used for those purposes. The Chancellor recognizes that they don't all have the same access through the same level of resources, through Cal Grant or Pell Grants.

Mr. Sakaue said that if these freezes were so detrimental to the middle or lower thirds of students, he asked what options they had to pursue in trying to get affordability. He asked what other tactics were being proposed. Ms. Chen said that basically, something the Chancellor was pushing for at that time was to not freeze fees, but to reform the financial aid process, lobby for more money, and bring in more money for financial aid, so more money could go back to the lower third and the middle third of students, and try to extend financial aid into the middle third.

Mr. Poullard said the Chancellor has advocated so hard that not this in the fiscal year, of 09-10, but in 10-11, the campus will see an additional \$5 million in financial aid. While people pay fees to Cal, the money actually goes to the Systemwide Office of the President. That's for all ten campuses. The OP, in turn, gives block grant monies back to each individual campus. However, Berkeley's costs are highest because its health insurance residence hall costs were higher. The System was taking money away from Berkeley and to give to other schools not doing as well as Berkeley, i.e., Riverside, Merced, and Santa Cruz. The Chancellor didn't like that and wanted the money back for Berkeley students. He was able to convince the OP to give back that \$5 million starting in 2010-11. That will be a huge boost to financial aid not only for the lower one-third, but also for middle-class students, because that money could be spent in any number of ways. Mr. Poullard said he thought the Chancellor's biggest issue was to both raise Cal Grant to give to more students, but also raise private, philanthropy dollars.

Ms. Chen said she wasn't really able to visualize the impact of keeping fees static until Dean Poullard shared a story of how Harvard and other private schools are also offering a free ride to students who are under a family income of \$180,000. If she had a choice of getting a free ride at Harvard, versus coming to Berkeley, where she had to raise \$8,700, she was sure she'd go to Harvard. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by five minutes was made by Mr. Owens and was seconded and passed with no objection.

Mr. Sakaue said he was hearing the plan was to lobby for more financial aid from the State Legislature and national government. Given the current fiscal situation, he asked if there are new tactics or campaigns to count on that money or if they're grasping for straws. Mr. Poullard said that in the short run they won't see any impact. He wouldn't call it “grasping for straws,” but the Chancellor and the campus were struggling with a campaign of one, not of ten campuses, but just Berkeley, trying to convince his peers on other campuses. The Chancellor chaired an affordability committee for the entire System. The next phase for him was the middle class, because that's where the pinch was being felt the most, and those families were hurting the most, especially with people losing their jobs in this economy.

Ms. Chen said the Chancellor also proposed a matching system, where they would have the State Legislature match money. The State wasn't investing more money in education, and was divesting money. The State used to pay 40% of UC operations and next year they'll only pay 25%.

Mr. Poullard said as Chancellor of the University of Toronto, Chancellor Birgeneau convinced Canada to match every private dollar that was to have the Legislature match private dollars UC raised. The only person who supports the Chancellor in this was Fabian Núñez. So the Chancellor had to convince the Legislature that this was a good thing, to increase education dollars. It would result in more money for scholarships and less money for loans.

Ms. Cho asked if they could clarify if \$8,700 was for one year's enrollment. Mr. Poullard said it was. Students on have the pay about \$8,700 a year in self-help through loans, Work Study, if they have it. Most middle class students don't have Work Study available, so it's all loans, with parent-guaranteed loans or student loans. Most students at Cal will leave owing somewhere between \$25,000 and \$30,000. They hoped to get that down to a much more reasonable amount.

Mr. Zuo said it seemed that they were trying to match the Ivy Leagues. Mr. Poullard said last year at Harvard, tuition and everything was \$51,000, while at Berkeley it was \$26,000 for everything. He thought they could move in that direction, but not if they have 7% increases. That would take them a long time, especially if they were at the same time increasing eligibility of Cal Grants, helping to offset whatever the tuition amount was. That's also where private dollars come in.

Ms. Pasco said that for a lot of low-income students, both lower two brackets, financial aid wasn't enough. Many students who get financial aid and have a full ride still had to work multiple jobs, such as herself. She asked if there were any efforts to increase Work Study or scholarships that weren't necessarily financial aid. Mr. Poullard said they also wouldn't be loan related. Every year, the Chancellor, Susie Castillo Robson, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and Cheryl Resh, Director of Financial Aid, are in Washington, D.C. to advocate, year after year, for increased grant eligibility at the national and State levels, with Cal Grants. However, he didn't think there was enough lobby pressure within the State to make that a reality. California had a huge deficit and there were only four things the Governor really had to negotiate: prisons, health care, infrastructure, and education. Those were the four big-ticket items in the State. And education always came last, a "luxury item." But it wasn't a luxury item, and if they don't invest in education differently, K through 12 and higher education, the State's economy will suffer. But they didn't have the political will in the State to say education was equally important as other issues the State faced. As to how this pans out with the new federal stimulus package, he had no idea. But what they have now wasn't working.

Ms. Chen said this could be a turning point, especially for the student leadership role. She was really passionate about putting everyone together and making sure they pool their resources and knowledge and come out with a cohesive plan of action from here on out. They need to lobby for the right things and make education a higher priority in the State.

Mr. Sakaue said the proposal seemed to be high fee/high aid. He asked if that was more of a tiered system within the Master Plan. Students had to get aid or go to a community college and transfer, or go to school closer to home. Mr. Poullard said he would take issue with that characterization of "high fees," and asked what that was in comparison to. Mr. Sakaue said the proposal would oppose fee freezes and would have fees go up with inflation so there's return to aid. That interest fees would increase. Ms. Chen said the way they're lobbying at the current time wasn't working, because next year fees are going up 10%, and then next year, they could go up another 10%. Mr. Poullard said that for 09-10, fees will go up 10%. If they hold fees static, inclusion and diversity will be drastically impacted. There was no way around that. People in the lower one-third in family income could not continue to pay the additional costs not covered by return to aid, and will have to work more hours in order to be on this campus. That's just the way it was. So they had to balance how fees go up with inflation while simultaneously increasing the ability of Cal Grants to have more aid to cover those fees. It wasn't a one-pronged solution, but a multi-pronged solution. In addition, the Chancellor was raising private dollars to help students they currently cannot assist. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by five minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Shah and Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

Mr. Smelko asked what the chance was of raising private dollars. Mr. Poullard said that in the same way the Chancellor had matching dollars for endowed faculty fellowships, they'll use the same model for students. The campaign for endowed faculty chairs was far exceeding what they thought, and it will go beyond the hundred faculty chairs the Chancellor wanted. He wants the exact same model for undergraduate student dollars for financial aid. In the capital campaign they have at that time, the \$3.3 billion, of that, \$800 million is for undergraduate scholarships. So almost one-third was designed to support undergraduate scholarships. That's what the Chancellor was trying to do by using his influence. That's why the Chancellor spends 70% of the time off-campus, raising money. So it was a multi-pronged approach of raising private dollars, increasing Cal Grants, and trying to help move in a different direction.

Ms. Shah said she was still having a hard time wrapping her head around the fact that raising fees was good for students. Affordability wasn't a new issue and people had to work and couldn't afford their education. Students have been lobbying for years and decades around affordability, so she didn't understand how these fee increases while simultaneously lobbying would Senator,. The College Affordability Act would freeze increases for five years and would then match inflation, which it doesn't currently do. She asked why they shouldn't push for this Act.

Mr. Poullard said the reason is because of the way their financial aid plan works. They return one-third of fees back to financial aid. That covered only certain fees, the Reg Fee, the Ed. Fee, and campus-based fees, such as for the Rec Sports Facility. If those were the only fees they had, the campus wouldn't have to raise fees, because the fees would always cover that amount for those students. But what's not covered in financial aid is housing, transportation, and books. Books are controlled by auxiliary units, and next year, Residential Life will increase fees 5.2%, while they cut their budget by \$12 million. None of that was covered. And Berkeley has the highest rent or board for all the UCs, because of how much it costs in the Bay Area. So the question was where the difference would be made up. It comes from federal Work Study or loans. As the amounts go up, students need more loans, unless they increase Cal Grant eligibility, which allows students to receive more aid. It seems kind of backwards and didn't make sense. He wished he had diagrams to break it down for them visually.

Ms. Chen said one-third from the campus fees is redistributed to students who make under \$60,000. If they keep fees static the cost of living will still go up. They need more money to generate, redistribute, to students, along with financial aid reform. With financial aid reform, they could help out more students and try to compensate for the fact that the cost of living was going up. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by five minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Ms. Shah and passed with no objection.

Ms. Shah said that students couldn't do anything about the extraneous services, but she asked why they couldn't just get more financial aid. Mr. Poullard asked where it would come from. Part of it comes from student fees, but again, she was getting stuck on raising fees, and that was not the only prong. The other prongs were Cal Grant eligibility and raising private dollars. It's not a one-step solution. Even if they never raise fees again and increase Cal Grant eligibility, that would still help students, but not as effectively as everything combined.

Ms. Pasco said they talked about different approaches to the issue of affordability and accessibility. She asked if Prop. 209 was one of those prongs. Mr. Poullard said he didn't know, and said it didn't have to deal necessarily with money, but people getting into institutions. He was sure it was connected, but he wasn't sure if it was as essential as what they were talking about previously. Many prongs need to be worked on, and that should be another prong.

Ms. Hussain asked if they could do a Special Order next week, because she was having a hard time with this. Mr. Poullard said he would try to see if Ms. Resh could come to the Senate next week and talk about her role advocating at the federal and State levels.

Ms. Flores asked if it was possible for Mr. Poullard and the EAVP to work in tandem. Mr. Poullard said they could. Ms. Chen said she talked to Ms. Jirachaikitti about the College Affordability Act and they'll meet next week. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him for his report.

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

Guest Announcements

Ms. Pasco said the next speaker was John Moghtader.

Mr. Moghtader read the following: 51:39

Begin statement by Mr. Moghtader

Over the past few months, I've said many things in the Daily Cal, in print, on YouTube, and other places. I'm up here now because I have some things I'd like to say to you all in person.

Immediately following November 13, 2008, I said from this very podium that I was not involved in the physical altercation. I also said that I condemned the violence that occurred and that I was hoping to use the unfortunate occurrence as an opportunity to address much of the tension plaguing our campus. Unfortunately, my words fell on deaf ears. Perhaps that was because just a few days after the incident, Roxanne Winston, the President of the ASUC, Krystle Pasco, the Executive Vice President, Saira Hussain, a Senator, and Yaman Salahi, a leader in Students for Justice in Palestine, among other Cal-SERVE and SJP leaders, were already conspiring to remove me from office, without investigating my involvement in the incident or even hearing what I had to say.

This could have been an opportunity to bring the campus together, but instead, the people behind the effort to remove me from office drove it further apart.

Over the last few months, the tide on this campus has shifted dramatically. As the truth about the events of November 13 and its aftermath have been uncovered, the leaders of the Cal-SERVE party, and many of its members, has been revealed to be nothing more than a petty group of ill-intended students. Ironically, the Cal-SERVE party does not serve students at all. It leverages the legitimate and admirable ambition of motivated students to serve the special interests of a powerful few.

It is often said that with great power comes great responsibility. Cal-SERVE started the year with great power in the ASUC. Sadly, the Cal-SERVE party has not only shirked on its most fundamental

Statement by Mr. Moghtader (cont'd)

responsibilities, but it has gone above and beyond in the abuse of their power. With this recall, Cal-SERVE has given students a reason to lose faith in the ASUC and that is truly something to be ashamed of.

Worse than the fact that the elected officers of the Cal-SERVE party fail to uphold the duties mandated by the ASUC Constitution, they fail to uphold the supposed ideals of their own party.

You lambaste others for supposedly “silencing” people, wasting student fees, and not being transparent. Yet throughout this entire recall process, you were shown to be dishonest in your stance on the recall, you wasted thousands of dollars of students’ money in the midst of a budget crisis, and, perhaps worst of all, you committed one of the most heinous act of “silencing” imaginable -- you worked to remove a fairly elected Senator from office who has beliefs different than your own.

The results of this year’s ASUC elections will be announced in two days. While I’ve lost faith in the Cal-SERVE party, I have not lost faith in the student body and I’m confident that they have held you accountable for your gross misconduct and egregious abuse of power. The student body will not let you get away with, among other things, removing an innocent person from office by spreading horrible lies. When the results of the recent election are announced, I hope you it provides a meaningful opportunity for you to reflect on your actions this year, if you haven’t already.

For the entirety of my time in the ASUC Senate, I have worked hard to represent my constituents and the student body and to support issues that students actually care about.

I did not want to bring the issue of the Middle East conflict into the Senate. In fact, Kifah Shah was the first person to mention Israel in the Senate this year, when she drew an ignorant comparison between Memorial Stadium and olive trees in Israel. When I was initially denied a seat on the Finance Committee at the first meeting, she lied about the process. Yet when dozens of people came to me proposing a petition to recall Kifah from the senate -- and trust me, we could have gotten a thousand signatures in a heartbeat -- I advised them against it. Because, no matter how much I can’t stand a person’s views or what they represent, I would never take the despicable step of trying to remove a democratically elected voice from our Senate.

I can rest easy knowing that my conscience is clear. Can all of you say the same?

I’d like to take this time to apologize to the student body. As a Senator, and a fellow member of the ASUC, I am sorry that the leaders you elected chose to pursue petty political games over real work. I am sorry that the leaders you elected wasted so much of your money. I’m sorry your leaders weren’t leaders at all.

Which brings me to my final words.

I’ve had a lot of time to observe and reflect over the last few months. And one thing I’ve learned is that it means nothing to tear things down; to tear people down. That does not command respect. What

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commands respect is productivity, when people produce, when people create. It takes a lot more to build things up than to take them down. Tearing down and destroying is the work of the petty, of the insignificant, and frankly, of the pathetic. I plan on spending my days creating and producing and building things up. I hope you learn to do the same.

End statement by Mr. Moghtader

Report from the UCPD Representative

Sgt. Tucker said it looked like their Crime Alert e-mail system was working again. There was a little glitch, but they're getting it worked out. He'd fill them in on a few things that happened that month. On April 7, at about 5 p.m., UCPD officers responded to a call of a large fight, with several people assaulting one person in People's Park. The UCPD arrived quickly and got there before the fight broke up. They were able to apprehend three suspects, one of whom was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, a glass bottle, and another was arrested for battery. On Thursday, the 9th, at about 12:10 a.m., one of their Community Service Officers was at the Durant food court and saw two people breathing fumes in from balloons. He didn't know if it was nitrous oxide or some other intoxicant, but officers responded. When they investigated, they found one of those two had not only a stolen laptop, but also large quantities of some drugs, including Ecstasy and cocaine. So they were arrested. On the 10th, at about 1:30 a.m., at Durant and Ellsworth, an officer was hailed by a student who reported that her friend had been assaulted, technically battery via spit, at Blake's at Telegraph. Officers responded to Blake's, found the suspect, who was positively ID'd, and was arrested. He also had a \$20,000 warrant. Finally, that morning, just before noon, officers were in Brentwood, the far East Bay, serving a warrant that came out of a robbery via gun that occurred at Grizzly Peak on March 29, just after midnight. People were robbed at a turnout. Information found there led to the arrest.

Sgt. Tucker said that for a couple of other quick things, Senators may not have heard yet that the campus is expanding the use of automated, external defibrulators. University Health Services got some extra AEDs and they plan to place about 50 more at key locations around the campus. They're working on a plan as to where those should go. The Police Department has had defibrulators for about several years. They have about 15 in patrol cars and at special events and they've used them successfully several times. So they're glad to see this program expand.

Finally, some dignitaries have visited campus. The President of Liberia was there, and the UCPD was involved in the security detail for that event. Also Superior Court Justice Breyer was there, and coming up was the Dalai Lama, which they're all looking forward to. He called for any questions.

Mr. Nahabet said he had a general question. He asked how many police cars patrol within a one-mile radius of the Berkeley campus from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sgt. Tucker asked if he was referring to UCPD cars

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or City cars as well. Mr. Nahabet said he was asking about both. Sgt. Tucker said he didn't have much insight into City staffing, but just a guess, there could be as maybe 20-30 patrol cars.

Mr. Smelko said he felt it was his personal responsibility to let him know that the Relay for Life was coming up on May 2-3, so there will be a lot of students out there. The event was 24-hours long, and last year, after the event, somebody got held up at gunpoint. Students will be walking back and forth, so he hoped there was a strong police presence. Sgt. Tucker said the event was on the UCPD's calendar, so some sort of attention will be paid to it. He didn't realize a crime was associated with the event last year. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him for his report.

Ms. Chen moved to go to Approval of the Agenda for April 22. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tran and passed with no objection.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (April 22) (cont'd)

Ms. Chen moved to amend the agenda by adding a Special Order from 7:30 to 8:00 for a presentation on fee policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nahabet and passed with no objection.

Report from the GA Representative

Mr. Daal said he would ask Senators to please be involved with the Lower Sproul pre-programming workshop, held on April 24 and May 8. They're looking to get representatives from all student constituencies at these workshops to determine what types of programmatic elements will go into a new Lower Sproul. This was very important to students and will determine what goes in to Lower Sproul for them.

Mr. Daal said he won't be there next week. He'll be flying to Washington. The GA has been involved with a bunch of large state schools to create a lobby group and they'll have their day on the Hill in a week and a half. They'll ask for two lobby points. The first was tax breaks for graduate student fellowships, and secondly, loan forgiveness for graduate students pursuing careers in the public interest, such as in social welfare and education.

The Temporary Committee on Revenue Sharing met last Friday and recommended some amendments to the revenue sharing bills that people have been talking so much about. Those amendments were reflected in the bills that have been submitted, so he would ask Senators to please take a look at those. He believed Mr. Zuo will make a detailed report on the Committee meeting that evening, and Mr. Daal said he believed there's a Special Order scheduled for next week. Mr. Rajan will give that.

Mr. Daal said he found out from the GA's Sustainability Chair, Danny, that due to some letters the GA wrote to the Chancellor and Nathan Brostrom, \$8,000 has been allocated second campus Bicycle

Committee to install several hundred more parking spaces across campus, as specified in the campus bike plan. So that was exciting as well. He called for any questions. Seeing no questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him very much.

Report from the ASUC Store Operations Board

Mr. Permaul said the next meeting of the Store Operations Board is on Cinco de Mayo, at 6 p.m. in the Senate Chamber. Last night the first order of business before the SOB was Panda Express. The ASUC Store Operations Board voted not to approve the amended lease for Panda Express last night. But the Board indicated that the lease would come up for review at the Board's next scheduled meeting in May.

The Board added four specific terms they wish to have Panda consider, and asked for clarification on financial matters. People could see the story in the Daily Cal that day, on the Web.

Regarding the Bear's Lair Food Court, the Board reversed its action of December, 2009 and instead, decided to establish a set of terms for a proposed lease extension to the current vendors of the Bear's Lair Food Court. A subcommittee of the Board, headed by Jordan Smith and Nish Rajan, will be convened to propose terms to the Auxiliary to have placed in the formal lease proposal for the Board to consider.

Regarding the student food cooperative business proposal, Mr. Permaul said that Sen. Oatfield submitted a proposal to the Board in conjunction with the coalition of student organizations and Kaan Caglar, to establish a food cooperative store in the space once occupied by the Postal Annex in the ASUC. The space is currently occupied by the Reservations staff for the ASUC Auxiliary during the seismic renovation to the Student Union. He attached electronically the proposal for the Senate's review. Sen. Oatfield has sent the proposal to the Senate and Mr. Permaul said he would urge the Senate to review it. The Auxiliary has recommended working with the group to make sure they fashion a business model that the Board can review and that will be successful.

Regarding the Cal Lodge, Mr. Permaul said he wished they listen closely to this item because he'll need their help with it. They are at the end of the fiscal year and the bill for the Cal Lodge was now due from the ASUC. The Lodge has not had a successful year, as it did last year, and the outstanding debt was over \$30,000. The Auxiliary put in a \$30,000 transfer from the ASUC to cover those expenses in the budget for 08-09, as they have done for the last several years, even before he arrived. At that time, the Senate has been subsidizing the Lodge even when it wasn't open and had to pay for the bills to maintain the building. The ASUC will submit the invoice to Ms. Batac for those funds, \$30,000 out of the ASUC's remaining funds for the year.

Mr. Permaul said the Senate should consider forming a subcommittee to decide the fate of the Cal Lodge. It appears that with increasing costs for services by the campus and unpredictable snowfalls to ensure a strong winter business, the Lodge cannot continue with such erratic revenue generation. The subcommittee should work with Associate Director Tom Spivey to determine what the best course of action was for this ASUC asset. The ASUC asked the Auxiliary three years ago to manage the Lodge, and the Commercial Activities Agreement was amended to allow the Auxiliary to oversee its operations. The

Auxiliary had the Lodge open for the past three years, but its failure to have steady income made it an annual liability. The ASUC for seven years has been providing \$30,000, to maintain the facility. But given the financial limitations that face student government next year, it may be time to move in another direction with the Lodge. He would ask the Chair to appoint a committee of the Senate to work with Mr. Spivey to recommend an appropriate course of action.

In other business, regarding the CollegiateLink Web-based student group management program, a Webinar will be held on Friday from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Senate lounge. A number of Senators wanted to attend to find out how this new application and utility will work for student groups. He would urge Senators to participate. Representatives from CLL and Rec Sports will join them to assess the application. Business Manager Marilyn Stager has been running the process to purchase the program on July 1, to keep the Auxiliary going.

Regarding Cal Day, the ASUC will have a dramatic presence at Cal Day on Saturday. Millicent Morris-Chaney has signed up between 60 and 100 student groups in Lower Sproul Plaza. SUPERB will provide a wide range of entertainment and ASUC Food Court vendors will again serve food in Upper and Lower Sproul Plaza. He has attached to his report a program of ASUC-sponsored activities for the day.

Regarding taxes, the Graduate Assembly will hold an event called "Tax Relief" on Thursday night from 6:00 to 9 p.m. at the Alumni House. Alcohol will be served for those over 21. The event costs \$4, or \$3 if people bring their own mug. West Coast Pizza will provide the food. He'd pass out some information about the event.

Next week, on Wednesday, April 22, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., the GA will host its 3rd Annual Joint Ceremony honoring recipients of the 2009 Sarla Distinguished Graduate Student Mentorship Award, and the 2009 Distinguished Faculty Mentor Award. The event will be in room 775 California Hall. He also had fliers for that.

Regarding Lower Sproul redevelopment, a draft report from Brailsford & Dunlavey on the commercial retail potential for Lower Sproul has been made available for review. Those interested should contact Capital Projects to see a copy of the draft. He would strongly recommend that those interested in Lower Sproul who will participate in the April 24 and May 8 events take a look at this report. The campus will be looking very closely for this vision of Lower Sproul.

Regarding the World Music Group proposal, the World Music Group has approached the ASUC Auxiliary with a vending operation concept to complement the ASUC's food and beverage vending operations on the campus. This concept involves kiosks from which students can purchase music, videos, films, audio books, electronic games, and other electronic applications at a 15-20% discount. The World Music Group would guarantee the ASUC \$1,500 for each kiosk located on the campus per month as well as a percentage of gross revenues.

Mr. Permaul said he's submitted the proposal to the Chair of the Store Operations Board for the Board to consider on its agenda for the May meeting. That morning, he, Tom Spivey, and the Director of the Office of Marketing and Business Operations on the campus, had a conference call with the World Music Group and felt, after their discussion, that they would advance this proposal to the ASUC. With 15 kiosks, at \$1,500 a month, for 12 months, that would be \$270,000 for the ASUC in new revenue. Mr. Permaul said he thought they should take a close look at this and see whether or not they feel this would be an appropriate service to provide for students on the campus.

The World Music Group has approached all of the other UC campuses, as well as Stanford, USC, and a number of other institutions in the West. The company wanted to start at the University of Washington.

Mr. Permaul said the Auxiliary has looked at the company's Franchise Tax Board report to make sure it was a credible corporation. They are a Christian-owned business. The Auxiliary asked specifically if they proselytize or advance their own religious information on the kiosks, and the company assured them it didn't. They will put the ASUC's logo on the face of all of the kiosks around campus. Mr. Permaul said he thought this was something the SOB should take a close look at.

Mr. Permaul said he left several things out of his report that he wanted to mention quickly. First of all, the Publications Awards Banquet is on Thursday, and he would recommend Senators participate if they could.

Regarding CourseRank, Mr. Permaul said he advanced to Mr. De la Cruz a proposal that came from the Office of the Registrar on a new program that will replace the ASUC's Pick-A-Prof program for student course evaluations. A couple of undergraduates, sophomores at Stanford University, developed CourseRank two years ago and it has become the course evaluation program at Stanford University, used by 70% undergraduate students there. It has been so successful that Stanford has agreed to help the students market it, and four colleges and universities are being allowed to pilot the program, including Stanford, Duke, Cal, and one other. Cal will be offered this program at no cost and it will become an ASUC program, with the Registrar is willing to turn this over to the ASUC.

Mr. Permaul said he was trying to arrange for Mr. De la Cruz and the GA's Campus Affairs Vice President to meet with students from Stanford, who will make a presentation. If successful, the Auxiliary will produce an MOU, with the Registrar's Office, and the CourseRank program will be available to every incoming freshmen and junior college transfer. They estimate that before the end of the Fall Semester, upwards of 17,000 Cal students will use it. It's functionality is remarkable and it exceeds even what Pick-A-Prof provides to students. Mr. Permaul said he'll work with Mr. De la Cruz to get this assessed. It was in his hands, as Academic Affairs Vice President.

Also, Mr. Permaul said that Claudia Covello, Director of University Health Services, and the Director of Counseling and Psychological Services, came on Tuesday to visit the ASUC Art Studio. Much to their surprise, they didn't even know there was an Art Studio on campus run by the ASUC. They have agreed to now start making referrals to students, faculty and staff to the ASUC Art Studio as forms of treatment. Mr. Permaul said he thought this was a harbinger of a very good collaboration for the ASUC and for the Art Studio. He had hard copies to distribute of what the kiosks would look like. He called for any questions.

Mr. Nahabet asked if the \$30,000 for the Cal Lodge will have to come out of the ASUC's carryforward fund. Mr. Permaul said it would come from the ASUC's current carryforward funds. Mr. Nahabet said he understood they'll form a committee and talk to Mr. Spivey about the course of action to take. He asked if that would be ways to increase publicity and increase the Cal Lodge's business. Mr. Permaul said this was the ASUC's asset, and it's whatever they felt would be appropriate to do. He would say that they need to look at the fact that the Lodge has been closed five out of the last seven years. They've opened it the last three years. The ASUC has invested funds in making the Lodge meet health and safety codes and other requirements so that it could operate. But they have had three poor winters in a row, with below average snowfall, and they simply are not getting the kind of traffic needed.

Every Senator has student groups as part of their coalitions that have gone to Tahoe that year. Overwhelmingly, student groups go to South Lake Tahoe. They look for more attractive accommodations than the Cal Lodge has. Also, the cost of getting students up to the North side by bus have increased so dramatically that it's very hard for student groups to take advantage of that. Thirty years ago a group could get a bus for \$50-60, people would pay a nominal fee, the driver would stay overnight, and the insurance was nothing. Now it's hundreds of dollars to do that, and it's very difficult. And having students drive up in individual cars was also very difficult. So he thought the real question was whether there was a business model that made sense to the students that they felt would be appropriate to maintain the Lodge. It was originally a gift to them from the Clair Tappaan Lodge, the Lodge right next door, owned and operated by the Sierra Club. The question was whether some of the large ski resorts up there would be willing to purchase the Lodge as a dormitory for their staff who work in season. This was not a good time to sell property because in general, property values were low. But on the other hand, they had to do the cost-benefit analysis to see whether it was worth it to continue to put investment in and maintain it and hope to get a higher return on a sale later, or cut their losses and get out now.

Ms. Hussain said the current situation of the ASUC would have \$100,000 going to next year's carry-forward. She asked if this would mean they'd spend \$30,000 for the Lodge and only have \$70,000 for carry-forward. Mr. Permaul said that was correct. The \$420,000 they had been carrying forward came from the Commercial Holding Account, from revenues of the Auxiliary. He was very concerned about next year's Senate budget.

Mr. Zuo asked how things were with Mr. De la Cruz. Mr. Permaul said that Mr. De la Cruz was not able to attend the meeting where they reviewed the program. Mr. De la Cruz tried to schedule someone to come in his place and that person couldn't attend either. They're now attempting to move forward to meet with students from Stanford to actually present it. Mr. Permaul said he would encourage anyone who was interested to come and see it. What he'll try and do was to send out by e-mail slides of .pdfs, so they could see the screen shots. But he would strongly recommend that they work with Mr. De la Cruz and come to this event because this program could be one of the most important programs the ASUC will have brought to students in the last few years, since Pick-A-Prof came. Ten thousand students signed up with Pick-A-Prof, quite a large number.

Mr. Zuo asked about the Cal Lodge committee. Mr. Permaul said it would be a subcommittee to review the future of the Cal Lodge and make recommendations to the Auxiliary. The Cal Lodge is one of two direct assets to the ASUC, with the Boston Trust the other. The Lodge was not originally part of the Commercial Activities Agreement, and three years ago the ASUC wanted the Auxiliary to manage the Lodge because the Senate couldn't run it by itself. So it became part of the facilities. He was cognizant of the fact that they had to make sure the Senate gives the Auxiliary input on how to operate the Lodge.

Ms. Raffi said she would be more than happy to support EVP De la Cruz as a representative. Mr. Permaul said she should talk to him, and copy Mr. Permaul. Ms. Raffi said it was mentioned that first-years and transfers would be given access to the program. She asked if other students would also be given access to it. Mr. Permaul said they would be automatically signed up for the summer, when they come in. The idea was to give them access from the day they arrive. The Registrar will download course information. The program has a planner that wasn't just for the semester, but for a student's entire college career, semester by semester. It was a remarkable program, with a tremendous number of features. They will also start bringing faculty evaluations into it. So students will get the full-blown picture, which was unavailable from Pick-A-Prof.

Ms. Raffi asked if they could make the presentation to the Senate. Mr. Permaul said he'd be happy to do that. The Stanford students want to do this before the end of the semester. Mr. Permaul said he's been deferring to Mr. De la Cruz because he thought this was his area of responsibility. He thought someone should work with Mr. De la Cruz to decide how they want to move on this.

Mr. Tran said that since the Textbook Affordability Task Force wanted to meet and get a demo of this, he asked if they've been invited to this meeting. Mr. Permaul said this was working with the Registrar. If Mr. Tran thought that would be appropriate, and thought they should have a Co-Chair, Prof. Lieu or AVC Davis, he'd be happy to connect them with the Assistant Registrar and have them included.

Ms. Shah asked if they made a profit from the Cal Lodge last year. Mr. Permaul said they generated almost \$17,000, but the operational costs have always been around \$30,000. So they were short last year. But because the Auxiliary had funds left over from capital improvements, they didn't ask for any funds from the ASUC and the Auxiliary covered that loss. This year the Auxiliary didn't have that luxury.

Ms. Shah asked how much the Lodge made in the first year. Mr. Permaul said it was \$30,000. Ms. Shah said that considering the past two years, she asked if he thought it would be a better decision to sell the Cal Lodge. Mr. Permaul said he really thought they had to do that cost-benefit analysis. That's why he would like people to work with Mr. Spivey, because he would like Senators to see the situation and make the decisions themselves. The Auxiliary will provide all the resources to do that. Mr. Spivey could perform that analysis and they could look at current values, what would be cumulative cost of maintaining it for another couple of years until the value goes up, and they could see what people think. Maybe in three years it will triple in value, so it would be worth it to keep it; or maybe not, in which case maybe they should just sell it and cut their losses now.

Mr. Permaul said he wanted to thank all the Senators who participated in the Store Operations Board meeting last night. It was inspiring to see Cal students come out and be active. He's always said to all of them that there's nothing like action by students, and Berkeley was different from any other campus. In spite of the fact that things were said last night that he hoped most of them know were exaggerated, and done for political purposes, as he was sure they were, nevertheless, it was inspiring to see the work and effort that students and others made, who came out to participate in that process. And no matter what the decision was, he will support and work with the recommendations of the SOB. That was his job. He will support whatever decision students make. He wanted to thank them very much.

Ms. Tran moved to go to Appointed Official Reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Flores and failed by hand-vote 9-5-1.

Ms. Shah moved to go to Appointments. The motion was seconded and failed by hand-vote 12-2-2.

Elected Official Announcements

Mr. Nahabet said he went to the SOB meeting last night and he wanted to reiterate what Jan Crowder said at the meeting. For those who weren't there, he wanted them to hear this. He read the following:

Begin statement by Jan Crowder on Panda Express, as read by Mr. Nahabet

April 14, 2009

TO: Store Operation Board Members

FROM: Jan Crowder, Director of Student Affairs/OSA Manager

RE: Panda

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to address you about the Panda Express matter.

As a long-time University and former ASUC employee, I have witnessed many changes at ASUC over 40 years. I joined the ASUC family in 1982 and lived through the 1990s when it reached its most financially-depressed season. It was not a pleasant period to experience as a career employee. During that time:

- there were no merit or cost-of-living pay increases;
- many employees, both full-time career and part-time students, were laid off;
- and employees who continued after the Commercial Activities Agreement signing lost our years of service toward our retirement.

The reason many of us stayed after 1998 and continue to stay is that we love the mission of the ASUC and have a special pride in supporting that mission and working directly for the student government and its sponsored groups and programs. We have always tried to keep to our role as supporters of the student government and its programs, but I am extremely concerned about the possibility of falling prey again to the circumstances that led the ASUC to a \$6,000,000 deficit and near bankruptcy in 1998. In the current economic climate, a major change needs to take place in how ASUC conducts its business to generate an increase in revenues to support not only the ASUC, its programs and student groups, but also the employees who work so hard on a daily basis. With limited resources we work diligently to ensure the ASUC continues to provide services to the Campus and surrounding community.

I was saddened to see the remarks in the Daily Cal's election edition that claimed "the Auxiliary has become more powerful and eats up far more student dollars which could otherwise go to student organizations." That is simply not true. The Auxiliary has transferred more funds from commercial activities in the last three years than it has in many years. And what power? We've turned the Black Lightning Notes (now Cal Lecture Notes) into a profitable business for the first time in 20 years. We are on the verge of doing the same for the ASUC Art Studio. We have opened the Cal Lodge for the first time in years over the last three seasons. Though the number of student groups and student government programs have tripled since 1998 we have managed to maintain a high level of student service with a limited level of resources. If that is what is meant by gaining more power, then we are guilty. But we exercise no authority over student government. What we do, and have done regardless of the ASUC's financial abilities -- or disabilities -- is to serve every student government, and student group, as best we can.

Statement by Jan Crowder on Panda Express, as read by Mr. Nahabet

This year feels like deja-vu for me and as though history is beginning to repeat itself right before my eyes -- no pay raises, the pending lay-offs, more lay-offs in the future, and most disheartening, the likelihood of ASUC placing itself in the risky position of losing its autonomy by either having the University come in and run its operations or turning the business over to the University. At this point, I feel that if ASUC does not enter into a contract with Panda Express, it will not have other options available to stay afloat.

End statement by Jan Crowder on Panda Express, as read by Mr. Nahabet

Mr. Nahabet said he was really touched by what Ms. Crowder said. He was a little worried about the path that the ASUC was taking at that time. In 1998 the ASUC, the students, were fiscally irresponsible. And that's what led to the bankruptcy. And this year the Senate has been fiscally irresponsible. As much as he didn't want to say that, as a member of the Senate, they have been completely irresponsible. He thought it was very, very important for members of the Senate, and members of the SOB, to really think about the decision they make come the next SOB meeting. The ASUC was in really bad shape financially, as Mr. Permaul said about the Cal Lodge. Mr. Nahabet said he didn't want to close the Lodge, and didn't want to see Dan Borge lose his job. Mr. Nahabet said he liked the Cal Lodge, and Senators who went on the retreat know that. He wanted to be able to keep the Cal Lodge and keep control over ASUC businesses. Students used to govern everything and used to be completely and fully responsible for all businesses on Lower Sproul. The ASUC was irresponsible and lost part of that, and lost a part of its autonomy.

Mr. Nahabet said a lot of people there and a lot of officials push for autonomy, and now was the time for the ASUC to make sure they guarantee that autonomy in the future. In hoping to do so, they need to make sure they need a drastic change, as Ms. Crowder said, to increase their revenue. They're giving up another \$30,000 to support the Cal Lodge. The ASUC will be left with \$70,000 next year in carryforward; or the current Senate was left with \$70,000 for the rest of the year. That wasn't enough. Revenues they're bringing in at that time weren't enough, and they need to change. When members of the SOB go into the next meeting, he hoped they fully think this through. He wanted to thank them.

Mr. Zuo said he would like to nominate two people to the Judicial Council, Evelyn Hu and Terri Wang. Secondly, Mr. Zuo said he wasn't going to talk about this, but since Mr. Nahabet brought it up, he might as well. He respected people's opinions. But for those who disagree with Panda Express coming there, he would ask them to please at least speak up for the ASUC and for what they do, and what the Auxiliary does. There are people bashing the ASUC. Some of what they say may have a germ of truth, but people should note all the things Senators do and all the things the Auxiliary does. People talk about an inflated budget, but he asked how many people who have spoken against the ASUC Auxiliary have taken the time to go up and look at the budget in depth. Mr. Nahabet said he has looked at the budget, and has also looked at the roll of employees. People could look at that and make their own minds up as to whether the Auxiliary was bloated or not. The Auxiliary was operating at a bare minimum. At the rate it's going, everything that Mr. Nahabet read will be true. People who Senators work with in the Auxiliary will lose their jobs. People they care about will lose their jobs. Regardless of how people think about Panda, Mr. Zuo said he would ask them to think about this, and at least speak for them. When people bash the Auxiliary,

Senators didn't have to agree with them, but at least say that the Auxiliary was helping the students. People couldn't deny that Auxiliary employees care about the students.

Lastly, Mr. Zuo said he would talk about GA revenue sharing. As Mr. Daal said, they met last Friday, he, Ms. Pasco, Ms. Hussain, Ms. Raffi, Mr. Daal, and Mr. Rajan. They went over a few things and it was very productive. They solved a bunch of concerns. One concern resolved was the issue of inflation. So they're likely to index any revenues/expenses to inflation and have a base amount. There will be oversight. They'd take a look at whatever agreement they pass every four years, and a report will be submitted on the 29th of February. That was a perfect system Ms. Winston came up with.

Mr. Zuo said the only major issue that hasn't been resolved was how exactly revenue sharing would work. Currently, what the graduate students originally proposed was that if the Auxiliary's revenue ever reached \$274,000, which was the most the ASUC has ever received in recorded history, after \$274K, the ASUC and the GA would begin to share revenues. What the GA was proposing was that after they reach \$274,000, if they reach that amount, between \$274K and \$412K, the GA would receive all of that revenue, about the difference is \$140,000.

Mr. Zuo said that he, Ms. Hussain, and other Senators, have discussed this. They want it such that for every dollar beyond the \$274,000 limit, the ASUC would get two-thirds of that dollar and the GA would get one-third. That was the main conflict at that time. They had to decide how they want to share revenue. The GA feels that if they do the one-third/two-thirds model for every dollar beyond \$274K, they'd never reach the one-third, fair-share percentage, or what the GA thought was fair. But the Senators felt that if they start sharing the way the GA wanted to do it, it was inherently unfair because that would mean that the GA did all the work for raising revenue between \$274K and \$412K. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by three minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Mr. Tran and passed with no objection.

Mr. Zuo said that if they take a look at the graph Sen. Tran drew, between \$274K and \$412K, the ASUC doesn't get any money. That was the main issue at that time. He asked if people had any questions.

Mr. Tran asked about the ASA's Genocide Awareness Week. He yielded time to Mr. Nahabet. Mr. Nahabet said next week was Genocide Awareness Week. The Armenian Student Association holds it every year. There will be a candlelight vigil on Sunday. On Monday they have a poetry slam, with Cal Slam, at Wurster; on Tuesday night there will be a lecture panel, "The Genocide Recognition Process: How Societies Confront Trauma in the Aftermath of Genocide," with Prof. Darren Zook and Dr. Matthew A. Jerdian, from CSU Fresno. On Wednesday Dr. Roger Smith will give a lecture on genocide, "Nature, History, Prevention, and Denial of the Armenian Genocide," Professor Emeritus of Government at the College of William and Mary at Virginia. Dr. Smith also founded the International Association of Genocide Scholars. On Thursday there will be a movie screening, "The Lark Farm," an Italian film about an Armenian family during the Armenian Genocide. On Friday they'll have United Hands Across Cal (UHAC). This is the climax of the Week. What they'll do is hold hands on Sproul steps. This event has been awarded in the past a Signature Event by the Oski Awards, twice, and won Most Organized once. Also, he wanted to say that the Exec Board of the ASA and the Culture Committee have been working tirelessly for the past week, day and night, on the memorial, which will happen on Memorial Glade for the entire week. He hoped people check it out. People have spent hours and hours every single night working on the memorial. They'll have free shirts on Friday.

Ms. Raffi said that April 21 is *Yom Hashoah*, Holocaust Remembrance Day. On the night of April 21 a speaker will come to campus at 8 p.m. in Wheeler speaking about his experience surviving Auschwitz. Starting April 20, and going on for 24 hours, people will read names at Hillel of people who lost their lives in the Holocaust. There will also be programming on Sproul, headed up by Tikvah and a walk in solidarity for all victims of the Holocaust. That will happen around noon. If anyone was interested in getting involved in reading names or coming to the event on Monday, she would ask them to please do so.

Mr. Sakaue moved to go to Appointments. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Pasco said the appointment they had that evening was for Sumeet Ajmani for the Judicial Council. Mr. Ajmani introduced himself. He said he was a second-year Law student. He was interested in becoming part of the J-Council because it seemed like a very easy way to get sort of involved in this little corner of the campus, and the J-Council seemed like a great way to get involved with the rest of the campus and the University, and still be in his comfortable, dorky Law School role. It was always been a life-long dream to be a judge, and this was sort of an opportunity to try that early on. He got a picture yesterday of Justice Breyer, and it was the coolest thing he owned. He called for any questions.

Ms. Dhar asked when the nominee was nominated. Mr. Sakaue said it was about three weeks ago. It took the Committee about a week to make the appointment itself, and then the Senate ended early and Mr. Ajmani couldn't attend. So it's been quite a while.

Ms. Raffi asked if Mr. Ajmani was nominated along with three other people, one of whom was appointed to a graduate position. So this was for a different seat, but he wasn't re-nominated.

Ms. Raffi moved to move into discussion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nahabet and passed with no objection.

Ms. Hussain asked what he's been involved with both as an undergraduate and at Boalt. Mr. Ajmani said as far as his undergraduate career, he went to Stanford, although he thought he's wised up, and he loved at Berkeley. While he was there he worked as an RA for a couple of years and got involved in student life in that sense. He was also part of special events. He worked with different organizations. At Boalt he's actually a transfer, so he joined this year, even though it's his second year. Similarly, he hasn't been as involved in the groups as he transferred; but he was a Delegate for the Graduate Assembly, which was how he heard about this position. He's in the South Asian Law Students Association at Boalt.

Ms. Dhar asked if he's had a chance to take a look at the ASUC Constitution and By-laws, and asked if he's been following the recent news about the recall and all the other stuff before the Judicial Council. Mr. Ajmani said that on some occasion he has looked at some of the rules and reviewed some of the documents prior to his interview with the Committee.

Ms. Raffi moved to enter into discussion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Oatfield and passed with no objection.

Ms. Raffi said she was at most of the Con-Review meeting, and the way she understood this worked was that people were nominated for a specific position and Con-Review considers people for those positions. She wasn't aware that the nominees had been nominated again for another position and were being carried forward. In the meantime, she was under the impression that there were two openings on the J-Council. She thought that all of the applicants needed to be considered together, especially since elections have distracted people from being on top of their committees. They have three outstanding spots. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by six minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Sakaue and Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

Mr. Sakaue said he looked at the minutes from Con-Review. On March 9 the Committee decided to appoint Mr. Ajmani and never filled the other vacant on the J-Council. This appointment was made and there was miscommunication. It's been quite an amount of time since the appointment was made. But it was made at the Senate meeting of March 11. There aren't slots, and Con-Review wasn't nominating for different slots. Rather, they nominate people to be on the J-Council and vote on them. The Committee as a whole, without objection, decided to appoint Mr. Ajmani with the understanding that they had a qualified applicant and they wanted to fill the seat as soon as possible. So now they were considering the other applicant for the ninth seat.

On a point of information, Mr. Caimi asked if they could get the nominee's résumé sent out. Ms. Pasco asked a member of Con-Review to do that.

Mr. Nahabet said that J-Council appointments were very serious, and there's been a lapse in time where there might have been miscommunication. But as of that time he'll abstain because of the nature of the miscommunication. He asked if they could table this for a week. Mr. Sakaue said he would caution the Senate on delaying this appointment because it would be nice to have a complete J-Council as soon as possible. Mr. Ajmani applied for the position at the very beginning of the semester, so Con-Review has been asking him to reconsider for different positions along the course of the semester. The Committee felt he was part of a strong applicant pool and felt he was qualified to be on the J-Council. Con-Review would stand by its decision to appoint him and Mr. Sakaue said he thought it was important to continue with their business and appoint someone to the J-Council who was qualified.

Ms. Hussain yielded time to Attorney General Sinanian. Mr. Sinanian said he sat on Con-Review when Mr. Ajmani first came up and the Committee had a tacit agreement at the beginning of March that they would re-hear Mr. Ajmani's application. That was pretty clear, and this wasn't something new.

Mr. Nahabet asked if Con-Review re-heard the nomination. Mr. Sakaue said the appointment was made on March 9, when they considered Mr. Ajmani's application, along with others. They had a pool and chose a nominee.

Ms. Cho said the confusion was that they appointed Mr. Ajmani before other people were nominated.

Ms. Shah moved to call the question. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yang. The motion to call the question passed by hand-vote 9-4-2.

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

On a point of information, Ms. Rodriguez asked if Mr. Caimi could vote since he hasn't been sworn in yet. Ms. Pasco said he could vote.

A roll call vote was begun. Ms. Chen asked if it was possible to recess or go into discussion without closing the rolls. She moved to recess until the discretion of the Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Raffi and passed by hand-vote 9-7-3. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Mr. Sakaue moved to call the question on Mr. Ajmani's appointment. Ms. Pasco said the rolls were still open. Ms. Hussain moved to close the rolls. Ms. Pasco said the Chair would like to go through the rolls again, from the beginning, and have people vote again, if that was okay with everyone. Hearing no objection, she said they would do that. On a point of information, Ms. Shah asked if the votes of people not in the room who already voted would have their votes stand. Ms. Pasco said they would.

Roll call was taken on the motion to approve Sumeet Ajmani to the Judicial Council:

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

Mr. Owens moved to close the rolls. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hussain. Mr. Owens asked to rescind his motion.

Mr. Tran moved to go into discussion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rodriguez. Mr. Sakaue asked if Mr. Tran was suggesting going into discussion of the nomination. He asked if that was in order with the rolls still open on the question. Ms. Pasco said they just did that before they voted again. The motion to enter into discussion was seconded by Ms. Raffi and passed with no objection.

Ms. Pasco said they were back in discussion on Mr. Ajmani's nomination.

Mr. Tran said that it seemed that they didn't have the numbers to make the nomination. Some people wanted to consider the other current nomination and the other applicant and give each a fair consideration. It was unfortunate that there was a time lapse and the appointment wasn't made a few weeks ago. That's what he thought the opponents of this wanted.

A speaker said she voted in favor of the appointment and felt Mr. Ajmani should be appointed. But the Senate had to work this out or table it, because they didn't have the numbers.

Ms. Shah asked who voted no or abstained. For people who abstained, she asked if that the reason for that was the reason that people have given.

Ms. Hussain said she didn't see what the problem was. People have been talking about how this individual might not be able to stay next year. But next year wasn't their job, and their job was to put somebody on the Council this year. If they really wanted people to serve the maximum amount, she would nominate a freshman. Con-Review conducted several interviews and found this person to be the most suitable from a pool of candidates, and contrary to popular belief, not just one candidate was considered. If people wanted to interview this individual and compare them to someone else, that was not the right way to go about doing things. The Senate shouldn't just reconsider people because of a time lapse. That wasn't Mr. Ajmani's fault, but the Senate's fault. She didn't see how that was prudent. It wasn't right to the candidate, for Con-Review, or for the Senate.

Mr. Smelko said he voted yes because it wasn't a big issue for him. But he didn't think it was a big issue for him. But he didn't think it was fair to discount the issue of continuity. He thought that was a valid argument. But it wasn't a big enough argument and should just have some consideration.

Ms. Raffi said continuity was an issue, but that wasn't why she abstained. They want people who could serve on the J-Council for a long time, and have their institutional knowledge benefit the ASUC. Mr. Ajmani was part of an applicant pool. Someone else was chosen, but Con-Review re-nominated him. That was fine, but for purposes of transparency, they need to make sure that if a person was going to be considered as a nominee again, that should be e-mailed out to the Senate listserv, as all nominations were.

Ms. Oatfield they could call her a crazy conspiracy theorist, and she's been called partisan, but as part of her third-party status she had to call this out. She thought there was some partisanship going on. She supported Mr. Ajmani. He's new to campus and she didn't believe he was partisan in terms of ASUC politics. She would like to have people on the J-Council before there was any drama with elections. The J-Council could make some important decisions in coming weeks and she'd like to see more voices on the J-Council now rather than later.

Mr. Mairena said the nomination was made a couple of times, by Ms. Winston and Mr. Daal. He wasn't accepted the first time, but his name was read into the minutes.

Ms. Dhar said she resented people bringing parties into this, and people have said that multiple times, claiming to be an independent Senator. But that was incorrect, as evidenced by votes. This was not a party issue and was more a technical issue, of the proper way to do this. She got offended when Sen. Oatfield repeatedly made things politicized when talking about being an independent Senator.

Ms. Cho said she abstained and is on Con-Review. She was in favor of appointing Mr. Ajmani. They should consider not just one nominee, but the student body. Ms. Pasco said time for the discussion had expired. A motion to extend by four minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Raffi and Ms. Oatfield and passed with no objection.

A motion to close the rolls was made and seconded. The motion to close the rolls passed by hand-vote 16-3-1.

WITH THE ROLLS CLOSED, THE MOTION TO APPOINTMENT SUMEET AJMANI TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL PASSED 14-0-6.

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

Report from the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs

Mr. Dolores said there was a conflict between APAC and Reach concerning Senior Weekend and housing as well as a presentation that negatively portrayed marginalized communities on the campus. As a result, APAC will no longer present with Reach during Senior Weekend. The question of housing was still up in the air. But he's been told the conflict was resolved.

The Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion will be attending the April 22 Senate meeting.

Mr. Dolores said that month they restructured the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs with the inclusion of informal positions. The Chief Operations Officer and an intern were present to talk about programs.

Chris introduced himself and said they're working on two projects. One, Project DATE (Diversity Achieved through Engagement) will work with CLL and will hold facilitated discussions and focus groups. They hope to have it running by the fall. Project HOPE (Having Our Perspectives Enhanced), for off-campus community outreach, will begin the groundwork for that starting fall, 2009.

As for the restructuring of the Commission, they've been working on the Charter and will solidify positions for the Research Department and the Operations Chief, to improve effectiveness of the Commission.

Sylvia introduced herself and said she was the Chief Operations Officer. They'll get it touch with different communities, administrators, and advisors to have an advisory board and a student relations committee to improve communications with different communities.

Mr. Dolores said they couldn't implement things before the end of the semester, and formalize elements in the ASUC, so next year there will be a framework to work on diversity issues on the campus, so it wasn't as unorganized.

Report from the Undergraduate Representative on the Store Operations Board

Mr. Rhoads said he wanted to give the student perspective from the SOB. He'd give an overview. The Board heard a lot of public comment at its meeting on Tuesday, mostly on Panda Express, proponents and opponents. There was a well-organized presentation against Panda. There will be a new faculty appointment to the SOB. They also talked about the food cooperative proposal, which was moving forward. As far as he knew, everybody on the Board was excited about it. The Board went into closed session to go over the terms of the Panda contract. Several concerns were brought up. He would encourage people to arrange an appointment with Mr. Permaul or Mr. Spivey to read the contract.

The Board decided to bring the concerns back to Panda Express. The Board wanted to limit the contract to be no longer than ten years without a mutual agreement. Before, Panda had a ten-year contract with two five-year options that the Auxiliary couldn't turn down. The Board also wanted specifics as to whether Panda didn't fulfill things it agreed to, like vegetarian options, a certified green business, and locally grown food. There was no language saying that if Panda didn't conform, the ASUC could terminate. If Panda doesn't agree to these, the proposal probably won't pass. Those amendments to the contract were approved. A motion failed to have the contract automatically approved if Panda approved of that language. A motion to continue negotiations passed. They directed Mr. Permaul to go back to Panda and continue negotiations based on the new terms. The next meeting Board is May 5, with a final result at that time.

After that, Mr. Rhoads said the Board talked about the RFP for Bear's Lair vendors. Things that happened in the past couple of years were clarified and it made the most sense to not go to an RFP for the three vendors. They have been successful and are already on site. Mr. Rhoads said he suggested giving them first right of refusal with terms the Board would have had in an RFP, and a contract to the vendors will be presented. Vendors that don't sign a long-term contract will have their space go to an RFP. He thought all three vendors will be able to sign new leases. This proposal passed unanimously.

Ms. Ude asked if the contract was open to all students to read. Mr. Rhoads said it was just for elected officials. Terms are confidential until a contract is signed, after which the terms are public.

Ms. Ude asked about the process for the first right of refusal. Mr. Rhoads said they created a subcommittee of the Board to work on a draft contract, to be presented at the next SOB meeting, working with campus Real Estate Services. Once approved, vendors will decide whether to sign. Because it will be a long-term contract, vendors will hopefully approve their spaces. Members of the subcommittee are students on the Board and other people who have been involved in this process. It will be a two-way discussion, not a one-way discussion, a bit of a change. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him very much.

Report from the Elections Council Chair

Ms. Liedblad said elections season was slowly winding down. Everything went really smoothly in the elections. A Temporary Rule was passed last night from the J-Council. There's a rule in the By-laws stating that tabulation must begin 24-hours after the good faith filing period. That deadline isn't explicitly in the By-laws and was buried in the JRPs. She overlooked that. Tabulation should have taken place by that afternoon, at 4 p.m. She discovered that on Friday at 4:30 and requested a Temporary Rule to make sure there were not problems with tabulation. Tabulation will be on Friday in 10 Evans, and everybody was invited.

Ms. Liedblad said the voter turnout was 11,016, which was awesome. In addition, 42% of undergrads voted, a pretty awesome turnout. She wanted to give props to their publicity chair, Mr. Sukhija. (Applause) Ms. Liedblad said the J-Council was also awesome, and the Elections Council couldn't have done it without them. She called for any questions.

Mr. Nahabet said he wanted to thank her so much for doing a good job. He was really impressed with the way the elections were done, and the fact that the Elections Council had to deal with a recall election in a short period of time. He hoped she forwarded this sentiment to the rest of the members of the Elections Council.

Mr. Owens said he wanted to say the same thing, and wanted to thank Ms. Liedblad and Mr. Sukhija.

Ms. Dhar said that these two semesters have been crazy and she was so thankful for Ms. Liedblad and Mr. Sukhija. Their time was appreciated.

Ms. Liedblad said she wanted to thank them, and said she appreciated their comments.

Ms. Ude said Ms. Liedblad has been awesome throughout this whole process and she was appreciated.

Ms. Rodriguez asked if she's thought about recommendations for next year's Elections Council. Ms. Liedblad said it was a little early for that, and first they'd get through the tabulation on Friday.

Ms. Chen asked if she could put together a transition binder since things went so smoothly that year. Ms. Liedblad said an Elections Council manual has been passed down. She'll update it. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank her very much.

Report from the Attorney General

Mr. Sinanian said that to recap, two suits were filed and the Israeli Action Committee ended up losing its sponsorship. A week after votes for the recall election were counted, Mr. Moghtader called him up and said there was something he needed to see. Mr. Moghtader screened a video and from that viewing, Mr. Sinanian said he concluded that the way Mr. Moghtader's actions were portrayed, and the campaign to recall him, was not true and the charges against him were exaggerated. Mr. Sinanian said he believed the campaign leading to the recall was unjust. According to the ASUC's Constitution and By-laws, justice and fairness need to be preserved. Mr. Sinanian said he brought cases against Mr. Shaffer and Ms. Omar. There was a hearing at which it was decided that the form in which Mr. Moghtader wanted to present the video was not satisfactory and that copies of the video would be needed. Copies were not provided and the Council decided to dismiss the original case against Mr. Shaffer. At that point the case was split between Mr. Shaffer and Ms. Omar. In the case against Ms. Omar, Mr. Moghtader again failed to furnish the video, and the case collapsed. But Mr. Sinanian said he was able to prove that separation of parties was incorrect, as both Ms. Omar and Mr. Shaffer were both proponents and were one party. Mr. Sinanian said he felt he was getting at something with his case, except for Mr. Moghtader's refusal to make copies of the video available.

On April 1 somebody told him that 20 Law students or so wanted him removed from office because they thought he wasn't doing his job faithfully or respecting the student body. Mr. Sinanian said he first thought that was an April Fool's joke. He went over the minutes and saw that Ms. Pannu made claims that while he might have been a good guy, but he had poor judgment in deciding to file suit and was not

defending the Constitution or By-laws. She made a lot of claims that he could refute. He didn't think she was informed about the way the system worked. His job involved pursuing any violations that might come up relating to an election. The campaign for the recall featured falsified information. That was a possible violation. He pursued it and did his job. And to his understanding, that's all that was required. That's all he'd like to speak to regarding the comments Ms. Pannu made at the last meeting.

Mr. Sinanian said he believed that Mr. Moghtader had an opportunity to keep his seat and he thought Mr. Moghtader denied himself that opportunity by refusing to provide the video. The student body's wishes were delayed by two weeks; and Sen. Moghtader keeping his seat during that time was an issue. Mr. Sinanian said that he and Mr. Moghtader originally believed that screening the video for the Council and the defense would be enough to get the case going. But as they learned at the first hearing, that wasn't enough, and that a copy was needed. It was at that point he realized the case was getting longer and that things were getting more complicated. Mr. Sinanian said he didn't go into this with the intention of delaying the process, or to ignore the voice of the student body. But there were procedural things that happened that took time.

Regarding the general election, Mr. Sinanian said it went well. The good faith filing deadline was Tuesday at 4 p.m. To his joy and that of the J-Council's, no cases has been submitted. There's still a period of time in which he may file, but there's nothing he'll pursue at that point. He called for any questions.

Ms. Chen said asked if Ms. Pannu, who requested a motion to remove him, asked if she's ever addressed him with her concerns. Mr. Sinanian said she hasn't.

Ms. Raffi asked if he was interested in applying for AG next year. Mr. Sinanian said he wasn't interested in that. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him for his report.

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

Elected Official Announcements (cont'd)

Ms. Hussain said the Cal Hawaii Club is having its 26th Annual Luau on Saturday, April 25, at 5 p.m. in Pauley. The Afghan Culture Show will take place in Pauley on April 26, from 4:00 to 8:00. The Jewish/Muslim Steering Committee has established a Jewish/Muslim Coffee Hour on Friday from 3:00 to 4 p.m. at Sufficient Grounds. Everyone is welcomed to come. Each week there will be a theme. This was the first week, and the theme will be "travel." Regarding the Magnolia Project, Ms. Hussain said a TA who works with her submitted an application and got nominated as one of the top 10 finalists. People can go online and vote for the finalists, once a day, until the voting period closes. If they get into the top 5, they'll get \$10,000, which was amazing for the Magnolia Project. She would encourage Senators to send out the information to people they know.

Ms. Tran said the VSA Culture Show will be on Sunday. She had tickets, which were \$12 pre-sale, \$15 at the door.

Ms. Rodriguez said a few elected officials went to the Pilipino Culture Night, which was an amazing show. Also, people will hopefully see the VSA Show. A few other programs were taking place. Thursday started bridges weekend, with 3-400 seniors, coming to campus from the Central Valley and Northern California. They'll be there for Cal Day. Also, with a few reps from the Chicano/Latino community, she met with Chancellor Birgeneau on April 3. She'll send out information on what they discussed. They talked about affordability. She'll send out invitations for the Chicano/Latino graduation, which will be at the Greek Theatre. They'll also let people know about the dates for the Oski Awards. They're nominating a Program of the Year and an Elected Official of the year.

Ms. Chen said the Senate will hear a Special Order to discuss affordability and people should let her know if they wanted to be included in the dialogue.

Mr. Owens said it was April 15, and he wanted to wish them a happy tax day. Secondly, Chris Gardner will be the commencement speaker for UC Berkeley 2009. If people haven't seen "The Pursuit of Happiness," he would ask them to please do so. It was inspiring and worth their time.

Mr. Owens said that along the lines that Mr. Moghtader said, what he'd read would be hard hitting, and Mr. Owens said he would apologize for that. He read the following:

Begin Statement by Mr. Owens:

Veritas vos Liberabit (The Truth Will Set You Free)

Tonight we have removed Senator Moghtader from his democratically elected position in the ASUC. For this reason I have the word "shame" taped to the back of my laptop. What has transpired here tonight is the greatest injustice I have ever seen the ASUC commit since I came to Cal in 2005. An allegedly innocent man will be thrown from office on the basis of ignorant rumors, deliberate lies, and hyperpartisan politics.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the ASUC Senators and ASUC Executives who apparently worked so hard to remove him from office. Moghtader will not be a Senator on April 22, April 29 or May 6. My heartfelt congratulations. But what did you all lose in this process?

Let's start, of course, with \$20,000. That money could have gone to fund 20 large-scale student events or to produce 20 cash infusions to struggling publications. So it essentially will cost the Association more than \$6,500 for every meeting John Moghtader will miss. Fiscal responsibility indeed.

How about our public opinion? This recall, despite all your efforts and my efforts, is going to be the defining event of the Senate 2008-2009. Think about that for a second. The biggest thing the ASUC has done this year is to kick out an innocent man from this very room. Now, granted, if 200 or 300 votes in a community of 35,000 had come in differently, we would certainly be in a very different position.

Most importantly, I cannot approach you all tonight and claim that I haven't lost some measure of respect. I very much have. Some of you never gave Moghtader a chance. You were so quick (before the police report, before the Alameda County D.A.) to believe he did something wrong that you got your friends and group members together and you ruthlessly gunned him down in the court of public opinion.

Statement by Mr. Owens (cont'd)

The crime he is accused of committing -- battery -- pales in comparison to what has transpired tonight. Despite your claims of being moderate or progressive, you used tactics that would make Pat Buchanan blush. You were secretive, duplicitous, judgmental, and allowed your emotions and party allegiances to cloud your judgment and sense of right and wrong. You persecuted an innocent man because he does not think like you. That's not only bad policy, it's immoral.

I thank Senator Moghtader for showing that he was a bigger person than his detractors, public or otherwise. He never stooped down to their level. He lost the battle -- his Senate seat -- but he will (both in real court, in the court of public opinion), win this war. I thank John for his service to this god-forsaken body, and may his case remind us all of the ignorance and extremism that still exists on this campus, in this building, and in this very room. Shame on all of us.

No questions.

End statement by Mr. Owens

Ms. Raffi said she had another somber report. That weekend she had a very disturbing experience. She was walking along the street by herself, late at night, and a current Senator engaged her in an extremely rude, not to exclude threatening way, by shouting expletives at her. This was an unprovoked action. Not only did it catch her by surprise, but it very much scared her that one of their colleagues was so filled with uncontrollable emotion that they would cross the line to yell violently at her on the street. This was very uncivil. She would ask the Senate, if nothing else, to please remember their manners. She said she would take no questions.

Ms. Oatfield said she would like to respond to some of the comments made earlier in Elected Official Announcements. There were about 90 students who came out to the SOB meeting last night to voice opposition to fast food coming onto their campus. This was an absolutely unprecedented amount of student engagement in the SOB. They've never seen so many students come out to one of their meetings and speak so poignantly and eloquently, and were so well prepared with their arguments. Her constituency did a ton of research and she believed several of them know more about the financial situation and the Panda Express proposal timeline than many actual members of the Board, which she thought was embarrassing for the ASUC. She didn't want to go into all the details of their arguments, which were pretty clear and thorough. If people weren't there, she would encourage people to look at the minutes because there was a lot of really interesting information they'd find.

Mr. Nahabet asked if she knew what percentage of 32,000 students that 90 students constituted. Ms. Oatfield said she didn't, but 90 students came, and not for the first time, to voice their opposition to Panda Express, members of the general student body. He believed there was one student last night who voiced support for Panda coming to campus, and at previous SOB meetings were students voiced opinions about Panda, similar ratios would be found.

Ms. Raffi asked if she agreed with the claim that one of her constituents made that called Jan Crowder's report fear mongering, when Ms. Crowder talked about the prospect of losing jobs and how budget cuts

and a lack of increased revenues in the ASUC would cause people in the Auxiliary to lose their jobs. Ms. Oatfield said she agreed there was some fear mongering going on with it and she would encourage Ms. Raffi to discuss that more with Ms. Crowder personally. Ms. Raffi said the reason she believed that was because she thought it really important to consider financial implications of not bringing Panda Express on to the campus. They're in a challenging financial situation. On the other hand, the fiscal consequences of not bringing Panda in have been magnified by certain people in the Auxiliary. She felt it was appropriate to make that known.

Ms. Yang said on Friday, along with ASA's Genocide Awareness Week, the Berkeley Cambodian Students Association will also have "Day Zero," a day on Sproul to commemorate the lives that were lost in the Cambodian genocide and finding intersectionalities with ASA and API communities. They're also having their first annual Culture Show. Even though the genocide happened, the culture didn't die with it, and the culture lives on.

Ms. Shah said she wanted to congratulate Sens. Sakaue and Owens for becoming Coro Fellows. She wanted to wish them good luck after that graduate. Take Back the Night will have a rally and open mic on Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 on Sproul Plaza, with dialogue on sexual violence. There will be a culture show on May 3 in 155 Dwinelle from 3:30 to 7:00. She went to three ASUC-sponsored events that were really cool. Perspectives was amazing, with 500 people there. On Saturday she went to the Pilipino Culture Night, the 33rd annual show, with thousands of people. She also went to "Pacific Unity," put on by Pacific Islanders at Cal. In was in Pauley, and this was the second year it happened, with 700 people there, a lot of people from the community and students. Ms. Shah said she would like to commend these events. Also, this week and next week is "Experience Islam Week." Next Thursday "Women In Islam" will occur in 166 Barrows at 7:30. There were a lot of misconceptions about women in Islam. There will also be "The Hijab Challenge," the scarf that some women in Islam wear. It will be from 12:00 to 2:00 on Wednesday and Thursday at the MSA table.

Ms. Dhar said this announcement had to do with something very close to her heart for the past two years. A show, formerly known as "From All Perspectives," last year as Director of the show, she worked with an amazing staff to reach out to hundreds of student groups and engage students with a show that was meant to bring out the campus community. However, she was lambasted by current elected officials for not being quote "multicultural enough," or not including certain student voices. This year, according to some Execs, this show was acceptable by their standards. But she would like to point out some differences. Last year they sold 1,640 tickets, almost filling up Zellerbach Hall. This year, Wheeler Auditorium had hundreds of open seats. This year, some groups were artfully excluded from the building of the show because they did not fit into the normative interpretation of what is multicultural, to some officials. The Cal Hawaii Club, a group that performed last year, was said to be quote "to un cultural and commodified" to perform, and were thus not included in the process. She would ask if this was what inclusiveness was really about, selective inclusion is discrimination, in her opinion. One of her own interns was really interested in joining in the planning committee that was publicized as being completely open and inclusive. She joined the committee only to be offended and insulted by one of the Directors who consistently silenced her ideas and ignored student groups that she suggested to perform. The intern dances and is Indian and was in a Middle Eastern dance group, and that same Director told her that there was no way she would be allowed to perform because her dance groups made a mockery of race relations on this campus. And the reason was presumably that she was not of Middle Eastern descent. Ms. Dhar said that many of her friends were in groups that performed and they were never involved in the planning of the show or had any executive decisions. They were asked to perform and then leave. Ms. Dhar said

she was in shock and was disappointed in these double standards. High ideals were worthy, when they talk about real issues such as race and multiculturalism in a way that excludes genuinely interested people, or some groups how are not counted as quote "ethnic" enough, they know that race relations deserve real dialogue on this campus and that multiculturalism was not a copyrighted word. Whatever skin color one is, or whatever their political ideals may be, it was not okay to discriminate when attempting to be non-discriminatory. Last year From All Perspectives attracted close to 2,000 students to showcase of their peers. That was community building. Excluding groups, people, or ideas was never okay.

Ms. Cho said she was sending out the ASUC Recognition Awards application. She would apologize to send it to their constituents and people who put on programs. It's due next Wednesday at 5 p.m. Mr. Tran said it had to be an ASUC program. The Oskis has other categories. There's a third award for an outstanding ASUC official. Ms. Cho said she'll propose next week that they just have people fill out an individual's name, for the Chair to collect.

Committee Reports

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would like to note that Sen. Caimi will serve on the University and External Affairs Committee in place of Sen. Moghtader.

On a point of personal privilege, Mr. Nahabet asked when Sen. Caimi was going to be sworn in. Ms. Pasco said that would happen next week. Mr. Nahabet asked if the results of the recall election were sent. Ms. Pasco said they were, but had to be read into the minutes.

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Ms. Hussain said she would report which bills passed and would give the names of the bills because of the confusion over the numbering. The Fi-Comm meeting started at 9:17 p.m. They approved the minutes and the agenda. All waivers were approved. In Old Business, SB 144A was tabled. In New Business, SB 157 (100 College Black Men) was approved; SB 160 (Egyptian Club) was approved; SB 167 (Unión Salvadoreña) was approved; SB 156 (Conservation Resource Studies student organization) was amended and approved; SB 163 was amended and approved (Alpha Delta Pi's Foosball event); SB 166 was amended and approved (Chicano/Latino Graduation Celebration); SB 158 was amended and approved (ASUC Publications Banquet); SB 159 was amended and approved (Forestry Yearbook); SB 161 was amended and approved (Remedy Music Production); SB 162 was tabled (JSU Israeli Film Festival); SB 164 was amended and approved (LiNK Outreach Bay Area); SB 165 was tabled (Public Service Fund). The meeting ended at 12:27 and all were present, besides Sens. Dhar, Nahabet, Pres. Winston, and Finance Officer Batac.

Begin written report from the Finance Committee

ASUC Finance Committee Spring 2009 Session – Week 11
Monday, April 13, 2009
9:00 pm, Senate Chambers, Eshleman Hall

Begin written report from the Finance Committee

Chair: Senator Saira Hussain | Vice Chair: Senator Kifah Shah

Voting Members: Senators Dhar, Flores, Hussain, Nahabet, Rodriguez, Shah, Zuo

Non-Voting Members: President Winston, EVP Pasco, Finance Officer Batac

- I. Meeting Called to order at 9:17 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes from March 30, 2009
 - a. Approved
- III. Approval of the Agenda for April 13, 2009
 - a. Removing SB 103, 106, 116 from agenda as they are dead
 - b. Committee Business as the third item on the agenda
 - c. Appeals as the fourth
 - d. Approved
- IV. Roll Call 9:20PM
 - a. All present but Senators Dhar, Nahabet, and President Winston
- V. Approval of the Agenda for March 2, 2009
 - a. Approved
- VI. Waivers
 - a. Women's Conference no longer needs the waiver
 - b. All Approved
- VII. Committee Business
 - a. UGBA 105 doing an organizational study on Finance Committee, all approved
 - b. Finance Officer Batac did her report, she reviewed the factors that go into allocations: the overall content of the application, revenue and expenses, which expenses the ASUC can fund, subtracting that from other sources the group receives and outside funding, previous year's funding, ceilings set by the Finance Committee (newer groups receiving less funding); also, there were infractions for missing documents, erroneous applications, and also less funding if you had late applications
 - c. She also discussed the financial situation of the ASUC: currently, the ASUC does not have sufficient money, which is why there was across-the-board at least 2% cut; we started with \$420k in the beginning of the year, now we only have about \$120K; the Senate has not been fiscally responsible; groups would have been cut by a larger amount if it had not been for an additional injection of \$20K from carry forward into the spring budgeting account; we need to preserve at least \$100K in Carry Forward, which is where the appeals money is coming from
 - d. After appeals, Finance Officer Batac will make second initial proposals (April 26th is when the Finance Committee decides together)

 Written report from the Finance Committee

- e. GIANT presented for their bill which will be discussed next week, straw poll passed

VIII. Appeals

- a. Freshman Sophomore Business Club
 - i. Michelle Kim presented; they are now in their 9th year, and they target a specific crowd: Freshman and Sophomores
 - ii. This organization was decreased about 70%, they are requesting about they same amount they were allocated in 2007-2008 (instead of the projected \$196.00, they are requesting \$350)
 - iii. The reason there was a cut, almost all events included a substantial amount for food; but it was not specified on their application that the golf tournament is a charity event, not profits for the organization
- b. Student Human Resources Association
 - i. Not Present
- c. Students for a Responsible Business
 - i. Their application was omitted, but submitted on time, they will be reconsidered in the second initial proposals by Finance Officer Batac
- d. Business and Technology Association
 - i. Their application was omitted, but submitted on time, they will be reconsidered in the second initial proposals by Finance Officer Batac
- e. Queer Straight Alliance
 - i. Misunderstanding of the budget instruction – failed to include the actual amount needed for all programs
 - ii. High costs for two main events: \$1,400 and \$4,450
- f. API Education Languages Now
 - i. Did not add the operation budget into the application
 - ii. Asking for \$300
- g. Xinaxtli
 - i. 38-year-old organization
 - ii. Increased programming
 - iii. Ran out of money by March

IX. Old Business

- a. SB 137
 - i. Died
- b. SB 144a (Global Glimpses)
 - i. Tabled

X. New Business

- a. SB 157 (100 College Black Men)
 - i. Approved
- b. SB 160 (Egyptian Club)
 - i. Approved
- c. SB x (Unión Salvadoreña de Estudiantes Universitarios)
 - i. Approved
- d. SB 156a

 Written report from the Finance Committee

- i. Amended to read: “The ASUC Senate allocates \$150.00 to the Conservation and Resource Studies Student Organization (CRSSO) from the ASUC Senate Contingency Fund.”
 - ii. Approved
- e. SB 163a (Alpha Delta Pi’s 6th Annual Rookbrawl Tournament)
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Amended to read \$138.15
 - iii. Approved
- f. SB 166a (Chican@/Latin@ Graduation Celebration)
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Amended to read \$300
 - iii. Approved
- g. SB 158a (ASUC Publications Banquet)
 - i. Amended to read \$387
 - ii. Approved
- h. SB 159a (Timber, Forestry Yearbook)
 - i. Amended to read \$250
 - ii. Approved
- i. SB 161a (Remedy Music Production’s Midsemester & End of Year Concert)
 - i. Amended to read \$400
 - ii. Approved
- j. SB 162 (JSU Israeli Film Festival)
 - i. Tabled
- k. SB 164a (link Outreach: Bay Area [LOBA])
 - i. Adopted amended version
 - ii. Amended to read \$600
 - iii. Approved
- l. SB 165 (Public Service Fund)
 - i. Tabled

XI. Adjournment

- a. Roll Call
- b. All Present but Senators Dhar, Nahabet, President Winston, Finance Officer Batac
- c. Meeting Adjourned at 12:27AM

 End written report from the Finance Committee

Reporting for the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee, Mr. Sakaue said the only business Con-Review had was the motion to remove Attorney General Sinanian from office, which failed in a vote of 3-3. Hopefully Senators have made nominations for the Judicial Council vacancies by that day, as Sen. Mairena requested. Con-Review will interview them next Monday. Senators interested in the process should attend.

Begin written report from the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

ASUC Standing Committee On Constitutional And Procedural Review

Spring 2009 Session – Week 12

Monday, April 13, 2009

9:00 Pm, Senate Lounge

Chair: Mairena | Vice Chair: Sakaue

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

I. Call to Order - 9:04pm

- A. Roll Call: Senators Chen, Cho, Mairena, Oatfield, Sakaue and T. Tran were present
- B. Senator Smelko was absent.

II. Approval of the minutes from March 30, 2009

- A. Minutes were amended on the Senate floor
 - I. Passed

III. Approval of the Agenda for April 13, 2009

- A. Approved

IV. Old Business

- A. None

V. New Business

- A. Motion to remove Attorney General Sinanian
 - I. The motion failed in a vote of 3-3

VI. Committee Business

- A. Sumeet will be at Senate this week
- B. Nominees will be contacted for the final vacancy. Also Sen. Mairena will send a reminder for people to make nominations by this Wednesday.

VII. Adjournment - 9:38PM

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

End written report from the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

Ms. Tran said the University and External Affairs Committee did not meet because there were no bills. But this week they'll meet at 9:00 in the June Jordan Room, with Sen. Caimi as a new member.

Ms. Pasco said the Standing Committee on the Advocacy Agenda did not meet. Their meeting is scheduled on Thursday from 5:00 to 6:00. Ms. Pasco said she wouldn't be able to attend as she'll be at the American Cultures celebration dinner. She'll send out an e-mail to Committee members to reschedule.

Ms. Pasco said she would also like to note that Sen. Caimi will serve on the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Fiscal, Environmental, and Socially Responsible Businesses on Lower Sproul.

Reporting for the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Student Health and Mental and Spiritual Well Being, Ms. Shah said the meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. on Monday, April 13. The agenda was approved. They discussed Tang Center Awareness Week, Defending Our Right to Walk, and fundraising ideas for those events. Their Committee is very dedicated to that. In New Business, there's a prayer space on the 2nd floor of Evans that Vice Chancellor Basri has sought. The entire Committee, including EVP Pasco, will go on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. to view that space. However, they haven't received a confirmation from the Vice Chancellor yet. One problem with it was that it was far from central campus. All members of the Committee were present, and they adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Reporting for the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Academic Resources Improvement and Employment Security, Ms. Cho said they met on Monday at 8 p.m. in the June Jordan Room. All were present except Sens. Chen, Owens, and Smelko. They had a wrap-up session about the Committee. They were ambitious at the beginning of the year, but they feel that one year wasn't enough for an advocacy issue that was so wide, academic resources and security of employment. At the time it seemed to be a good idea, but then it seemed to be too big. Senators worked on individual projects that they were interested in. They felt there wasn't enough information and collaboration with the AAVP. Because they feel there would be no continuity, they want to forward a report so next year Senators have ideas about project initiatives. They also want to bring up the idea of establishing Advocacy Agenda committees for more than one year, as these issues were things they could focus on every year.

Begin written report from the Academic Resources Improvement & Security of Employment Advocacy Agenda Committee

Advocacy Committee #2: Short and Long Range Academic Resources Improvement & Security of Employment
Monday April 13, 2009
8:00PM June Jordan

Meeting Call to Order at 8:07PM

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Committee Business
 - a. Evaluation of goals thus far
 - i. Started out strong and ambitious; however, we lacked the hands to establish much that is long-lasting – 1 year does not seem to be enough
 - ii. Senators were able to work on individual projects of interest
 - iii. Not enough communication and collaboration with the AAVP office this year
 - iv. One of the challenges: the advocacy issue was not very connected; committee issues were spread out too thin
 - b. Goals for rest of the semester
 - i. Students have joined Task Force to urge faculty to submit textbooks by April 15th
 1. Subcommittee's first meeting this Friday – closed meeting and administration and student representative (Senator Tu Tran)

 Written report from the Academic Resources Improvement & Security of Employment Advocacy Agenda Committee (cont'd)

- c. No continuity – form reports so that next year’s Senate can have data from this year’s projects and initiatives; also bring up to the Senate the possibility of continuing this advocacy agenda issue for years to come, rather than newly establishing more
- d. Next meeting: Thursday, April 30th - 5:30PM in June Jordan

III. New Business

- a. Lecture Notes
- b. Security of Employment
 - i. IAS – they recently had the town hall a week and half ago, and are currently discussing the demands presented on the petition
 - ii. Need to find people for Task Force; Korean Studies fundraiser
- c. Polling System
- d. Study Space
 - i. Senator Tu Tran’s intern meeting with Classroom scheduling management; need updates from custodial staff to see what the budget entails
 - 1. Questions: Does it actually cost more money? Updates to come.
- e. Textbook Affordability Campaign
 - i. Write a report and give it to the next Senate

f. Etc.

IV. Initiatives

- a. Survey
 - i. No more
- b. Students at large
 - i. No more

V. Adjourn

- a. Roll Call
 - i. Senator Cho - Present; Senator Chen – Absent; Senator Flores – Present; Senator Owens – Absent; Senator Smelko – Absent; Senator Tu Tran – Present; Senator Zuo – Present

Adjournment at 8:28PM

End written report from the Academic Resources Improvement & Security of Employment Advocacy Agenda Committee

Ms. Oatfield said the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Fiscally, Environmentally, and Socially Responsible Businesses for Lower Sproul wasn't scheduled to meet that week. They were supposed to meet the week before, but partially due to her failure to send out a reminder e-mail, there were no other Senators present besides herself. As they've established before, some people have found that this Committee doesn't seem too dedicated or organized, and some Senators have found other methods of achieving the

goal of bringing more socially responsible and environmentally sustainable businesses to Lower Sproul. So she didn't hold it against any Senators personally. But Vice Chair Rodriguez is sending out an e-mail for a meeting next Monday at 8 p.m., in the OP.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following bills were up for consideration that evening under the Consent Calendar: SBs 157; 160; 167; 156, as amended; 163, as amended; 166, as amended; 158, as amended; 159, as amended; 161, as amended; and 164, as amended.

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

All bills remained under the Consent Calendar:

Back in session, Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Sakaue and Ms. Flores.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION: SB 156, AS AMENDED; SB 157; SB 158, AS AMENDED; SB 159, AS AMENDED; SB 160; SB 161, AS AMENDED; SB 163, AS AMENDED; SB 164, AS AMENDED; SB 166, AS AMENDED; AND SB 167.

WAIVERS:

Women's Conference no longer needs the waiver
All Approved

The following Resolution, SB 156, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Sarah Richman and was co-sponsored by Ms. Oatfield:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE STUDIES STUDENT ORGANIZATION (CRSSO) STUDENT GROUP

WHEREAS, CRSSO works to give students in the Conservation and Resource Studies major a community forum to discuss matters of the environment and campus life; and

Consent Calendar -- Waivers

- SB 156, Conservation and Resource Studies Student Org. (CRSSO) Student Group
- SB 157, In Support of 100 College Black Men at UC Berkeley

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE STUDIES STUDENT ORGANIZATION (CRSSO) STUDENT GROUP (cont'd)

WHEREAS, CRSSO strives to create a network of like-minded students work towards a common goal of environmental activism and study; and

WHEREAS, CRSSO is intent on raising community and campus awareness about environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, CRSSO is a new student group in need of funds for: [Line items listed] Total, \$625;

THEREFORE BE IT REVOLVED THAT, the ASUC Senate recognizes the Conservation and Resource Studies Student Organization (CRSSO) as a first-year Student Activity Group (SAG).

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocates \$150.00 to the Conservation and Resource Studies Student Organization (CRSSO) from the ASUC Senate Contingency Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 157, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Ude:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 100 COLLEGE BLACK MEN AT UC BERKELEY

WHEREAS, the number of Black men on UC Berkeley campus have been at a continual decline in which there is a lack of positive representations of college educated Black men in African American communities; and

WHEREAS, the media proliferate images of Black people that create one-dimensional perceptions of Blackness that misrepresent a multitude of people; and

WHEREAS, 100 College Black Men is an organization that has been on UC Berkeley's campus since 2002; and

WHEREAS, 100 College Black Men exists to establish a solid network of Black men by fostering solidarity amongst ourselves, developing better relationships with other communities on our campus, and through outreach to our community that enhances educational and economic opportunities for all African Americans; and

WHEREAS, the organization acts as a strong-hold of resources, educating and informing about opportunities as well as issues that are pertinent and relevant to the students 100 College Black Men serves; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 100 COLLEGE BLACK MEN AT UC BERKELEY (cont'd)

WHEREAS, 100 CBM strives to cultivate a campus of responsible young men dedicated to the betterment of the campus community and the community at-large through mentorship and programming aimed towards young men; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address the needs and interests of the community, 100 CBM strives to outreach to other groups on campus and identify intersections with the intent to strengthen current relationships and develop new ones;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that 100 College Black Men be recognized as a first-year SISG.

The following Resolution, SB 158, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Ude and Ashley Mayfield and was co-sponsored by Mr. Mairena, Ms. Shah, Mr. Sakaue, Ms. Tran, Ms. Yang, Ms. Rodriguez, and Ms. Flores:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2009 ASUC PUBLICATIONS AWARDS BANQUET

WHEREAS, the 2009 ASUC Publications Awards Banquet is an annual event hosted by the ASUC Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, this will be the 2nd Annual Banquet event which extends to the entire campus community and serves to showcase student publications, recognize members' hard work, and encourage students to join existing (or form new) publications; and

WHEREAS, the event will bring together students from publications (both undergraduate and graduate), the ASUC, the Graduate Assembly, University staff/faculty, the ASUC Auxiliary, Campus Life & Leadership, the College Writing Program, the School of Journalism, and is open for all student groups to attend; and

WHEREAS, there are over 50 approved student publications, including three that produced their inaugural issues this school year; and

WHEREAS, there is little to no interaction between publication groups, thus, as a community event, the Publications Banquet offers students the opportunity to network, to learn from each other, and to appreciate the talent that is the foundation of not only student publications but also UC Berkeley itself; and

WHEREAS, the Publications Banquet will provide a unique opportunity for staff, faculty, students, and professionals in the field to interact with each other and by bringing in other campus departments, individuals outside of the University, and students/staff from within the University, this event will help increase awareness of publication groups, improve their readership base, increase advertising potential, and celebrate student voices; and

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-- SB 159, In Support of the Publication of *Timber*, a Yearbook for Forestry and
Natural Resource Students

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2009 ASUC PUBLICATIONS AWARDS BANQUET (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the event seeks to support the work that student publications are already doing by providing recognition, and incentives for perpetual excellence; and

WHEREAS, the awards assist publications to defray printing costs and costs of producing higher quality issues; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Budget is as follows: Grand total, \$624.50;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate allocates \$387.00 towards the 2009 ASUC Publications Awards Banquet from the Senate Contingency Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 159, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Dexter Dong and was co-sponsored by Ms. Oatfield:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PUBLICATION OF *TIMBER*, A YEARBOOK FOR FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCE STUDENTS

WHEREAS, students studying or interested in the field of Forestry and Natural Resources form a community to further their understanding of resource management, ecology and other related topics; and

WHEREAS, these students participate in extracurricular activities through the Forestry Club, Logging Sports Team, field work and other experiences; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the Forestry and Natural Resource course of study, students are exposed to several unique and memorable academic experiences such as the Forestry Summer Field Camp; and

WHEREAS, through these experiences, involved students form lasting friendships and bonds that help to define their educational career.

WHEREAS, these students form a welcoming and tolerant community that is open to any interested person; and

WHEREAS, this group creates a community on campus that serves to strengthen both the College of Natural Resources and the campus as a whole; and

WHEREAS, these students desire to record their experiences, views and appreciations in the form of an annual publication known as *Timber*, which has been a tradition of Forestry and Natural Resource students since 1941; and

- Consent Calendar -- SB 159, In Support of the Publication of *Timber*, a Yearbook for Forestry and - 45 -
Natural Resource Students (cont'd)
-- SB 160, In Support of the Egyptian Club
-- SB 161, In Support of the RMP'S Mid-Semester and End-of-the Year Concert

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PUBLICATION OF *TIMBER*, A YEARBOOK FOR FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCE STUDENTS (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the budget for the publication of *Timber* is, approximately, as follows: Total, \$939.50; and

WHEREAS, the current state of the economy has diminished the contributions of private donors to print *Timber*;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT, The ASUC recognize *Timber* as a first-year publication and allocate \$250 to the *Timber* Publication account to sponsor the 2009 edition of *Timber*.

The following Resolution, SB 160, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Dinah Nassar and Ms. Hussain and was co-sponsored by Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EGYPTIAN CLUB

WHEREAS, UC Berkeley is a place of education and cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, the Egyptian Club hopes to spread awareness and education about Egyptian culture as well as provide a social outlet for its members, both on campus and in the greater Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, many members of the Egyptian Club partake in the International House's weekly Coffee Hour by performing traditional dances and presentations; and

WHEREAS, the Egyptian Club has already held five meetings and has a membership of around 25 students; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the organization is as follows: \$165;

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

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

The following Resolution, SB 161, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Josephone Yu and Mr. Nahabet:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RMP'S MID-SEMESTER AND END-OF-THE YEAR
CONCERT

WHEREAS, the ASUC exists to serve the needs of student groups, and one way in which this duty is fulfilled is by providing sponsorship for student groups; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Remedy Music Productions is to provide a community for Cal students dedicated to using music to spread awareness of global issues such as AIDS and poverty and help students express themselves through music; and

WHEREAS, RMP's Mid-Semester Concert is a music performance event that features prominent musical talent on the Berkeley campus and artists that are affiliated with the Project are invited to perform their original work in front of a live audience made up of campus and community members; and

WHEREAS, the concert serves two purposes: to provide opportunities for the student musicians and music lovers to connect on an intimate level, and to offer a preview of the even grander show that can be expected from the End-of-Semester Concert; and

WHEREAS, the Remedy Music Project's End-of-Semester Concert is a large scale event that is designed to cater to a much larger crowd than any other RMP event; and

WHEREAS, this concert will be the grand finale of a semester of Remedy Music Project initiatives, and will feature the most active and popular performers from the RMP suite of student musicians; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this concert is to build a sense of community while allowing music enthusiasts to connect in an open and welcoming forum; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the two Spring Concerts is below: Total, \$800;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes RMP's Mid-Semester & End of the Year Concert as ASUC-sponsored events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$400 from the Senate Contingency Fund to RMP's Mid-Semester & End of the Year Concert.

The following Resolution, SB 163, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Shandra LaMotte and Ms. Chen and was co-sponsored by Mr. Smelko and Ms. Tran:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALPHA DELTA PI'S 6th ANNUAL ROOZBRAWL

WHEREAS, the title of this bill should be "A Bill in Support of Alpha Delta Pi's 6th Annual Foozbrawl" not "Roozbrawl;" and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALPHA DELTA PI'S 6th ANNUAL ROOZBRAWL (cont'd)

WHEREAS, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, Psi Chapter was established at UC Berkeley in 1913, and since has been committed to scholarship, leadership, and both philanthropic and volunteer services; and

WHEREAS, as a 96-member-strong organization, Alpha Delta Pi is committed to sisterhood, values and ethics, high academic standards and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, our annual philanthropy fundraiser has been a foosball tournament for the past five years, and approximately 250 people, of all ages and backgrounds (not just Greek), attend and/or participate in the event each year; and

WHEREAS, our event is a foosball tournament which will serve as a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House, which we have consistently contributed to for the last 25 years; and

WHEREAS, this nonprofit organization helps the families of children who have life threatening, long-term illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home for the families as it provides a place to stay while their children undergo extensive treatment at nearby hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the actual fundraiser will include a foosball tournament, a BBQ, raffle prizes, and music; and

WHEREAS, the line-item budget for this event is as follows: [Budget included];

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Alpha Delta Pi's Foozbrawl Philanthropy be considered an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$138.15 from the Greek Opportunity Fund to Alpha Delta Pi's Foozbrawl Philanthropy.

The following Resolution, SB 164, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Jennie Chang and Ms. Cho:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LiNK OUTREACH: BAY AREA (LOBA)

WHEREAS, LiNK Outreach: Bay Area (LOBA) is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-ethnic and non-religious group formed to spread awareness about the human rights violations oppressing North Koreans and to provide opportunities for people to exercise their right to freedom, in hopes of one day seeing liberty in North Korea; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LiNK OUTREACH: BAY AREA (LOBA) (cont'd)

WHEREAS, LOBA serves to spread awareness about human rights violations in North Korea and the refugee crisis for both the on- and off-campus community and empower citizens of the world to take effective action and make a difference; and

WHEREAS, LOBA is hosting two events on the UC Berkeley campus in the month of April:

1. "Crossing" Screening
2. FAST for North Korean Week

WHEREAS, the "Crossing" screening, scheduled to take place on April 13th in the Pacific Film Archives Theater, will be a free showing to students, faculty and staff, and the Berkeley community of a movie based on a true story about a North Korean refugee; and

WHEREAS, the producer of the movie might possibly come speak about the film and speak of his inspirations for the movie and its relevance to Korea today; and

WHEREAS, the fourth annual FAST for North Korea Week at Cal, to be taking place from April 20th to 23rd, will consist of volunteers forgoing their meals for up to a week and donating the money they would have spent purchasing food to proactively educate the campus while personally experiencing third-world hunger, and to fundraise to address the issue of oppression in North Korea; and

WHEREAS, the total expenses are as follows: Total, \$2,180;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize the "Crossing" screening as a first-year and FAST for North Korean Week as ASUC-sponsored events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$600 from the Senate Contingency Fund to "Crossing" Screening and FAST for North Korean Week.

The following Resolution, SB 166, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Rodriguez and was co-sponsored by Mr. Mairena, Ms. Shah, and Ms. Flores:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CHICAN@/LATIN@ GRADUATION CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, On May 23, 2009 the Chican@/Latin@ community on our campus will come together to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduate and undergraduate students at our Chican@/Latin@ Commencement Ceremony or Graduation Celebration; and

WHEREAS, as one of the largest celebrations for underrepresented communities at the University of California, Berkeley, the event carries a particular significance to members of our student body, family and friends; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CHICAN@/LATIN@ GRADUATION CELEBRATION
(cont'd)

- WHEREAS, this commencement ceremony welcomes families to UC Berkeley with traditional dance performances, Latin music, bilingual student speakers, and a powerful keynote; and
- WHEREAS, for many, this is a first time experience at a university commencement ceremony as such, we offer a multicultural framework to include the diverse customs of our cultural background; and
- WHEREAS, the significance of our graduation goes beyond the 2-hour celebration at the Greek Theater; and
- WHEREAS, this celebration will be an affirmation of both the struggles of students their parents, walking beside them on stage, the event will mark the accomplishment of one of student's many goals for their family; and
- WHEREAS, this celebration is open to all graduating seniors on campus and students; and
- WHEREAS, the Chican@/Latin@ Graduation Celebration is requesting monetary support from the ASUC for the very first time and trusts that your contribution will make this the most memorable event yet; and
- WHEREAS, the budget for this event is currently as follows: \$1.292.99
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize the Chican@/Latin@ Graduation Celebration as an ASUC-sponsored event.
- BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$300.00 to the Chican@/Latin@ Graduation Celebration

The following Resolution, SB 167, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Brian Pacheco and was co-sponsored by Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Flores:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIÓN SALVADOREÑA DE ESTUDIANTES
UNIVERSITARIOS

- WHEREAS, the Unión Salvadoreña de Estudiantes Universitarios (USEU) was initially formed out of a need for a space for Salvadoran students at California State University, Los Angeles in 2007. Since then, the organization has expanded to other college campuses that collectively operate as part of a centralized Statewide coalition. Nevertheless, the UCB organization maintains individual integrity as a part of a greater coalition; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIÓN SALVADOREÑA DE ESTUDIANTES
UNIVERSITARIOS (cont'd)

WHEREAS, USEU will aim to create a community of students of Salvadoran descent on the Berkeley campus by empowering their cultural identity and providing networking opportunities; and

WHEREAS, USEU will aim to develop a consciousness of current cultural, political, and economic issues that directly affect the Salvadoran community in El Salvador and the US through dialogue, discussion, debate, educational workshops and guest speakers ; and

WHEREAS, USEU welcomes members of all backgrounds with a general interest in El Salvador and the Salvadoran community in the US; and

WHEREAS, USEU will be actively involved in membership recruitment and retention efforts; and

WHEREAS, the startup expenses for Spring 2009 are as follows: Total, \$150;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes Unión Salvadoreña de Estudiantes Universitarios as a first-year Student Activity Group (SAG).

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$150 (one hundred dollars) from the ASUC Senate Contingency Fund

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

Report from the President

Ms. Winston said she was making a recommendation for the Judicial Council, Chen Ling. Additionally, she would like to congratulate everyone who participated in last week's elections. It's a very grueling process, but it's an amazing time in their undergraduate career, when they get to see very clearly what they're made of, and very clearly the students at UC Berkeley are made of a lot. So she would like to congratulate candidates for going all out and really putting themselves on the line.

Ms. Winston said she would like to welcome Mr. Caimi to the Senate, and hoped he enjoyed the meetings and that he got to love the people he'll be spending time with. It was a very unique experience. The 20 people there really understand what he'll go through as a Senator.

Regarding the elections, Ms. Winston said she talked with Ms. Liedblad, Ms. Crowder, from the Auxiliary, and discussed making a change in Elections Council stipends because of all the work they had to do, with the recall election as well as the regular election. It was all run very smoothly, and it was appropriate for the ASUC to compensate the Elections Council for the work it did. This was the first time they've

held a recall election. The stipend would be \$2,500 for Ms. Liedblad, \$1,500 for Lindsay Bailey, and \$1,500 for Mr. Sukhija.

Ms. Winston said she wanted to thank everybody who spoke at the SOB meeting on Tuesday. She appreciated people speaking up for their passion. Ms. Winston said she was frustrated, however, in the way the Board made decisions and was unclear what it took to make decisions. So she would hope Senators urge members of the SOB, as she will, to make sure they have decisions this year before the student government turns over. It was important to maintain continuity. Also, there's a pre-programming workshop for Lower Sproul redevelopment on April 24 for student centers and another on May 8. There will be food. Beth Piatnitzka, a planner, will be there. If people were interested in attending, Ms. Winston said she would ask them to please e-mail her by April 17.

Ms. Winston said there's an open newsletter online that was really fancy. A member of the OP, Stefan Montouth, put it together. It was very exciting. She called for any questions.

Mr. Nahabet asked if there's an outgoing address by the ASUC President. Ms. Winston said there wasn't, just the end-of-the-year banquet.

Ms. Winston said she was graduating May 16 and May 22.

Report from the Executive Vice President

With Ms. Vir-Banks chairing the meeting, Ms. Pasco said she would like to do a communications check, on communications that evening, with 10 being the highest. Numbers Senators gave were 2.5, 5, 4, 1, 3, - 2, 3, 1, 5, 0, 5, 3, 7. Ms. Pasco said that this was probably one of the worst Senate meetings she's had to chair in terms of communication. She wasn't surprised since it was the week after elections, and people were still recovering from hard campaigning. But she was a little disappointed, not just by what people said, but by how they said it. She hoped that by the end of the semester, they could all walk away from this experience recognizing that they're all still human beings, with respect for each other.

Ms. Pasco said the internship program was canceled that week. She wanted to stress how important it was that Senators have interns go to this meeting to check in with each other and with Directors of the Internship Program. At the last couple of meetings, there were only three interns who have been going, out of the 50-plus interns that they have in the ASUC, and she thought that was ridiculous.

Elections happened that month, but that didn't mean the ASUC didn't function. The ASUC has the potential to develop leaders, and if they fail to do so, they can't talk about having an ASUC next year if they don't have leaders who take what they've done this year to the next level.

Regarding Lower Sproul redevelopment, there are two programming workshops on April 24 and May 8. It's important to go and voice their opinions and concerns about what should be in a student center. A lot of work has happened that hasn't happened in the last 10 or 15 years, such as creating committees on the administrative side as well as Student Life. She wanted to thank students who put in a lot of time on this.

Ms. Pasco said perhaps could ask her questions about last night's SOB meeting. She wanted to thank Sens. Hussein and Shah for being accountable and on the Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion to make sure students get the prayer space. Students have waiting for it for a long time.

Ms. Pasco said she sits on the Academic Senate Committee for the American Cultures Requirement and they'll have a forum on Thursday, from 5:00 to 7:00, and a dinner from 7:30 to 10:00, to celebrate the 20 years the American Cultures Requirement has been on the campus. It was important to her, as an Ethnic Studies major. Every student on the campus had to take a class in this.

Ms. Pasco said the Senate basketball team had game that evening, and obviously, they weren't there. Their next game is Sunday and it will be their last game. It should be exciting. She wanted to give much props to Sen. Zuo for being the MVP of their last game, and he really held it down. They have a lot of fun even though they haven't won a game.

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

Report from the Perspectives Show Co-Directors

Ms. Louie said they had a pretty good show. Their turnout was smaller than they hoped it would be. Overall they had good performances lined up and she thought audience members enjoyed the show. Mr. Patel said this year's show was free. There were some underlying foundational aspects. This year's show was free and they gave agency to other student groups, as well as fiscal responsibility in terms of rather than taking \$5,500 from the Senate, which was especially needed in this year's fiscal climate, they also got \$200 to donate to the Multicultural Center. They had a good turnout, about 500 tickets were passed out, but more people were there because they stopped counting tickets.

Ms. Pasco said they had thematic elements in trying to expand culture in that it wasn't just race and ethnicity and they had performers like folks from "The Vagina Monologues," for gender dialogue, which was critical in his opinion. There were also people from the Greek community, a different culture.

Mr. Patel said that as for what was said earlier, he would say that exclusion for the sake of what they say of multiculturalism was wrong. But what was important was they constantly discussed and decided to do was to give space to student groups that were constantly excluded or sent to the sidelines of the campus and weren't necessarily well funded or even seen on campus. "Perspectives" provided space for student groups that do amazing work but had no public face, such as Danza. In a society where there are two images of dichotomized, indigenous people with people with feathers, or images like are seen at Thanksgiving, and disappear at other times. At the show it was a struggle that was still dynamic. And using that as a point of discussion to have access and diversity on the campus. This was a process. The end result was not perfect, by any means, but it was a process. And after the showcase there will be a dense and critical debrief process to allow them to talk about what happened, why and how it happened, and how it could impact the program and things outside the ASUC space. They have constantly discussed

accountability. They are accessible and he didn't get any calls or e-mails about questions or concerns about anything at all. It was disappointing that didn't happen, because now he felt that people felt offended by the show. He was shocked that no one approached him, Ms. Louie, or any Committee members before. Accountability was not just he being accountable. No one took advantage of that accessibility. They constantly reached out to Senators, as agents, to get to their constituencies and that didn't happen. They got very few responses from very few people. Many times the Committee felt isolated from this space, and it was designed from the beginning to not be that way and to, in fact, utilize this space to reach out to constituencies. So he would ask Senators to please dialogue. He would ask people to please approach him and they could flesh these things out. He wanted to thank people who supported the show.

Ms. Yang said that as a Senator, she felt they did reach out to her and to various organizations from different communities. She asked what individual they would pass on for next year. Ms. Louie said an original goal was to bring groups together. They tried to do that at the beginning, and to get groups to come out to them. But they didn't have a good turnout. Maybe it would have been better if they started in the Fall Semester to push that. For the first meeting the room was full but then people didn't show up any more. They had hoped people would get to know each other, but that didn't happen. Mr. Patel said it should also be directed to others who are agents in this process, to get started a lot earlier. It was very time constricted, and therefore it wasn't thorough and it couldn't be fleshed out the way they wanted it to be. It would also benefit if the stagnancy of the Senate, while bickering and arguing were put aside for the sake of the project and the campus community. They should appoint a director much earlier.

Ms. Oatfield said she's suggested that this show be the responsibility of individual student groups, and not a specific entity within the ASUC. People shouldn't try and define "culture," and that should be left to a more grassroots determination. Mr. Patel said he agreed, although institutional support was desirable. He thought that will be fleshed out in the dialogue they have in the debrief process.

Report from the Judicial Council Representative

Ms. Johal said that people should have received her e-mail last week. The J-Council finished considering all litigation regarding the recall election held on February 23-24. Therefore the proposition to remove John Moghtader from office has been approved by 72.48%. The only litigation they have is the IAC appeal, and the J-Council will have a decide on that within the next day or two. She called for any questions.

Mr. Nahabet asked when it would be most fit for a Senator-elect to be sworn into office. Ms. Johal said she'd do that at the beginning of the next Senate meeting. Mr. Nahabet asked why that didn't happen that evening. Ms. Johal she thought it would be appropriate to have the proposition officially approved through the minutes, and it wouldn't be approved until next week.

Mr. Zuo asked what questions Con-Review should ask nominees. Ms. Johal said they should see that individuals have looked at documents before they were appointed, and see that preparation was done regarding the JRPs, what fell within the J-Council's jurisdiction, factors in accepting a Charge Sheet, and Titles I and IV of the By-laws.

Ms. Chen asked about the Israeli Action Committee appeal. Ms. Johal said the J-Council revoked sponsorship and received an appeal.

Ms. Dhar moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Oatfield and passed with no objection.

Roll call was taken for attendance. Members present were:

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

This meeting adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

Steven I. Litwak
Recording Secretary