

ASUC SENATE MEETING

April 22, 2009

Thirteenth Week

This regular meeting of the ASUC Senate was called to order by Krystle Pasco at 7:18 p.m. in the ASUC Senate Chamber. Ms. Pasco said that before they get started, they'd have a swearing-in ceremony for their new Senator, Marcus Caimi. Ms. Pasco called upon the Judicial Council Chair to swear in Mr. Caimi. Mr. Caimi recited the Oath of Office. (Applause) Ms. Pasco said would like to give an official welcome to Sen. Caimi.

Roll call was taken for attendance.

MEMBERS LEGALLY PRESENT:

Marcus Caimi  
Sheila Chen  
Sarah Cho  
Mary June Flores  
Oscar Mairena

Tommy Owens  
Tara Raffi  
Claudia Rodriguez  
Lyell Sakaue  
Kifah Shah

Lisa Tran  
Tu Tran  
Obiamaka Ude  
Stephanie Yang  
Yishi Zuo

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eddie Nahabet  
Christina Oatfield

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Meghana Dhar  
Saira Hussain  
Will Smelko

Ms. Pasco noted that the Special Order on College Affordability was canceled and would be rescheduled.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to the minutes from the April 15 Senate meeting, and seeing none, called for a motion to approve. It was so moved and seconded by Ms. Shah and Ms. Tran. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2009 SENATE MEETING PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Pasco referred the following bills to committee:

- SB 200, In Support of PeacePower Magazine, to the Finance Committee
- SB 201, In Support of Stipend Increases for the Elections Council, to the Finance Committee
- SB 202, In Support of the 5th Annual Southeast Asian Graduation, to the Finance Committee
- SB 203, In Support of the Transfer of Assets from the Asian political Association to the Asian Pacific American Coalition, to the Finance Committee and to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee
- SB 204, In Support of Bridge Across Borders, to the Finance Committee
- SB 205, In Support of Delta Phi Epsilon's Hunger Banquet, to the Finance Committee
- SB 206, To Amend the By-laws: Public Relations Director, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee
- SB 207, To Amend the By-laws: Academic Opportunity Fund and Intellectual Community Fund Director, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee
- SB 208, To Amend the By-laws: Financial Spending Restrictions, to the Finance Committee to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee
- SB 209, To Amend the By-laws: Housing Commission and Lobby Corps Director, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee and to the University and External Affairs Committee
- SB 210, To Amend the By-laws: Greek Affairs and Cooperative Affairs Stipends, to the Finance Committee and to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee
- SB 211, To Amend the By-laws: Increasing Graduate Student Involvement in the ASUC, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee
- SB 212, To Amend the By-laws: Stipend Regulation Changes, to the Finance Committee and to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee
- SB 213, to Create a Temporary Committee to Evaluate the Future of the Cal Lodge, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee
- SB 214, To Amend Title I, Article V, of the ASUC By-laws, to the Finance Committee and to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee
- SB 215, To Support the UC Berkeley and UCLA Labor Centers and the Miguel Conteras Labor Program, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee and to the University and External Affairs Committee
- SB 216, In Support of the Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law, to the Finance Committee
- SB 217, In Support of Engineers for a Sustainable World's Sustainability Fair, to the Finance Committee
- SB 218, In Support of Cal Habitat for Humanity's Furniture Makeover Contest, to the Finance Committee
- SB 219, In Support of the Uganda Village Project, to the Finance Committee
- SB 220, In Support of the Raza Caucus, to the Finance Committee

SB 221, In Support of Lambda Theta Alpha and Lambda Theta Phi's "Aftershock: The Bay Area Stroll Competition," to the Finance Committee

SB 222, In Support of Pedal for Life, a Philanthropic Project of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Cal Alpha Chapter, to the Finance Committee [added to New Business during the meeting]

SB 223, In Support of the 2nd Annual RISE AB540 "Reaching Our Dreams" Conference, to the Finance Committee [added to New Business during the meeting]

SB 224, In Support of Cal Hawaii Club's 26th Annual Luau, to the Finance Committee [added to New Business during the meeting]

SB 225, In Support of the Ethiopian Student Union's 7th Annual Culture Show, to the Finance Committee [added to New Business during the meeting]

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to New Business. She noted that this was the last day they could refer financial bills to committee.

Ms. Oatfield moved to include a bill on the agenda she just e-mailed out, In Support of Pedal for Life, a Philanthropic Project of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Cal Alpha Chapter. Ms. Pasco said the bill would be numbered SB 222 and would be referred to the Finance Committee.

Ms. Flores moved to add a bill she sent out, In Support of the 2nd Annual RISE AB540 "Reaching Our Dreams" Conference. Ms. Pasco said the bill would be numbered SB 223 and referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Mairena moved to go to Approval of the Agenda for April 29. The motion was seconded by Ms. Oatfield and passed with no objection.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (April 29) (cont'd)

Ms. Flores moved to add a Special Order for Multicultural Center representative from 7:30 to 8:00. A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Mr. Mairena. **THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 29 MEETING, WITH A SPECIAL ORDER FOR THE MCC FROM 7:30 TO 8:00, PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### Guest Announcements

Ms. Pasco said the first Guest Announcement was from Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion, Gabor Basri. Mr. Basri said he was there at the longstanding invitation of some ASUC leaders. He wanted to

introduce himself and tell them what Equity and Inclusion was up to. Hopefully there will be another invitation in the fall, when there's a big rollout of the Strategic Plan for Equity and Inclusion.

Mr. Basri said that most of them probably know that Equity and Inclusion is a relatively new Division of the campus. He's been on the job since August, 2007. They spent a good deal of time trying to figure out what it was that Equity and Inclusion was really about and what they should be doing. For the last year or so they've undergone a very long strategic plan exercise that involved input from a great many parts of the campus, including, of course, the students. The job of Equity and Inclusion was supposed to encompass the whole campus, basically. So he was responsible for those issues for undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, and staff. It also included the surrounding communities, alumni and anybody else one could think of. At the end of the day, the question of equity and inclusion was just a kind of life question. The whole institution was involved, and the whole institution should try and aim for these values.

Mr. Basri said he didn't have much time so in the broadest overview, he'd tell them very briefly the points of the Strategic Plan. The first point was what they call "responsive research, teaching, and public service." That is, the activities of the University should be aligned with its original mission. Cal is a land grant, public institution that was supposed to serve all of the State of California. And it did so through teaching, research, and public service. Those are the three areas under which faculty, e.g., are evaluated as to their merit. Basically, the idea behind this is that if they want to make this a more inclusive place, then that research agenda, and then what follows, the teaching agenda, and the service people do, needed to be more aligned with the modern, multicultural needs of the State of California, where the people of California were its most important resource. So the University was supposed to help the State maximize its resources. That's why it should be involved with everybody in the State.

Mr. Basri said the second working goal was expanded pathways for access and success. Again, that's for all the different populations, making sure there's an equitable shot at coming to this place for talented people, and making sure that once people are here, they succeed at whatever they came here for, be it a degree, research, or a job. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by five minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Ms. Oatfield and passed with no objection. Mr. Basri said that whatever their objective was in coming there, people's ability to achieve that should be maximized, whether it was getting a job or going to grad school.

The third overarching goal was for an engaging and healthy campus climate. That was about inclusion at the institution and being sure people don't encounter barriers, and making sure they feel welcome and that all people were equally supported in their goals, and that there was nothing going on to make people feel unwelcome or not included.

Mr. Basri said that naturally, after those overarching goals are expressed, they set out a number of strategies on how to achieve those. And then they set to a number of results that they would hope come about as a result of those goals.

The complete version of the Strategic Plan was 120 pages, as they've been working very hard on all the details. It was really important for Equity and Inclusion to be in close contact with all parts of the campus at all times. So he wanted to invite Senators, as student leaders, to feel free to make their concerns, ideas, innovations, whatever was of interest to them, to work with E&I. Mr. Basri said he's worked with student leaders since he's been on the job, but there was room for more. This was his first visit to the

Senate. That was reprehensible on his part, but he hoped to be able to come there more often and also to work with them more often. He called for any questions.

Ms. Cho asked if his office had a standing committee or a permanent student representative. Mr. Basri said they have several committees. There's an advisory committee to E&I with a number of student members. They hope some of them will serve more than a year in order to have some continuity. He also has standing meetings with a few student committees or groups. But there's certainly more room for more of that, and he was open to suggestions of any sort for keeping contact up or working together.

Ms. Cho asked what the role was of the advisory committee, and asked what happens at the end of the year. Mr. Basri said its role was partly advisory, to let Equity and Inclusion know what it ought to be working on, or how they were doing what they're doing. Beyond that, he hoped the committee just sort of re-looked at its charge and made it more explicit, and that it be an action committee and come up with a goal or an agenda for the year that he could help with, something that could be pursued by both the committee and the other arms of E&I. He was very much in favor of not just having advice, but getting something good together.

Ms. Cho asked what the goal was of the advisory committee that year, or what will be the goal next year. Mr. Basri said the committee will decide that. The goal this year was really around the Strategic Plan. That's been the primary activity of Equity and Inclusion, because it's a new vision. When he walked into the office the first day he had no idea of what he was supposed to do exactly, and he didn't want to make it up himself. So this has been a very advisory process. The strategic planning was really the main goal of the committee this year. They'll arrive at next year's agenda through suggestions. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by seven minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Raffi and Ms. Rodriguez and passed with no objection.

Ms. Raffi asked about his background at Cal, his career there, and what he did before he was Vice Chancellor. Mr. Basri said his background was available on the Web. He's been a professor of Astronomy since 1982. His research was in the areas of star formation, exoplanets and stellar magnetic fields. He'd also answer the questions in terms of background on how the job came to be. There have been attempts in the past to try to make progress in this area, but it never resulted in a high-level position. The campus kind of came together just before Chancellor Birgeneau arrived. There were a number of committees, and one very broad-based committee he chaired, as well as student committees and staff committees that came to this conclusion. Everybody kind of gave the same message to the incoming Chancellor, about the need to create a high-level position. Chancellor Birgeneau was predisposed to listen because he's had this agenda on his own.

Ms. Raffi said there have been a lot of incidents on campus that year with graffiti or racist remarks, and different actions that have an affect on people on campus. She asked if that was part of his role and if he's been involved. Mr. Basri said that whether it was E&I's role or not wasn't clear in the beginning, but as they listened to the campus and thought about what the role of E&I should be, it became clear that campus climate was one of the three overarching goals. E&I has been working with Dean Poullard and others and have listened to various student groups about those issues. He's met with student groups in large and small groups. Climate was a core piece of the Strategic Plan, so he's convened certain committees already that are working on climate issues. They have some ways for people on campus to support things that they find bothersome without having to go through a formal process. So rather than having a high bar, they want to make it easier for people to let E&I know what was going on out there so E&I

could try and be proactive. There's been a lot of behind-the-scenes work that semester to try to keep things on a civil footing. He thought they've been somewhat successful, given the provocations. But this will be an ongoing issue. The campus has dealt with this endless times in the past, and he was afraid that with a collection of such diverse, bright, committed people, for all kinds of different causes and cultures, they'll always have tension on campus. So the issue was really how people deal with that and have a civil discourse when they disagree, and how they keep themselves well behaved in the face of what are sincere divergent opinions. Hate speech, on the other hand, had no place there. Although they're constrained in certain ways by legal rules about free speech, that didn't mean they couldn't express their distaste when people step over the line, and that was another thing he was working on. It's stepping beyond formal procedures for the campus to have ways to indicate that they don't like something. They might not be able to prosecute because of free speech, but they can express a belief that something violated community standards. It will take a while to get these things in place, but he currently had the intent to do so.

Ms. Raffi yielded time to Mr. Permaul. Mr. Permaul asked if he could talk about the grant funding initiative that E&I was pursuing, and also, how it related to the MCC, which was a very important student issue on campus. Mr. Basri said they just submitted a very large grant proposal to a foundation, which he thought had something to do with bringing in this position in the first place. That foundation has been interested in partnering with Berkeley for a number of years on issues of equity and inclusion. He suspected that it didn't hurt, when the Chancellor was deliberating, that he knew that opportunity was out there. Mr. Basri said he had this grant presented to him as soon as he came to the job; and in fact, the foundation helped with the strategic planning process. They had support from the foundation for that process. They sent in a proposal based on this Strategic Plan. They wanted to know how their resources fit in with the Plan. Mr. Basri said E&I asked for support for areas they thought would be hard to get from other places. They'll send out that week an executive summary of that proposal to people who want to see it. Regarding the MCC, Mr. Basri said he was a participant in the MOU discussions last year, with some of the people present in the room. He thought those discussions went pretty well, with the MOU being a step forward for the MCC. Part of the MOU was a promise for him to seek additional funding to upgrade Heller Lounge. They had a small figure in mind at the time of the MOU, but they then did a study afterwards, and as a result, he's asked for a much larger figure. He considered the MCC to be an important piece of the Strategic Plan. So it figures very prominently in his thinking. He intended to support the MCC as best he could, to seek outside resources, and to work with students to make the MCC a very reputable place. That didn't mean they won't have difficulties, but students should know that they have an ally in him on this general issue. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend speaking time by three minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Shah and Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

Ms. Shah she wanted to thank him that year with getting a prayer space. Mr. Basri said he hoped it worked out. Ms. Shah asked if it was part of his position to enable students to have such space. Mr. Basri said that space was one of the most precious resources on campus. He wasn't in charge of that. The point of having a Vice Chancellor for Equity and Inclusion was that he could talk to whomever he needed to, like the Vice Provost of Academic Planning, who is in charge of space. Space was in very short supply. People hang on to it and there were inefficiencies in the way it's used. He thought a number of people would like to see the use of space done in a somewhat different way. Departments may have space and don't want to give it up to central campus planning, and yet it's underutilized or unutilized. That was a long-term policy he'll pursue, but he didn't have direct control. His own office was scattered about campus. The current leadership team was well aligned for its goals of equity and inclusion and has been very cooperative so far, to the extent possible. This was a very decentralized campus.

Ms. Shah said Senators-elect will be interested in obtaining a permanent prayer space. She asked if he would be willing to be part of that conversation. Mr. Basri said he'd be happy to. They should think of that in planning Lower Sproul, although that was long-term.

Ms. Pasco said she's done a lot of work with Mr. Basri on the MCC and with his advisory group. Regarding the way he defined "equity and inclusion," she asked if his office had any plans to make the entire University more equitable and inclusive for people coming into Berkeley for people who are not already on the campus. So he was working on issues of access and affordability, which are related to equity and inclusion. Mr. Basri said their relations to the outside community, and how those people come in, were all part of the Strategic Plan. They can't get full access to the State if most of the State thought Berkeley was unattainable, unfriendly, or whatever. So that was certainly part of their task. He also does work on other campuses, and they're trying to put together a more Systemwide standing committee of people who work on these issues. Berkeley undergraduates can be graduate students at UCLA, and vice versa. There were a lot of different kinds of connections among campuses. They have a lot of transfer students and CSUs should be more of a source of graduate students. So they can't just work on campus issues but had to take the broad view.

Ms. Pasco asked if his office had any plans to work on policies within the State, such as Prop. 209, Prop. 8, or Props. 4, 6, 9, or on any legislation. Mr. Basri said they don't have specific plans at the moment to become a political advocacy organization. They'd plan to do the kind of research and organization to move some of those issues in the right direction, and he wouldn't rule out doing part of that in the future. Part of that will have to do with advice they get from the rest of the campus. The campus does that, and the question was whether E&I should do that, or if they should partner with Intergovernmental Affairs. How that happens was open. Producing the kind of work that would allow advocacy on those issues was part of the Strategic Plan. The Chancellor has stepped up on some of these issues and Mr. Basri said he'll try and support issues the Chancellor takes; and he might take positions himself.

Ms. Ude asked what role E&I played in terms of hiring specific faculty and staff in terms of equity. Mr. Basri said one of their strategies was to make sure that the definition of merit, for faculty, students, or staff, was fully aligned with the institutional mission, which they don't always see. Merit was not only about who had the most publications, and there was more to being a faculty member, including how well one taught and how they fit in with the mission of the University, at least in a broad sense. Faculty should be more responsible in research and teaching. He didn't have a formal role in the hiring process for faculty. That was done through the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, who he spoke with quite a bit. The Vice Provost for Faculty Equity has instituted equity visors, a tenured professor from each department, whom Mr. Basri said he could communicate with on these issues. He has had a substantial interaction and influence in a number of cases. He could see people's files. There was also the understanding that if he disagreed with the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs or even the Provost, it wasn't a breach of protocol to go directly to the Chancellor with his concerns. He couldn't discuss specifics, but in several cases, in both retention and hiring, they've been able to turn things around that were not going well.

Ms. Ude said certain professors in smaller departments are integral parts of the education there but don't have tenure, and have an impact in that department. Mr. Basri said he was well aware of instances in which it didn't appear that in all cases, an equitable process, or the same process was followed. They dug in on some of those and turned around a couple of those. But in a very general sense, the tenure rate of faculty of color is the same as the tenure rate generally speaking. So in a statistical sense, there isn't a problem. But that didn't mean problems don't arise with particular cases. The same thing arises with

New Business (cont'd)

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advancement and retention. He's involved in all of that. He speaks with faculty of color periodically, and people bring stuff to his attention. He's there now and he wasn't there before, and that has made things go differently. They're all working on building into the process better procedures so these cases come up less and less. He was actually pleased with the progress they've made on the faculty front, even though much of it happens behind the scenes. He thought they'll see as they watch faculty diversity and advancement and retention, they'll see improvements there.

Mr. Basri said he was sure he's overstepped his time. This was why they should invite him back next fall to talk more about this. He wanted to thank them very much.

Mr. Mairena moved to go back to New Business. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ude and passed with no objection.

#### NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would like to move Sen. Hussain's bill, In Support of Cal Hawaii Club's 26th Annual Luau, was now SB 224, and would be referred to the Finance Committee.

Ms. Ude moved to add a bill to the agenda, In Support of the Ethiopian Student Union's 7th Annual Culture Show. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection. Ms. Pasco said the bill would be numbered SB 225 and would be referred to the Finance Committee.

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

#### REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASUC

##### Report from the Chancellor's Designee

Mr. Poullard said he wanted to thank every student who was part of the elections process, whether they ran and won or ran and did not win. The fact that it was a bigger turnout than it was last year was positive and spoke strongly for students exercising their voice, and he wanted to thank them for doing that.

Mr. Poullard said he wanted to talk about the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs, which was part of the ASUC, and the work he's been doing with them. Mr. Poullard said he's been working on a proposal, with faculty and staff, Critical Dialogues Across Difference. It will start in the fall, with at least six eight-week dialogue groups that they'll pilot to see how it goes, to build on not what they talk about, but how they talk about it.

Mr. Poullard said he wanted to thank the Commission on Diversity for working with his office and also wanted to thank Rita Zang, who is working with the office to look at curriculum and at the pedagogy and how they'll structure the dialogues over the course of a full semester. These courses will be for eight weeks and will meet once a week for two hours.

Mr. Poullard said he wanted to push Senators to tell their constituencies about the Lower Sproul programming committee meetings on Friday, the 24, and on May 8, from 11:00 to 3:00. These are critically important meetings for as many students and from as many parts of the campus as possible, to participate on what the Lower Sproul complex should look like, what should and shouldn't be in it, and what should or shouldn't be moved, and the kinds of spaces the campus needed. It should be an optimal space for students to be engaged in. It was a lot of time, four hours each day, but he hoped Senators attend. And he hoped people from across the campus, wherever they are, are a part of this as well.

Mr. Poullard said he just wanted to mention his conversations with EVP Pasco and Sens. Cho and Chen, and several other students from the EAVP's office, both outgoing and incoming, around the issues of affordability and accessibility. Mr. Poullard said he spoke with Pres. Winston via e-mail to get her to give up time in her last agenda with the Chancellor so that they could possibly have one more meeting to look at where the College Affordability Act does or does not intersect with what the Chancellor was proposing with respect to how to move forward to raise funds around stability and affordability. He wanted to give props to Ms. Chen for her excellent work putting all that together. They'll meet on May 14. That's a hard time for students as it's during finals, but it's the last meeting Ms. Winston will have with the Chancellor. Since it was so hard to get time with the Chancellor, he gave up another half hour. Mr. Poullard said he, his boss, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Vice Chancellor Basri, Cheryl Resh, Director of Financial Aid, and Susie Castillo Robson, the Associate Vice Chancellor, will also be a part of that meeting. This meeting was not a debate and was to continue the dialogue on what processes they should do as a campus and as a System to increase affordability and accessibility of students to the campus. So in some ways, it was more information and dialogue, to continue work on this not only during the summer, but next year as well. Mr. Poullard said he wanted to thank Pres. Winston for giving up the time. She still had other agenda issues to cover. And he also wanted to thank the Chancellor for extending time for this so he could deal with the transition from old to new leaders in the ASUC as well as address this critical issue. He called for any questions.

Mr. Mairena asked if the programming meeting for Lower Sproul was only for students, or for current departments that were supposed to be part of Lower Sproul redevelopment. Mr. Poullard said the programming phase for Lower Sproul was about re-engineering what is there. When it's all said and done, some departments that are currently will no longer be there. And departments not there now will be there. It was to talk from the student perspective, and staff and faculty perspectives, who are also in this area, and what needed to be a part of the Lower Sproul redevelopment process. It will be very similar to the Eco-Charette, but around programming.

Mr. Mairena asked if departments in Cesar Chavez should be part of this meeting. Mr. Poullard said they should be. Ms. Pasco said some communication has not gone out to people in those units. So the ASUC sent an e-mail that day.

Mr. Poullard said that after the two sessions on programming, the architects will take all of this information and then propose different plans, and the campus will continue working with them.

Mr. Mairena asked if Mr. Poullard could send him an e-mail so he could forward it to people in Cesar Chavez. Mr. Permaul said he included that information in his report. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him.

#### Report from the UCPD Representative

Sgt. Tucker he had the sad honor of attending a funeral that week, for a security patrol officer for the UCPD, Al Rollins, Sr., who was well-known on campus. He was a security patrol officer for about 14 years and one of his more recent and long-lasting assignments was California Hall. He was the guard posted over there. He was tall, about 60 years old, with an incredible personality, with a smile, charm, and humor. He made an impression on everybody who met him, including staff of California Hall. He went out on disability six or eight months ago and unfortunately, did not recover from an illness. Sgt. Tucker said he attended the service on Tuesday. It was at a traditional Baptist church in Richmond, which was an amazing experience. Sgt. Tucker said he'd never been to something like that before. It was clear that Mr. Rollins left a lot of people behind who will sorely miss him. Vice Chancellor Brostrom spoke on behalf of the University and did an excellent job. Sgt. Tucker said he wanted to make sure the Senate knew about that. It was a reminder that it wasn't just critical moments where decision making happened, and one didn't need to have a lot of power or influence to make an impact in people's lives on a daily and amazing way.

Also, Sgt. Tucker said he wanted to speak to people about something he used to save for the end of the year. But he realized that was too late and he needed say a few words before the end of the school year. It was important to recognize that this was one of the busiest times of the school year. It's amazing how much stuff happens in April and May. There are so many special events, things that have been planned before the end of the school year. Students try to cram everything in and have finals coming up. The pressure was on. And that affected people in a number of ways. Stress could lead to frustration and anger, unnecessary risk taking, substance abuse, and increased vulnerability from being tired. People cut corners and don't pay as much attention to things going on around them, whether walking back from Moffitt at 3 a.m. and not seeing a car coming, or in the car driving home, tired, and not seeing the student. People can forget simple things, like locking a room when they leave it. Stress can lead to depression and suicide. He recently learned, through the City of Berkeley, that they've already had one reported student suicide.

Sgt. Tucker said it was important to be alert to signs of stress in themselves and in their peers. People should recognize their own limits and prioritize. Some things maybe just won't get done. He would ask them to try and pick the most important things. They shouldn't assume everyone knows how they feel, or how someone else feels. They shouldn't assume someone else has already taken care of a problem. They should contact help, talk to the UHS, hall staff, an RA, or someone in the Police Department or an instructor, an advisor, or student leadership, so on, so someone could get some help. He called for any questions.

Ms. Shah asked what happened off-campus. Sgt. Tucker said he didn't know the details. He read a note from a patrol sergeant stating that the City police responded. Someone called and said they hadn't heard

from someone for a while and asked the police to take a look. Mr. Poullard said the student was a senior and she lived off-campus. Sgt. Tucker said unfortunately they often have things happen at the end of the school year. It's not something they want to accept and people should be alert to that possibility. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him very much.

#### Report from the ASUC Store Operations Board

Mr. Permaul said he wanted to show them *The Bares*, one of the outstanding student publications produced by an ASUC group. The editor last year was a former student of his and she did a fabulous job, as did this year's editor. It was remarkable to see the quality of the work. That evening was the Publications Banquet and he just wanted to remind the Senate of the outstanding quality of work done with the support of the ASUC.

The Store Operations Board meeting is still scheduled on Cinco de Mayo at 6 p.m. in the Senate Chamber.

Regarding the student group co-op business proposal, a meeting has been set up with Ms. Oatfield to begin structure of the business proposal for the student group co-op and restaurant. Their meeting was scheduled for April 30 from 2:15 to 3:15.

Regarding Panda Express, the deadline for input from members of the SOB for changes in the proposed Panda Express lease was that day. He had input and has scheduled meetings with Board members through Friday. He hoped to have a revised lease available next week for review either by appointment or by scheduled times, as was the case for the previous meeting.

Regarding the Bear's Lair Food Court, a subcommittee of the Board met last night to discuss terms of the contracts for Bear's Lair vendor leases. Mr. Permaul said the terms of the proposed leases to be offered to the vendors were relayed to him by the President of the GA, who participated in the subcommittee, and the Co-Chairs of the Board, who are also members.

Regarding the Bear's Lair Pub renovation, Mr. Permaul said that on Tuesday he received, in written form, a proposal from the Bear's Lair Pub to renovate the outdoor public area this summer, as well as an area of the Food Court. Renovation will include an \$8,000 plan to design new restrooms and outdoor seating built out of the two new restroom facilities for the Pub and the Food Court. They'll include new seating, lighting, and finishes for the Food Court area. All of this hinges on the possibility of expanding the current Pub kitchen. Mr. Permaul said he's asked Associate Director Spivey to work with the campus to see about the possibility of such an expansion during the seismic work proposed to be done this summer. That would be a remarkable addition and improvement to the Pub, which was already having a banner year.

Regarding the MLK, Jr. Student Union seismic project, Mr. Permaul said he learned that day from Capital Projects that MLK is at the top of the list for a FEMA grant of up to \$3 million for reimbursement of seismic renovations. The grant requires specific terms and conditions, and Capital Projects will notify

him as soon as those terms are clarified. The downside was that while the campus may save up to \$3 million in the seismic project, the project itself could be delayed. The project manager is prepared to go out to bid next week and Mr. Permaul said he was prepared to notify the Food Court vendors and the Pub of the scheduled work for the summer. At this point they're on hold until they hear from Capital Projects what the FEMA terms are. The worst-case scenario would be to have the project moved back three months, falling into the Fall Semester of 2009.

Regarding CourseRank, there will be a Special Order on May 6 from 7:45 to 8:45, presented by the ASUC, the Registrar's Office, and student systems on the campus. The Stanford University students who created CourseRank will give a presentation. The Senate will have an opportunity to review the program and indicate whether the ASUC and the Auxiliary should move forward with an MOU to pilot a program, which would be at no cost. CourseRank would be a program of the ASUC and would replace their current relationship with Pick-A-Prof, which was established two years ago. He sent Senators copies of slides from the program. If people have any questions they should let him know.

The goal was to roll the program out in the summer to incoming freshmen and transfer students to begin the process of testing its viability on the Berkeley campus. As he pointed out last time, over 70% of Stanford undergraduates use this program for scheduling classes, checking grades, obtaining syllabi and course information, and comparing classes. The program also has the ability to allow for book purchases at the Bookstore.

Regarding the ASUC presence at Cal Day, Mr. Permaul said the ASUC had a very successful presence at Cal Day, with thousands of visitors stopping at tables on Sproul Plaza and Lower Sproul, the Food Court and the Cal Student Store. The manager of the Store indicated that sales were up 51% over the previous Cal Day. Over 120 computers were purchased by new students who will attend Cal in the fall. The Bear's Lair vendors did banner business and student groups were able to present themselves to the visiting public and new students. It was both a marketing and a communications success. That was in contrast to Cal Day three years ago, when the ASUC had three tables for the entire event. This event was organized by Karyn Houston and Millicent Morris-Chaney, along with a host of student volunteers from the ASUC Auxiliary. Every student who volunteered to work was eligible for a T-shirt and a \$10 food certificate for lunch. Vice President of External Affairs worked at the ASUC table in the morning and participated in a very well-attended student government forum.

Mr. Permaul said he was also there in the building when CalTV did a presentation. The entire Senate Chamber was filled with visitors to see that presentation, and he's been told that all the ASUC's presentations were well attended. So it was a good day for the ASUC.

Regarding Lower Sproul redevelopment, Mr. Permaul said the Dean already spoke eloquently about the workshop. Mr. Permaul said he included information in the report he sent out. If Senators haven't spoken to student groups, or knew of one that hasn't signed up for these meetings, he would ask them to please make sure they did so. Beth Piatnitza will be at the meeting. Input will be very important in shaping how this complex will look. He'll be there the entire time with his input. Student groups need to be there. For those who work with SUPERB, he would urge them to make sure that SUPERB gets its act together and participates. This may be a critical and defining moment for an opportunity to change its profile on campus.

Mr. Permaul said he also wanted to talk a little about a meeting that day of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Student Services and Fees. The meeting was held that day in the Chancellor's Conference

Room from 2:00 to 4 p.m. The principle attendees were students from the Committee on Student Fees, but there were also other members who weren't able to participate. There was a long presentation and discussion by the campus CIO on the prospect of a technology fee that could be implemented next year on the campus. The Vice President of Academic Affairs has the opportunity to appoint a student to work during the course of the summer on the committee working on that. It will be crucial, because it will define whether or not a technology fee will be implemented. The committee will have the opportunity to model what was being proposed and to help shape how that money will be spent. He would strongly encourage student government to make sure it has participants appointed for the summer. Students needed to be deeply involved in this. This fee could be a mandatory fee, as proposed by UC.

Mr. Permaul said the other issue that came up that day was the issue of miscellaneous student fees that are advanced by campus departments on students taking classes, or from departments for various services. One thing that came out of this was that Assistant Vice Chancellor Barbara Davis recommended that all student fees and information about them be put in one portal, be probably the Chancellor's Advisory Committee. Information would also include the Student Fee Referendum Committee, which could be located at this one location. It would allow students to be aware of the many different types of fees that are imposed of them, which are sometimes hidden. Mr. Permaul said he thought that was a very good idea. They're hoping that the Web site could be up by the fall of next year. He recommended that if the ASUC adopts CourseRank, one thing it could do was to identify these kinds of fees, whether they're course fees, by departments, or miscellaneous, in a push way. There could be 17,000 students looking at CourseRank, if they had it. It would be a tremendous way to give students information about miscellaneous fees rather than having them search on their own and trying to understand fees being imposed. So there are opportunities to make information available to students. He called for any questions.

Ms. Shah asked who for CourseRank did the research. Mr. Permaul said the Registrar's Office will work with the program to download all the information on evaluations done by departments that currently have electronic evaluations that can be put online. All the information about the distribution with Pick-A-Prof will be available, including syllabi and all kinds of other information. People will be able to plan their schedule not just for the semester, as they do with Pick-A-Prof, but for the entire four years they're here. It has the ability to take courses that might be similar and compare the grade distribution, course content, and professor rating.

Ms. Cho asked if they would no longer use Pick-A-Prof. Mr. Permaul said they'd notify Pick-A-Prof that they now have a relationship with another program. It wouldn't preclude Cal students from maintaining a relationship with Pick-A-Prof. But the ASUC would now have an MOU with CourseRank. Not only is CourseRank very successful at Stanford, but it's only being piloted at four universities, with Stanford, Duke, Princeton or MIT, or Cal. After that, the program will be put on the general market. It will be free and a program of the ASUC. He thought it was important to have it identified with the ASUC.

Mr. Caimi asked how many people use Pick-A-Prof. Mr. Permaul said there were 11-12,000 student accounts.

Ms. Cho asked if CourseRank also has the ability for professors and students to communicate. Mr. Permaul said it did. There was a whole section strictly for faculty. The part that was difficult for Pick-A-Prof was that the campus could not buy into the relationship and viewed Pick-A-Prof as a commercial enterprise even though Pick-A-Prof wasn't charging anyone. The campus didn't trust it, but it has embraced CourseRank. The Registrar was bringing this to them and is bending over backwards for it.

Ms. Cho asked how long the pilot program was and what happened afterwards. Mr. Permaul said he believed the pilot was at least a year, if not longer, at which point fees would have to be paid to use the program, which the campus would pay for. Ms. Cho asked if it would be an ASUC program. Mr. Permaul said the campus wants to provide it, and the best way to advance it to students was through the major student organization, the ASUC. They'll be able to negotiate the terms with the campus. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him for the report.

### Elected Official Announcements

Ms. Flores said she would like to invite them, on May 2, to the Richard Aoki memorial service in Wheeler Auditorium starting at 11 a.m. It will be a huge commemoration of his life. People will talk about his legacy from the '60s. Black Panther Party members and activists from the '60s will be there. It will be followed by a reception at the MCC at 6 p.m. Also on May 2, Hip-Hop In the Park will take place at People's Park. Brew and Exile are headlining.

Mr. Caimi said he wanted to say "Hi" and to thank everybody for showing him support. He'll only be there for three weeks, but he looked forward to working with all of them with whatever the Senate had. He knew it was spring budgeting, and they'll have a lot to do, even though it was just three weeks. He just wanted to say thanks and hello.

Ms. Raffi said that Tuesday was Holocaust Remembrance Day. She would like to thank Sens. Caimi, Dhar, and T. Tran to coming to Hillel to participate in name reading. They had an event for 24-hours where they read names of people who lost their lives in the Holocaust. It was a very powerful experience and she wanted to thank them for taking part.

Ms. Chen said that Dean Poullard talked about it earlier, and she wanted to invite everyone and hoped they come to the affordability meeting on May 14. They actually had a meeting on Tuesday that was very informational. She would ask them to please give their input. If they pool their knowledge they could come up with a successful plan and transition for future leaders on the campus. If people had any questions and wanted to speak to her outside they should feel free to do so.

Ms. Rodriguez said the Finance Committee already has considered all the applications for organizations that submitted budgets. She would encourage Senators to go to the Finance Officer to read the appeals, and figure out how to help student groups. They'll have late meetings for the last two of the semester. Also, realize Recruitment and Retention Center was planning the Custodial Appreciation Dinner next week. She'll send out the invitation. Lastly, she wanted to remind them to send out the letter going to the OP. There were a few more J-Council nominations she wanted to make: Horacio Corona, Carlos Alfaro, Jannet Torres, Erica Alfaro, and Luis Gomez.

Ms. Flores said she would like to nominate Maribeth Charvet to the Judicial Council.

Ms. Shah said the Urdu Culture Show will be Sunday, May 3, from 3:30 to 7:35 in 155 Dwinelle. Also, people should go to Hip-Hop In the Park. It's free. In addition, and Coalition for Peace Not Prejudice and the Interfaith Action Initiative will have poetry slams and an open mic night on Thursday, April 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 at the FSM. Berkeley NOW is having an event on activism on April 29 from 6:00 to 8 p.m. in 2040 VLSB. The Afghan Culture Show will be on April 26 in Pauley Ballroom from 4:00 to 8:00. Also, "Not an Asian Ghetto" will be presented on Friday by Asian Pacific American Coalition. Last year it was really cool. It will be on Sunday, April 26, on Telegraph Ave.

Ms. Raffi said the JSU is holding a screening on Wednesday, April 29, during the Senate meeting, "Waltzing with Bashir." It's a really important movie and had a very strong message. She would encourage Senators to inform people in their communities and their friends to see this movie. There will be a discussion afterwards. The JSU is co-sponsoring this event with a group that specializes in dialogue, discussion, and exploration, and how certain social situations could affect different people. It will be at 8 p.m. on Memorial Glade.

Ms. Shah said it was Experience Islam Week and she would ask people to please learn about Islam and what it really was. On Thursday there will be a good event at 166 Barrows at 7:30, "Women In Islam." A lot of people had assumptions about people in Islam, so she would ask them to please attend and educate themselves.

Ms. Chen moved to go back to Approval of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caimi and passed with no objection.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (cont'd)

Ms. Chen moved to amend the minutes of the December 3, 2009 (misprinted 2008) meeting. A bill that was supposed to have been passed, SB 122, In Support of the Jade Ribbon Campaign. On page 36, in the Fi-Comm report, the minutes should read that SB 122 was approved, as amended, at \$530. On page 42, SB 122A should be listed among the bills up for consideration under the Consent Calendar. And on page 43, the minutes include the following the text of the SB 122A:

The following Resolution, SB 122, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Steven Chen, Patrick Lam and Ms. Chen and was co-sponsored by Mr. T. Tran and Ms. Dhar:

#### Resolution In Support of the Jade Ribbon Campaign

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

Resolution In Support of the Jade Ribbon Campaign (cont'd)

Whereas, Asian and Pacific Islanders (APIs) are facing a health care crisis from hepatitis B infections and liver cancer as follows:

- a.) 1 out of 10 APIs has chronic HBV
- b.) HBV is 100 times more infectious than HIV
- c.) 80% of liver cancer is caused by HBV
- d.) 1 in 4 APIs living with chronic HBV will die from liver disease or liver cancer
- e.) Due to lack of symptoms, awareness and testing, most APIs are unaware of their infections
- f.) APIs are 100 times more likely to have chronic HBV than Caucasian (1 out of 10 for APIs, 1 out of 1000 for Whites)
- g.) APIs have the highest rates of liver cancer for any racial/ethnic group
- h.) The greatest health disparity between Asian Americans and White Americans is liver cancer
- i.) Up to 23,000 women in the United States who give birth each year have chronic HBV infection, and 70% of them are API
- j.) Liver cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death in Asian men living in the US
- k.) Over half of chronically infected HBV Americans are API
- l.) The incidence of HBV is highest among Cambodian, Chinese, Korean, Laotian, and Vietnamese Americans; and

Whereas, in May 2001, the Asian Liver Center launched the Jade Ribbon Campaign (JRC) to prevent, fight, and enhance awareness of this disease to promote a healthier API community; and

Whereas, Pi Alpha Phi is the first nationally recognized Asian-American interest fraternity established in 1926 with 12 chapters and growing in the United States; and

Whereas, Alpha Chapter of Pi Alpha Phi at Berkeley, is an officially recognized fraternity by the Interfraternity Council; and

Whereas, Pi Alpha Phi's five pillars are philanthropy, brotherhood, academics, leadership, and Asian-American awareness; and

Whereas, Pi Alpha Phi has annually supported JRC by raising donations and promoting the message through the San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade; and

Whereas, Pi Alpha Phi will collaborate with Team HBV at UC Berkeley, the official chapter of the Asian Liver Center, to host a JRC week to inform and educate the entire Berkeley campus about the dangers of Hepatitis B; and

Resolution In Support of the Jade Ribbon Campaign (cont'd)

Whereas, the event shall consist of handing out nationally recognized JRC pins and wristbands in return for donations to the Asian Liver Center in an effort to outreach to the Berkeley campus and fund hepatitis B educational outreach and prevention programs; and

Whereas, the event will take place on November 17-21 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Upper Sproul; and

Whereas, the budget for the Jade Ribbon Campaign, as of October 27th, 2008, is: Total, \$530.00;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the ASUC recognize this as an ASUC-sponsored Greek Philanthropic Event.

Be It Further Resolved, that the ASUC allocate \$530 (five hundred thirty dollars) from the Greek Opportunity Fund to Pi Alpha Phi's JRC Philanthropy Event.

THE MOTION TO AMEND WAS SECONDED BY MR. TRAN. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE DECEMBER 3, 2008-2009 MEETING, AS AMENDED, ADDING SB 122A, PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

Committee Reports

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Ms. Shah said the meeting was called to order at 9:19. The minutes from April 13 was approved and the agenda was approved. All were present but Pres. Winston. They heard appeals, and she would ask Senators to please read the appeals in the minutes that were sent out.

As for waivers, SHINE was killed because it's not a student group that was registered. The EJC got \$650 for Pauley. The waiver requests from the UGNP and the AAVP were tabled. The request from Roll 'n Shoot died. All other waivers were approved.

For Old Business, SB 144 was killed; SB 162 was amended and approved; SB 165 was tabled.

For New Business, 169 was amended and approved; 184 was approved; 171 was amended and approved; 176 was amended and approved; 180 was amended and approved; 173 was amended and approved; 175 was amended and approved; 174 was amended and approved; 181 was tabled; 187 was amended and approved; 196 was tabled; 168 was amended and approved; 182 was approved, as amended; 178 was amended and approved; 170 was amended and approved; 179 was tabled; 183 was approved; 188 was approved; 194 was tabled; 195 was tabled; 197 was tabled; 191 was amended and approved; 192 was approved; 186 was killed; and 198 was tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 a.m. All were present except for EVP Pasco and Finance Officer Batac.

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Begin written report from the Finance Committee

ASUC Standing Committee on Finance  
Spring 2009 Session – Week 12  
Monday, April 20, 2009  
9:00 pm, Senate Chambers, Eshleman Hall

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

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:19 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2009
  - a. Approved
- III. Approval of the Agenda for April 20, 2009
  - a. Amended to add Appeals before Committee Business
  - b. Approved
- IV. Roll Call 9:23PM
  - a. All present but President Winston
- V. Approval of the Agenda for March 2, 2009
  - a. Approved
- VI. Waivers
  - a. SHINE killed
  - b. For EJC we could only fund \$650 for Pauley
  - c. UGNP and AAVP tabled
  - d. Roll 'n Shoot died
  - e. All others approved
- VII. Committee Business
  - a. President Winston requested a stipend increase for the members of the Elections Council: the Chair as well as the Poll Coordinator and the Publicity Chair
  - b. The Chair is requesting an increase from \$1500 to \$2500 and the other two positions are requesting an increase from \$800 to \$1500
  - c. Finance Officer Batac explained the financial situation of the ASUC to the students groups trying to appeal
  - d. Cal Veterans
    - i. THE group has had several fundraisers and made more than \$2k
    - ii. They hope to get more support from the ASUC in order to help them with their events, especially their Ball

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- iii. The new amount they are requesting is \$3676.26 instead of \$1421
- e. Student Human Resources Association
  - i. They need assistance from the ASUC to bring their club back to par with other organizations on our campus
  - ii. Without ASUC help they may not be able to do their Spring Luncheon in May
- f. 100 Black Men
  - i. Not Present, Senator Ude as a proxy
  - ii. The only change they need was that they need to be recognized as a SISG not a SAG
- g. Cal Corps Public Service Center
  - i. Every year they give funding to different student groups, right now they fund about 25 groups
  - ii. They provide each group with a staff advisor
  - iii. Examples of groups include: Suitcase Clinic, REACH!, Wonderworks, Youth Impact, Engineering World Health
  - iv. They would like to fund more groups
- h. Russian Club
  - i. Sixth year organization
  - ii. Formed a partnership with Diablo Valley College and are seeking other schools to form a comedy club that Russia is known for
  - iii. They have speakers lined up, like the founder of Google and Genentech
  - iv. Asking for \$3k rather than \$196
- i. European Student Union
  - i. Not a second year but sixth year group
  - ii. Asking for \$3,189 rather than \$294
- j. ASUC Student Legal Clinic
  - i. Asking for \$4707.30
  - ii. There was a miscommunication within the group and oversight and so they missed a deadline for the application
- k. Volunteers Around the World
  - i. Students from many different departments on campus
  - ii. They are trying to sustain themselves but they need initiative funds from the ASUC
  - iii. They are under the Blum Center's supervision
  - iv. They are not a charity group but trying to sustain themselves
  - v. They are requesting \$2436 instead of \$372.40
- l. Black Recruitment and Retention Center
  - i. 25 year old organization
  - ii. They are in higher demand each year
  - iii. Rising costs of transportation, housing, and food causes
  - iv. Their mission is to make the campus more inclusive for Black students, students of color, and for Berkeley students as a whole
  - v. Southern California recruitment has been cut by the University but the BRRC has expanded

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 Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

- vi. They have many events that have cost a significant amount of money such as the Jazz Alumni Social
- vii. They are requesting \$50k instead of \$37,045.09
- m. Academian Times
  - i. First year Pub
  - ii. Instead of \$588 they are requesting \$2,100
  - iii. As a second year Pub, they can only receive a maximum of \$900
- n. Berkeley Students for Life
  - i. This organization is 11 years standing
  - ii. They need \$2,100 instead of \$588
- o. PILLS
  - i. They have a symposium which incurs very high costs
  - ii. They had over 200 people at this year's symposium
  - iii. They may increase membership fees but hope not to so that as many students as possible can join
  - iv. They did not have sufficient funding from Spring Budgeting
  - v. The reason they have such low funding is because they had an application that was misformatted and because most of their costs were revolving around food, the Finance Officer did not receive a working budget from them, it seemed as though they make more revenue than
  - vi. This is why they were cut to \$181 but they are now requesting \$2601
- p. Berkeley Medical Journal
  - i. 15<sup>th</sup> year Pub and De-Cal
  - ii. Their total expenditures are \$2400
  - iii. They were not allocated anything in this year's proposed budget
  - iv. They turned in the Mid-Year report and Spring Budgeting application but it was not received
- q. Peace Power Magazine
  - i. Award-winning magazine that is all-web now
  - ii. Their budget is less than ever since they are now all-web
  - iii. They were unable to submit their application, so they are requesting \$1845
- r. Delta Phi Epsilon
  - i. They make around \$8k from membership fees
  - ii. They bring in many speakers
  - iii. They have many IAS majors in their group and it is a center to discuss the restructuring
  - iv. They are requesting \$800 rather than the \$343 that has been proposed
- s. Laotian American Student Representative
  - i. They are mainly focused around Laotian, Mien, and Hmong people
  - ii. This year, their signboard was broken and their supplies stolen, so they had to put money towards that
  - iii. They are expanding their programming this year
  - iv. This year, LASR has been a transitioning team
    - v. They have film screenings and dialogs about Laotian American experiences
    - vi. Instead of the \$441 proposed they are asking for \$1200

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- t. Circle K
  - i. Largest collegiate community service organization in the world
  - ii. Requesting \$2315 instead of \$1960
- u. Student Commuters at Cal
  - i. An organization for students who do not live on or near campus
  - ii. Provide resources that the campus does not necessarily provide
  - iii. They are only requesting \$150 rather than the proposed \$107
  - iv. They would like to have a welcome week event also
- v. Berkeley Political Review
  - i. This year was the first in five years to print in color
  - ii. This is a non-partisan magazine
  - iii. Advertising was difficult this year but they received \$800 from alumni this year
  - iv. They are requesting \$3k rather than the proposed \$2548
- w. Student-to-Student Peer Counseling
  - i. Free service for all Cal students, very important resource for mental health, suicide is the second leading cause of death on campus, suicide is rising on our campus
  - ii. They not only provide counseling to students but safe spaces to talk about their issues
  - iii. They have Suicide Awareness Week, Mental Health Awareness Week
  - iv. They provide referrals, education and information on subjects from domestic violence to stress relief
  - v. They create not only a happier but safer campus
  - vi. They increase awareness about mental health issues and decrease stigmas about seeking counseling
  - vii. They want to expand their student outreach
  - viii. Requesting \$19,749.72 rather than \$2,842
- x. Mobilizing Health
  - i. New organization on campus and they increase access to health care, specifically emergency health care, for underprivileged populations around the world
  - ii. This year they are going to India to distribute cell phones to Indian villagers, connecting 14-20k villagers to doctors
  - iii. Requesting \$14,739 rather than \$588
- y. Golden Apple Award
  - i. Over 200 nominations this year for the award
  - ii. Brings Students out to recognize their teachers
- z. Global Medical Brigades
  - i. Providing for medical needs in Honduras
  - ii. It has grown from five members to over 100 applicants every trip, so they are becoming more and more selective
  - iii. They now have a De-Cal as well
  - iv. Fundraising efforts include Krispy Kreme fundraiser, each brigade has their own fundraiser, Alumni Dinner, Pie the Professor
  - v. They are requesting \$1800 instead of the \$1372 that is proposed
- aa. Cooking Club
  - i. Not Present

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- bb. Volunteers for Medical Outreach
  - i. All the money they raise directly funds the medical supplies they take to different countries; this year they are going to Vietnam this year
  - ii. They are not backed by an NGO, completely student run as opposed to organizations similar to them which are funded more, such as Global Medical Brigades
  - iii. They are a second year student organization
  - iv. They are requesting \$1500 rather than \$196
- cc. Suitcase Clinic
  - i. They only organization which addresses the needs of the homeless in Berkeley year-round
  - ii. Other local services are closing in the area, making the need for their services even greater
  - iii. They have a large student participation number, they must turn away 80% of students that apply because they cannot afford to train them
  - iv. If they are not allotted more money, they would have to shut down after 20 years
  - v. As students of Berkeley, they feel they have a direct obligation to provide for the community they live in
  - vi. They are requesting \$10k rather than \$2,156
- dd. Berkeley Peace Corps
  - i. Not Present
- ee. DeCadence
  - i. 17 year old organization
  - ii. Try to promote campus community involvement at Berkeley
  - iii. They sing every week on Sproul, they perform at several events on campus
  - iv. They work with Dil Se
  - v. They sing at high schools and at other performance contests
  - vi. They are making a CD, which accumulates many costs
  - vii. They are requesting \$720 rather than the proposed \$544
- ff. Pakistani Student Association
  - i. Promote cohesion of South Asian community at Cal
  - ii. They are not limited to Pakistanis
  - iii. They have done several events this year ranging from the Eid-Diwali Banquet to the Urdu Culture Show
  - iv. Requesting \$3k rather than \$294

## VIII. Old Business

- a. SB 144a
  - i. Killed
- b. SB 162a
  - i. Adopted amended version, which reads \$150
  - ii. Approved
- c. SB 165
  - i. Tabled

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Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

- IX. New Business
  - a. SB 169a
    - i. Amended to add Senator Dhar as a cosponsor
    - ii. Approved
  - b. SB 184
    - i. Approved
  - c. SB 171a
    - 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
  - d. SB 176a
    - i. Amended to add Senators Raffi, Flores, Rodriguez, Dhar, Shah, Nahabet
    - ii. Approved
  - e. SB 180a
    - i. Adopted amended version
    - ii. Approved
  - f. SB 173a
    - i. Amended to add Senators Zuo, Hussain, Shah, Flores as cosponsors
    - ii. Approved
  - g. SB 175a
    - i. Amended to add Senators Shah, Dhar, Zuo, Nahabet, and Rodriguez as cosponsors
    - ii. Approved
  - h. SB 174a
    - i. Amended to read \$500
    - ii. Amended to add Senators Shah, Flores, Ude, Hussain, Zuo, and Nahabet as cosponsors
    - iii. Approved
  - i. SB 181
    - i. Tabled
  - j. SB 187a
    - i. Adopted amended version
    - ii. Amended to add Senators Yang, Shah, Rodriguez, and Flores as cosponsors
    - iii. Amended to read \$800
    - iv. Approved
  - k. SB 196
    - i. Tabled
  - l. SB 168a
    - i. Amended to read \$450
    - ii. Amended to read 1<sup>st</sup> year SAG
    - iii. Approved
  - m. SB 182a
    - i. Amended to read \$700
    - ii. Approved

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Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

- n. SB 178a
  - i. Amended to read \$500 from the Senate Contingency Fund
  - ii. Approved
- o. SB 170a
  - i. Amended to add Senators Hussain, Rodriguez, and Shah as cosponsors
  - ii. Approved
- p. SB 179
  - i. Tabled
- q. SB 183
  - i. Approved
- r. SB 188
  - i. Approved
- s. SB 194
  - i. Tabled
- t. SB 195
  - i. Tabled
- u. SB 197
  - i. Tabled
- v. SB 191a
  - i. Amended to read \$270
  - ii. Approved
- w. SB 192
  - i. Approved
- x. SB 186
  - i. Killed
- y. SB 198
  - i. Tabled

- X. Adjournment
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. All Present but President Winston, EVP Pasco, Finance Officer Batac
  - c. Meeting Adjourned at 4:50AM

End written report from the Finance Committee  
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Reporting for the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee, Mr. Sakaue said SB 177 was tabled; SB 190 was approved as amended; SBs 194 and 195 were tabled. All members were present.

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Begin written report from the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

ASUC Standing Committee on Constitutional and Procedural Review

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Begin written report from the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

Spring 2009 Session – week 12

Monday, April 20, 2009

9:00 pm, Senate Lounge

Chair: Mairena| Vice Chair: Sakaue

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

1. Approval of the Minutes from April 13, 2009  
Motion by the Chair, passed unanimously
2. Approval of the Agenda for April 20, 2009  
Motion by the Chair, passed unanimously
3. Old Business
4. New Business
  - d. SB 177 – ASUC Psychological/Psychiatric Scholarship  
Tabled  
Better if added to BSF instead of creating a new scholarship  
Motion to table, passed unanimously
  - e. SB 190 – Ecological restoration director in By-laws  
Guest Shauna Seager to speak:  
Director needs to meet w/manager, faculty, staff, PR relations in community, outreach to students, manage interns and facilitate their research
    - Motion to adopt Amended version with “Director...will receive a possible annual stipend...and finance committee will evaluate at the end of the year  
Passed unanimously Sp 09 SB 190

Roll Call – Mairena, Sakaue, Cho, Smelko, Oatfield, Chen, T Tran

- f. SB 194 – GA Revenue Sharing  
Tabled
- g. SB 195  
Tabled
5. Committee Business
  - h. Interviews
    - i. 9:20-9:35 Terri Wang
    - ii. 9:35-9:50 Stephanie Cohen
      - 1<sup>st</sup> year, JSU (represents 1<sup>st</sup> year students) → wants to get more students involved
      - inspired through recall issue → wants to protect interests of students
      - Protect students rights, make sure student groups are using money correctly,  
*Why Qualified*: President of young Dems (budgeting, student gov guidelines – interpreting the by-laws); MUN

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

*Experience w/legal docs:* Constrained to high school involvement, read by-laws (due to JSU suit)

*What is role of judicial council:* Emphasis on precedence and apply it case-by-case; protects and represents students through decisions

*How will you interpret:* Prudent and apply rules to modernity and current setting; encourage senators to be proactive

*IAC Ruling:* Punishment should fit crime → no literal interpretation necessary

iii. 10:05-10:20 Matt Warren

-2<sup>nd</sup> year Law Student, BU Ugrad → focus on white-color crime

-worked for 2 judges in SF Superior Court, wrote opinions on what judge would rule

-use knowledge gained from previous way justices have ruled to see how one can create positive impacts (pure interests)

*Time commitment:* is fine w/long meetings

*Role of J-Council:* Do not interrupt democratic process, protect tyranny of the majority by providing a “sober second look”

*Philosophy:* Justice Stevens – what would people want today if they were here today...get best results without hindering oneself to the text → employ multiple strategies

6. Adjournment

- i. Roll Call – All except AG and SG present

End written report from the University and External Affairs Committee  
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Reporting for the University and External Affairs Committee, Ms. Tran said their meeting began at 9:03. SB 194 passed and SB 195 passed. Their meeting adjourned at 9:05. All Senators were present.

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Begin written report from the University and External Affairs Committee

Monday, April 20, 2009

Meeting begins at: 9:03

Approval of Minutes: Passes

Approval of the Agenda: Passes

Old Business: None

New Business

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

SB 194: Passes

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SB 195: Passes

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Adjournment at: 9:05

All Senators Present

End written report from the University and External Affairs Committee

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Reporting for the Standing Committee on the Advocacy Agenda, Ms. Pasco said they met on Tuesday from 5:00 to 6:00 in the EVP's office. All members were present except for Sens. Cho, Shah, and Oatfield. They talked about updates from all the committees and they'll send out their letter of concern, hopefully that evening. They'll also start to work on visioning for the Advocacy Agenda for next year and really evaluate its importance in the ASUC.

Ms. Shah the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Student Health and Mental and Spiritual Well Being didn't meet that week. They met last week to see about the non-denominational prayer space in Evans Hall. She was unable to attend, but Sen. Hussain as well as Senator-elect Adem. They saw the space, with Elizabeth Gillis, with the Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion's office. There are some problems with the space. It's on the 2nd floor of Evans and it needs to be reserved every time it's used. That would mean every day, for a lot of people. The space can only be accessed by borrowing a key and it's only open until 5:00, when a lot of people need it, at least until 8:00. And it's only workable for a limited amount of time. That was understood as it's interim. Basically, the space wasn't really adequate, and students need another space. So they'll work on that.

Ms. Cho said the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Academic Resources Improvement and Employment Security will meet on Thursday from 5:30 to 6:00 in the June Jordan Room.

Reporting for the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Fiscal, Environmental, and Socially Responsible Businesses in Lower Sproul, Ms. Oatfield said they met that Monday. The Committee directed her to write a letter to the SOB of next year, with some of the Committee's recommendations for criteria to include in future contract negotiations. They plan on turning that letter into a bill the Senate would then pass, and then pass on as a letter to the SOB. All members were in attendance except for Sens. Raffi and Mairena.

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Begin written report from the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Fiscal, Environmental, and Socially Responsible Businesses in Lower Sproul

Spring 2009 Session – week 11  
Monday, April 20, 2009  
8:00 pm, OP Office Lounge

Chair: Senator Christina Oatfield Vice Chair: Senator Claudia Rodriguez  
Voting Members: Senators Mairena, Dhar, Caimi, Nahabet, Raffi, Rodriguez, Oatfield

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:15pm
- II. Agenda Items
  - a. Where do we want this committee to go? For the rest of the semester?
  - b. Letter to the Advocacy Agenda Committees
  - c. Suggestions for Advocacy Agenda 2009-2010
- III. Letter for the Advocacy Agenda Committees
  - a. All the chairs and vice chairs have met to discuss the performance of the committees
  - b. Except for Advocacy Agenda #1, the other two agendas face similar issues
    - i. Lack of attendance
    - ii. Low performance/participation
    - iii. Low collaboration levels/more individual approach
  - c. Description of Advocacy Agendas
    - i. To update newest Senate/committee member this semester
  - d. Christina: Are there any suggestions for the agenda?
  - e. Marcus: the letter will not really be as effective but is not as familiar; thinks that the advocacy agenda is very important and should not be removed from the ASUC By-laws
- IV. Suggestions for Advocacy Agenda
  - a. Christina: maybe these should be optional; Senators can submit briefs about a new issue it can be replaced with
  - b. Is the advocacy agenda the best way to go about problems?
    - i. Eddie: depends on committees and commitment
  - c. Eddie: individual members have actively participated in the activity of the Store Operations Board; these should definitely be part of the ASUC and should be a very large
  - d. Claudia: revise the Advocacy Agenda By-laws and draw clear expectations.
- V. Lists of Criteria
  - a. For ASUC business to be sent to the Store Operations Board before the end of the year
  - b. We should start a draft of the criteria as a committee
  - c. Criteria
    - i. Revenue generating, environmentally sustainable, socially responsible
    - ii. In terms of negotiating contracts and “getting out of the contract” the ASUC should be able to have the flexibility to end contracts if its stipulations are not met
    - iii. SOB should make every effort to include student input on new business entities before entering contract negotiations/signing contracts with food/business vendors

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Written report from the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Fiscal, Environmental, and Socially Responsible Businesses in Lower Sproul (cont'd)

- iv. Health criteria: information about food ingredient disclosure\*
  - d. Eddie proposed the questions: what about having the option of including the question: "would you want Panda to move on campus?"
  - e. Vote 4-0-0 to delegate the task
- VI. Roll Call at 8:23pm
- a. Members present: Rodriguez, Caimi, Dhar, Nahabet, Oatfield
  - b. Members absent: Raffi and Mairena
- VII. Motion to adjourn this meeting
- a. Motion seconded
- VIII. Roll call: all members present except Raffi and Mairena
- IX. Meeting called to an end at 8:38pm

End written report from the Advocacy Agenda Committee on Fiscal, Environmental, and Socially Responsible Businesses in Lower Sproul

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CONSENT CALENDAR

The following bills were up for consideration that evening under the Consent Calendar: SBs 162, as amended; 169, as amended; 184; 171, as amended; 176, as amended; 180, as amended; 173, as amended; 175, as amended; 174, as amended; 187, as amended; 168, as amended; 182, as amended; 178, as amended; 170, as amended; 183; 188; 191, as amended; and 192.

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to recess until the Chair's discretion. It was so moved and seconded by Ms. Flores and Mr. Owens and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Ms. Flores moved to go to Appointed Official Reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yang and passed with no objection.

Report from the Finance Officer

Ms. Batac said she had some interesting news for all of them. In the Senate Contingency Fund they have \$1,757; the Greek Opportunity Fund has \$634; carryforward was \$141,968. That didn't count the

allocations the Senate will consider making to the Contingency Fund and the spring budget process in the future. Over the last two weeks in Fi-Comm considered 40-50 budget appeals. Second totals will come out on Friday or Saturday. Senators should notify their groups. After that, Fi-Comm wants to approve the budget by Monday of next week, and then officially approve it in the Senate on Wednesday.

Ms. Batac said she had some interesting news that evening that might change that schedule. There were several reasons why many groups who came out until late at night just to appeal for their groups might not get any increase. She got a call at 7 a.m. with really important, breaking news. She wouldn't wake up that early if it wasn't. Ms. Crowder called her after she calculated how much money the Senate should give to the Graduate Assembly. They actually thought it was going to be a lot lower, but it wasn't. The enrollment of grad students jumped 1,000 students per semester, an unprecedented increase. Ms. Crowder has never seen anything like that happen. It's a 10% increase in graduate student enrollment. As some of them may know, one-third of revenues from Reg Fees go directly to the GA. That meant that this year's allocation amount to the GA will be \$459,865. That's a \$40,000 increase from last year's allocation. This year Ms. Batac said she budgeted a \$5,000 increase because that's what they expected. But because of the unprecedented increase in grad student Registration Fees, the amount was short by another \$35,000 from the spring budget process.

Ms. Batac said she was a little upset, and a little shocked. She spent the entire day thinking about what they should do, and still didn't have any set plans yet. But for several reasons, she couldn't make quick and set decisions. Carryforward at that time stood at \$100,000. Mr. Permaul last week announced that \$30,000 will be taken out of carryforward to cover expenses for the Cal Lodge. That left the ASUC with \$70,000 for carryforward. By getting money out of carryforward to meet the shortfall, they'll be around \$35-40,000 in carryforward for next year. The Senate started this year at \$420,000 and will leave to next year's Senate \$40,000 in carryforward. She didn't want to take all of the money out of carryforward because she wanted to leave \$40,000 to the Senate next year. But that meant they might have to cut groups by an estimated 5%. They already cut groups by 2%, and cut some groups by more than that, even more than 50%. Cutting groups another 5% will cut into the biggest groups again, R&RCs and all the other big organizations on campus will get cuts in the thousands of dollars. She was sure a lot of people and groups will want to appeal. However, they don't have any more time that semester to add another round of appeals. So they're basically stuck. They can't take money out of carryforward and she didn't want to take any more money out of student groups. So the question was, what they should do. They didn't have a lot of options at that time. They might need to get money from different sources. Ms. Batac said she and Ms. Hussain will spend the remaining week and Saturday to think about all the other different sources with money remaining, such as the Elections Council and Senate Only accounts. They'll start pulling all this money, and they'll have to be creative. Ms. Batac said she was sure they'll have to cut groups. If they don't find \$35,000 by the end of the week, they'll have to start have another across-the-board cut for groups. Unfortunately, they're not going to have a chance to appeal. That was the worst-case scenario, but she thought that's what will end up happening. That was her announcement. The Senate really couldn't do anything about the GA news she announced.

Ms. Raffi asked if the projected number for carryforward include the proposed raised stipends for the Elections Council. Ms. Batac said she was never approached about that.

On a point of information, Ms. Shah said the increase in stipends will come out of the Elections Council's own funds. Ms. Batac said she'll speak to the EC Chair and find out how much money remained in the EC's budget after considering the stipends.

Ms. Raffi said the Senate spent about \$400,000 in carryforward that year, and asked what the amount usually was that the Senate spent out of carryforward. The Senate will also have money go into carryforward, and it will be much higher than the \$40,000 figure Ms. Batac mentioned. Ms. Batac said they computed the average amount, and the average for the last two years was about \$175,000 that was given back to the ASUC from carryforward. She would expect next year's ASUC to have around \$200,000 in carryforward; maybe less. The ASUC wasn't getting enough money from its commercial revenues.

Ms. Raffi said that although there wasn't time for another round of appeals, student groups could still come to meetings, discuss their allocations, and lobby. She understood Ms. Batac's intentions were honorable, but student groups could still do that. Ms. Batac said that was correct.

Ms. Chen said that in preparation for the Senate's budget meeting next week, she asked if Ms. Batac could send out all the applications electronically. She asked if that's been done in previous years. Ms. Batac said it has been. Ms. Chen said that Ms. Batac mentioned there were an additional 1,000 grad students enrolled each semester. The ASUC has to allocate one-third of that money generated for those students next year. But she asked if that would come from student fees for next year, or student fees for this year, which they'd allocate for next year. Ms. Batac said she asked Ms. Crowder if the additional students meant there would be additional revenue, and she said no, it would still remain flat. And they still need to give that to the GA. There are more grad students entering. She didn't get the details, but Ms. Batac said she was sure Ms. Chen could ask. Ms. Crowder told her registration was flat and there's no increase. Ms. Batac said she confirmed that with Marilyn Stager.

Ms. Pasco said the SAR deadline is May 1 and that will happen before the books close for 08-09. So they'll have that information before the financial books officially close for that year. Ms. Pasco said this could be offered by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Ms. Pasco said if people would like more information on previous years, they could visit the research site on admissions to Berkeley.

Ms. Cho asked if carryforward went from \$200,000 to \$40,000 for next year. Ms. Batac said they're leaving \$40K in money they didn't spend this semester. Any money unspent by groups comes back. So that was calculated and they came up with an average of \$175,000 in carryforward per year. Next year's Senate will have around \$200,000 to spend. But if this Senate expected next year's Senate to cater to the same number of groups and write the same number of bills, and deal with the recession, that wasn't fiscally sustainable. They cut this year's carryforward by half. If the same trend happens in two or three years, and they continue spending the way they have, the ASUC wouldn't be there, or wouldn't be independent. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank her for the report.

Ms. Chen asked if Ms. Batac could add a column in the budget to have percentage cuts and increases to look at, in the information Ms. Batac sends out. Ms. Batac said she'll see if she could do that. She didn't want groups to think about their allocations in that way. She didn't like groups making comparisons, and didn't see how that affected them meeting their expenses. Ms. Chen said she was sure that was something everyone would evaluate. Ms. Batac said she could send that to Senators. But she felt uneasy putting that on the actual document. She didn't want groups to see the other allocations groups got.

Mr. Caimi said he got information that day from Jan Crowder about what student groups got in funding at the beginning of the year and how much they spent. That was really useful because it showed how much they used. He had information from 07-08. He thought Senators should have that available when they talk about budgeting, and maybe that information could be included in information Ms. Batac sends out.

Ms. Rodriguez said they encourage all Senators to do what Mr. Caimi did. All the information they were asking for was in the public record. And people didn't have to be a Senator to go to the 4th floor and talk to Ms. Crowder, Ms. Morris-Chaney, or Mr. Jittrikawiphol. If they do that for every group, it might be a lot of information to look at. But people should do that before considering the budget. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank Ms. Batac very much.

Ms. Batac said she gets monthly reports and has that information about groups, but it wasn't a one-person task to keep track of 4-500 groups and have Excel sheets and percentages. If people could point out a certain group, she had that information. But to give that for all student groups was really cumbersome and would take a lot of number crunching. They might need to get a team of interns if people wanted that to happen. Mr. Caimi said it took him an hour to make his own Excel spreadsheet.

Ms. Ude said that since Sen. Caimi has done that work, she asked if he would mind sending that to Ms. Chen. Mr. Caimi said he'd send it to the Senate.

Ms. Chen asked if an Excel document has been sent out. Ms. Batac said there was no Excel version. Ms. Chen asked if she could send out an Excel version of the proposal.

Ms. Flores said she thought the Finance Officer was not sending that out because files could be corrupted and that was why she couldn't provide the raw Excel file.

Ms. Flores moved to go back to the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR (cont'd)

SB 170 were removed from the Consent Calendar.

The following bills remained under the Consent Calendar: SBs 162, as amended; 168, as amended; 169, as amended; 171, as amended; 173, as amended; 174, as amended; 175, as amended; 176, as amended; 178, as amended; 180, as amended; 182, as amended; 183; 184; 187, as amended; 188; 191, as amended; and 192.

Ms. Flores moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION: SB 162, AS AMENDED; SB 168, AS AMENDED; SB 169, AS AMENDED; SB 171, AS AMENDED; SB 173, AS AMENDED; SB 174, AS AMENDED; SB 175, AS AMENDED; SB 176, AS AMENDED; SB 178, AS AMENDED; SB 180, AS AMENDED; SB 182, AS AMENDED; SB 183; SB 184; SB 187, AS AMENDED; SB 188; SB 191, AS AMENDED; AND SB 192.

CONSENT CALENDAR: WAIVERS

- a. SHINE killed
- b. For EJC we could only fund \$650 for Pauley
- c. UGNP and AAVP tabled
- d. Roll 'n Shoot died
- e. All others approved

The following Resolution, SB 162, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Raffi and was co-sponsored by Ms. Dhar:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE JSU ISRAELI FILM FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, the ASUC exists to serve students, and one way to do this is to bring the campus together via public and community-building events; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish Student Union (JSU) is a 30-year ASUC sponsored group in good standing; and

WHEREAS, the JSU continuously provides a variety of programming suited to diverse audiences of the campus community; and

WHEREAS, the JSU Israeli Film Festival is a new program aimed at promoting awareness of the peoples and culture of Israel while also creating an enjoyable event for students to relax and socialize; and

WHEREAS, the event is scheduled to take place from April 22, 2009 to April 26, 2009, with one movie shown per evening (excluding Friday evening, which is Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest); and

WHEREAS, the JSU has already sought funding from various other organizations, including Hillel International, the Israel Center, the Jewish Federation, and the Anti-Defamation League; and

WHEREAS, the JSU is planning to apply for grants from the Intellectual Community Fund and the Multicultural Fund; and

WHEREAS, the budget for expenses is as follows: Total, \$4,620;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate allocate \$150 from the Senate Contingency Fund to the JSU Israeli Film Festival.

The following Resolution, SB 168, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Gabriel Catapang and Ms. Dhar, Mr. Smelko, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Chen, Ms. Ro, Mr. Tran, and Mr. Nahabet:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BAΨ'S "NIGHT CLUB MANAGEMENT AND EVENT ORGANIZING EXECUTIVE SERIES FORUM"

WHEREAS, the Beta Alpha Psi, National Honors Co-ed Business Fraternity, Lambda Chapter (BAΨ) is a 80th year Student Activity Group (SAG) with a 2008-2009 budget of about \$ 19,000; and

WHEREAS, BAΨ is the premiere honors business fraternity at the Walter A. Haas School of Business. For over 80 years, we have dedicated our time and energy in providing professional workshops and networking functions to the Haas community. Our service develops students to succeed in corporate America and bolsters the workforce in numerous prestigious firms. With your support, we can provide the most effective and reliable strategy to link you to America's future business leaders; and

WHEREAS, BAP wishes to expand its presence on campus and create a public environment for students and professionals to conduct free intellectual exchange catered to the diverse student population of UC Berkeley. Therefore, our organization has created the event "Night Club Management and Event Organizing Executive Series Forum" in order to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Night Club Management and Event Organizing Executive Series Forum is the culminating project of the pledges of Beta Alpha Psi; and

WHEREAS, the confirmed panelists for the event include Karen King from Atmosphere, Michelle & Erica Pederson from 111 Minna Street Gallery, Albert Lee the Director of Operators of SF clubs, Jay Chen the owner of Beyond Group LLC, which has the events management contract with Budweiser; and

WHEREAS, the event will foster a unified campus community that is conducive to free intellectual exchange. It caters to the diverse student population of UC Berkeley, because the night club management and event organizing industries are historically been open to a wide array of interests and intellectual backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the event will also serve as an opportunity for students to network and learn more about the career opportunities that exists within the exciting and challenging fields of night club management and event organizing for UC Berkeley students from professionals and business leaders in the night club management and event organizing industries; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize Beta Alpha Psi as a first-year ASUC-sponsored student group.

Consent Calendar -- SB 168, In Support of BAΨ'S "Night Club Management and Event Organizing Executive Series Forum" (cont'd)  
-- SB 169, Recognizing the Army ROTC  
-- SB 171, In Support of the Electronic Music Club

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#### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BAΨ'S "NIGHT CLUB MANAGEMENT AND EVENT ORGANIZING EXECUTIVE SERIES FORUM" (cont'd)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$450 to Beta Alpha Psi, National Honors Co-ed Business Fraternity, Lambda Chapter (BAΨ) in support of Night Club Management and Event Organizing Executive Series Forum.

The following Resolution, SB 169, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Peter Kapelanski and Mr. Owens:

#### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ARMY ROTC

WHEREAS, the U.C. Berkeley chapter of the Army ROTC currently boasts approximately thirty (30) members; and

WHEREAS, ROTC stands for "Reserve Officer Training Corps"; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley ROTC is a nonpartisan CLL (Campus Life and Leadership)-recognized group; and

WHEREAS, besides typical Army training exercise and physical workouts, Army ROTC conducts a number of tailgates at Cal football games and two major yearly formal dinners; and

WHEREAS, Army ROTC hopes to restore and clean some of the on-campus military memorials which have recently fallen into disrepair;

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

The following Resolution, SB 171, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Raffi:

#### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ELECTRONIC MUSIC CLUB

WHEREAS, the purpose of this club is to be an outlet to project music to the student population; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to make people happy; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ELECTRONIC MUSIC CLUB (cont'd)

WHEREAS, this will be accomplished by projecting music at our own events and collecting a collaborative of DJs so anybody who needs one for a party can find one; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Electronic Music Club is to maximize the amount of good music being played at Berkeley so everybody has access; and

WHEREAS, the budget for expenses is as follows: Total, \$200;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$150 (one hundred fifty dollars) to the Electronic Music Club from the ASUC Senate Contingency Fund

The following Resolution, SB 173, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Raffi and was co-sponsored by Mr. Zuo, Ms. Hussain, Ms. Shah, and Ms. Flores:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TZVIA GREENFIELD EVENT

WHEREAS, Keshar Enoshi is bringing Tzvia Greenfield, a well-known figure of the Israeli left, to speak on campus the week of May 4th; and

WHEREAS, Tzvia is a member of the left wing party Meretz in Israel and a former member of the grassroots human rights group B'tsellem. She is a unique figure because she is also a devout orthodox Jew who uses her Judaism to further her work for progressive social change, especially with regards to the conflict with the Palestinians; and

WHEREAS, Keshar Enoshi's objectives for the event are to learn about her many valuable experiences both in grassroots organizations and in the political sphere and engender a unique perspective into the process of bridging different communities and working towards positive social change both on a large scale and on an inter-personal level; and

WHEREAS, we will share with her our experiences and struggles, being a group of college students trying to make a meaningful connection to grassroots organizations in Israel and hopefully strengthen our relationship with her both as a group and as individuals who may plan to go to Israel and fight for social change; and

WHEREAS, we hope that her voice will inspire people in the Jewish community and in the larger campus community to get involved in activism in Israel in a meaningful and transformative way; and

Consent Calendar -- SB 171, In Support of the Electronic Music Club (cont'd)  
-- SB 173, In Support of the Tzvia Greenfield Event  
-- SB 174, In Support of Campus WOW (Week of Wilderness)

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#### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TZVIA GREENFIELD EVENT (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the budget for startup expenses for spring 2009 is as follows: Total, \$2,000;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$200 from the Senate Contingency Fund to Keshar Enoshi for the Tzvia Greenfield Event.

The following Resolution, SB 174, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Minh-Thanh Nguyen, Jon Watson, and Ms. Tran , and was co-sponsored by Ms. Yang, Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Sakaue, Ms. Shah, Ms. Flores, Ms. Ude, Ms. Hussain, Mr. Zuo, and Mr. Nahabet:

#### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CAMPUS WOW (WEEK OF WILDERNESS)

WHEREAS, Camp WOW is a week-long program in Yosemite, California for eighth grade students from community schools in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Camp WOW is to empower students to understand the importance of being a positive member in one's community and the value of higher education; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the students who participate come from low income families and stressful home environments where they lack positive role models in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Camp WOW strives to positively influence these students at the beginning of their transition period into high school; and

WHEREAS, Camp WOW organizes a variety of activities and workshops that promote community building and leadership as well as fun camp activities such as hiking, horse-riding, and swimming; and

WHEREAS, about 15-20 Cal students serves as counselors who work tirelessly throughout the Spring Semester to prepare and organize the entire week's program; and

WHEREAS, Cal students receive a first-hand experience in understanding the struggles of these students who grow up facing barriers to higher education with little resources and encouragement from their environment; and

WHEREAS, Cal students play a significant role in ensuring the positive impact of this camp on the students who participate by serving as mentors; and

WHEREAS, the budget for Camp WOW is as follows: Total, \$6,560;

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CAMPUS WOW (WEEK OF WILDERNESS) (cont'd)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Camp WOW, be recognized as an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$500 (five hundred dollars) from the ASUC Senate Contingency Fund to Camp WOW.

The following Resolution, SB 175, as amended in committee, was authored by Sean Wycliffe and Ms. Cho and was co-sponsored by Ms. Shah, Ms. Dhar, Mr. Zuo, Mr. Nahabet, and Ms. Rodriguez:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT PUEBLO

WHEREAS, Project Pueblo is a non-profit organization dedicated to the alleviation of global poverty, which aims to aid in accomplishing this by establishing projects initially tailored toward general ministry and aid, eventually incorporating into the social business model; and

WHEREAS, Project Pueblo will begin "close to home" in an effort to cut costs and build support (Baja California, Indian Reservations), eventually branching out to the rest of Mexico, Latin America, and then the world; and

WHEREAS, Project Pueblo will work with a multitude of groups and people, spanning from NGOs, businesses, government agencies, churches, schools/student groups, and individuals; and

WHEREAS, the first branch exists in Berkeley, and the rest are in the process of expanding to UCLA, USF, and La Sierra; and

WHEREAS, upcoming trips include:

a) Research Trip - May 25-31 (Main group: Project Pueblo Leadership)

Pueblo Project members will spend time networking and gathering information throughout the Navajo Nation, and will seek help with cultural, governmental, economic, and educational informational gathering and networking.

b) Trip to Rio Puerco Youth Center II - June 1-7

Pueblo Project members will be putting up walls in the dilapidated building which members previously worked on. Aside from renovating the building, members will be tutoring children at the nearby schools and spending time at an orphanage.

c) Trip to Rio Puerco Youth Center III - June 15 (Main group: Project Pueblo @ UCLA)

Pueblo Project members will be doing construction at the site they previously worked on. Aside from renovating the building, they will be tutoring children at the nearby

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT PUEBLO (cont'd)

schools and spending time at an orphanage, and will experience the landscape and culture of the Navajo Nation; and

WHEREAS, each of these trips will cost around \$200-300 (this includes food, transportation, and lodging), and any money leftover will be donated to the project itself; and

WHEREAS, Pueblo Project is sponsored by Campus Life and Leadership as of spring 2009; and

WHEREAS, the expenses not including cost for the trips are as follows: Total, \$200;

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

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

The following Resolution, SB 176, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Jeff Shieh and Shelby Oxenford and was co-sponsored by Ms. Cho, Ms. Raffi, Ms. Flores, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Dhar, Ms. Shah, and Mr. Nahabet:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (EALCUSA)

WHEREAS, students interested in East Asian languages and cultures have established the East Asian Languages & Cultures Undergraduate Student Association (EALCUSA) as a vehicle for articulating concerns, for facilitating a broad, multidimensional undergraduate education in East Asian languages and cultures, for encouraging faculty-student contact, and for advancing the interests of students in East Asian languages and cultures classes; and

WHEREAS, EALCUSA recognizes that the creation of this organization is long overdue, though in the past, given the small scope and size of the Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures and the number of students enrolled in classes and major/minor programs, the existence of an undergraduate student association was impractical and unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, given the recent demographic change and growth in the students enrolled in classes and major/minor programs in the Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures, it is now viable and necessary to form an undergraduate student association; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (EALCUSA) (cont'd)

WHEREAS, in light of last year's egregious and unfair budget cuts to the EALC department, students realized that there was no structure in place for them to communicate with peers and colleagues in the department. This was evident when students were not consulted, involved in, or informed of any departmental decisions due to lack of cohesion and cooperation among students in the department; and

WHEREAS, students should be involved in the decision-making processes of the department and should have a space to voice their ideas, concerns, and needs pertaining to their supposed first-class education; and

WHEREAS, the needs of students enrolled in classes and major/minor programs in this department are changing rapidly, and the curriculum should reflect those broadening academic, education, and professional needs; and

WHEREAS, students should also have a say in the creation and revision of that curriculum; and

WHEREAS, EALCUSA plans to create and maintain a network of alumni who will be invited back to give presentations about career options for students who graduate with degrees from the department; and

WHEREAS, understanding that many students from our department travel abroad to study, EALCUSA plans to hold study abroad informational meetings that will introduce the various study abroad programs available, the application procedure, the pros and cons of studying abroad, scholarships, programs that are not affiliated with UC Berkeley, and more; and

WHEREAS, realizing that there is a sharp divide between faculty/lecturers and undergraduate students, EALCUSA will hold a faculty-student dinner where students will have the chance to communicate with faculty and get to know them better, in hopes of forging constructive relationships that will encourage students to pursue writing honors theses, undergraduate research, applying for graduate school, and more; and

WHEREAS, because the East Asian Languages and Cultures Department is a foreign language department and the cultivation of foreign languages is essential to students' education, EALCUSA will organize language exchange events where students can practice their language skills with native speakers; and

WHEREAS, EALCUSA will inform students the processes involved and the classes needed to major/minor in Chinese/Japanese/Korean, as well as what other students in the past have done (in terms of double/triple majoring or minoring), in hopes of attracting more students to EALC programs; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the divide among students of different languages and language class levels, and realizing that students are hard-pressed to find upper-classmen to consult with on

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careers, future classes, etc., EALCUSA will hold Tele-BEARS peer advising events where upperclassmen will be available to answer lower classmen's questions regarding the classes/professors in EALC; and

WHEREAS, the operational items are as follows: Total: \$250;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize East Asian Languages and Cultures Undergraduate Student Association as a first-year ASUC-Sponsored Student Activities Group (SAG).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$150 from the Senate Contingency Fund to the East Asian Languages and Cultures Undergraduate Student Association.

The following Resolution, SB 178, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Kimeshia Thomas and Ms. Ude:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 2009 CRIMSON ROYALE: A SCHOLARSHIP GALA IN SUPPORT OF HIV/AIDS

WHEREAS, since its establishment on UC Berkeley's campus in 1921, making it the first Black Greek Letter Organization chartered on the West Coast, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Kappa Chapter has been, and continues to be, an integral part of the UC Berkeley campus community; and

WHEREAS, service, scholarship, and community involvement are key components of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., both on a national and local level; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Kappa Chapter's work with community service has been a staple in the community and operates as a unifying factor among students on campus and people in the surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Kappa Chapter has held May Week for over 50 years and our organization has been dedicated to scholarship since its inception in 1913; and

WHEREAS, this event will provide funding for the four scholarships that Kappa Chapter offers annually, mentioned below. Additionally the Gala will offer students with the opportunity to give back to The Global Fund, which is a part of the (Red) campaign and supports the HIV/AIDS

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campaign in Africa by giving them the option to purchase a raffle ticket for \$2. This raffle would enter them into the contest for a prize which will be purchased by one of the companies participating in the Desi(red) campaign, and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Kappa Chapter is offering three scholarships to four recipients: Naomi Sewell Richardson Scholarship, Gloria Keith Dugan Scholarship, and the Vivian Osborne Marsh Scholarship, and

WHEREAS, the Scholarship Gala will be the culminating event of the week-long Delta Sigma Theta May Week. A week that is dedicated to spreading awareness on five different levels: economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, mental and physical health, and political awareness and involvement, and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Kappa chapter will be awarding \$250 to two Naomi Sewell Richardson Scholarship recipients (one male and female of any class standing), \$500 to one Gloria Keith Dugan Scholarship recipient (a local high school senior), and \$250 to one Vivian Osborne Marsh Scholarship recipient (a freshman), and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Kappa chapter's budget for the year is \$1,600.00 and with that money they put on a minimum of 10 *entirely* service based programs throughout the year and need additional funding to put on a quality Scholarship Gala;

WHEREAS, the itemized budget for the event is as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$500 (five hundred dollars) from the ASUC Greek Opportunity Fund, and 839.87 (Eight Hundred and Thirty-Nine Dollars and Eighty-Seven cents) from the Senate Contingency Fund to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Kappa Chapter for Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship Gala.

The following Resolution, SB 180, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Yang and Carolin Chhor and Ms. Flores, Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Sakaue, Mr. Mairena, Ms. Tran, and Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BERKELEY CAMBODIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION'S CERI MENTORSHIP SHADOW DAY

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Cambodian Student Association (BCSA) was established in 1996 and has evolved to place greater emphasis upon recognizing and sharing the Cambodian-American experience with the UC Berkeley community; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BERKELEY CAMBODIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION'S CERI MENTORSHIP SHADOW DAY (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the Cambodian-American story is neither a relic of the past nor an inert fact of today; thus, the Berkeley Cambodian Student Association aims to reclaim Cambodian cultural and political histories, create socially aware individuals, inspire leadership and service, and bridge generations; and

WHEREAS, BCSA aims to eliminate the invisibility of the Cambodian-American community and empower its members; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement/purpose of BCSA is to unite and support people who share an interest in Cambodia and Cambodian culture by fostering an appreciation of the culture; and

WHEREAS, one way of accomplishing our goal is by teaming up with CERI (Center for Empowering Refugees and Immigrants), a mentorship program in Oakland, California which was established to provide a safe space for the youth, promote higher education, and inspire them to achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, CERI is an organization that provides social services to immigrants and the surrounding community to help them cope with trauma from their past or with today's current environment; and

WHEREAS, BCSA is hosting a Shadow Day for CERI Mentorship to build lasting relationships with the youth and empower the students to pursue higher education; and

WHEREAS, Shadow Day would consist of multiple workshops regarding higher education, learning about their culture and identity, and a fun scavenger hunt campus/dorm tour;

WHEREAS, the expenses for BCSA CERI Mentorship Shadow Day is as follows: Total, \$333.77; and

WHEREAS, BCSA has never asked the ASUC Senate for funding from the Contingency Fund after 11 years of existence because they've made sure to utilize every outside resources first before coming to the Senate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes Berkeley Cambodian Student Associated as an 11th-year ASUC-sponsored group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocates \$150.00 from the Contingency Fund to the BCSA's CERI Mentorship Shadow Day.

The following Resolution, SB 182, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Yang, Muttika Chaturabul, Yer Yang, and Chaney Saephan, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Shah, Ms. Tran, Mr. Mairena, Mr. Sakaue, Ms. Flores, and Ms. Rodriguez:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN MENTORSHIP (SEAM) BENEFIT  
CONCERT: "BREAK THE CHAIN"

WHEREAS, the purpose of the SouthEast Asian Mentorship (SEAM) at the University of California, Berkeley is to foster and develop leadership among high school youth from Richmond and the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, SEAM actively works to increase the enrollment of underrepresented students of color, particularly Southeast Asian students, in higher education; and

WHEREAS, some of the issues that SEAM mentors and students work on addressing are, but are not limited to, underrepresentation in higher education, the criminalization and deportation of Cambodian and Vietnamese refugee communities, gang and domestic violence, inter- and intra-ethnic funk, escalating incarceration rates, limited job-access, generational misunderstandings, health related issues; and

WHEREAS, SEAM mentors and students are currently organizing a benefit concert to raise awareness about the escalating issue of police brutality and incarceration ; and

WHEREAS, "Break the Chain" is an event that seeks to spread awareness of the ongoing police brutality as well as the increasing numbers of incarceration rates in the Southeast Asian (SEA) and Asian and Pacific Islander communities; and

WHEREAS, because the Southeast Asian communities are lower in numbers in terms of demographics in the US and in higher education as well as being overshadowed by the model minority stereotype (which frames and homogenizes Asians as successful), issues such as gang violence, incarceration and problems of the like which are very prevalent in our communities are overlooked; and

WHEREAS, this event does not only address issues in the SEA and API communities revolving around violence, police brutality and incarceration, but also the highly problematic model minority stereotype which masks what really goes on in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Benefit Concert will consist of a series of performances ranging from musical performances to poetry, art, and spoken word; and additionally feature special guests Roger Saechao and Eddy Zheng who will speak upon their experiences; and

WHEREAS, this event is hoped to spread awareness about the criminalization and increasing incarceration rates within the SEA and API communities while also building bridges with other communities such as the African American, Pilipino, and Chican@/Latin@ communities; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN MENTORSHIP (SEAM) BENEFIT CONCERT: "BREAK THE CHAIN" (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the list of performers for "Break the Chain" include: former Senator Maurice Seaty, Matt Blesse, Southeast Asian Young Leaders, the Berkeley Cambodian Students Association Dancers, Vietnamese Students Association performers, Cal Breakers, Ruby, Magnetic North, Leron and Andrea from Youth Movement Records, Micha- Lady Nerd, Eddy Zheng, and Roger Saechao; and

WHEREAS, SEAM's Benefit Concert "Break the Chain" will be held on April 24, 2009, in the Heller Lounge, also known as the temporary Multicultural Center; and

WHEREAS, UC Berkeley Students from SEAM, the Southeast Asian Student Coalition, Vietnamese Student Association, Laotian American Student Representatives, Berkeley Cambodian Students Association, Hmong Student Association at Berkeley, reach!, and bridges are working on the planning of the Benefit Concert; and

WHEREAS, "Break the Chain" is an event that will stimulate not only intellectual thinking but constructive conversations and dialogues that will be conducive to the mobilization of our communities against social injustice; and

WHEREAS, the art and music that will be shared at this concert will hopefully inspire and motivate students and community members to voice their stories creatively and constructively; and

WHEREAS, proceeds that are fundraised by the show will go towards the SEAM Outreach program that is trying to expand their program to reach out to more youths who are affected and surrounded everyday by violence; and

WHEREAS, SEAM hopes their outreach to youths not only allow them to see how higher education can be a way to combat the injustices they face, but also as an outlet to be away from the violence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, SEAM's interaction with youths will not only create long-lasting mentorships, but also empowerment for themselves and the community;

WHEREAS, the SEAM's projected expenses to host "Break the Chain" is as follows: Total, \$3,318.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the "Break the Chain" Benefit Concert be recognized as an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$700 (seven hundred dollars) to SouthEast Asian Mentorship to host "Break the Chain."

The following Resolution, SB 183, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Finance Officer Batac and Ms. Hussain:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADDITIONAL SPRING BUDGETING

WHEREAS, the Spring Budgeting process is underway; and

WHEREAS, due to no projected increase in student enrollment at Berkeley impacting the amount of money present in the Spring Budgeting process for the ASUC; and

WHEREAS, there is currently not enough money to sustain all student organizations and government operations in the spring budgeting process;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate authorize an additional \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) from the Carry Forward Holding Fund to be controlled by the Senate and is intended to be used in the spring budgeting process.

The following Resolution, SB 184, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Aqilah Hussain and Ms. Hussain:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN PEER ADVISING

WHEREAS, the College of Environmental Design (CED) Peer Advising seeks to advise students of any major or minor in the College of Environmental Design; and

WHEREAS, the peer advisors seek to inform students about resources and opportunities regarding program requirements, advise about graduate programs, and aid students with extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, CED Peer Advising assists the College of Environmental Design with putting on programs such as resume workshops, portfolio reviews, career fairs, mock interviews, and socials; and

WHEREAS, CED Peer Advising help with improvements to the various programs within the College of Environmental Design; and

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate recognize the College of Environmental Design Peer Advisors as a first-year Student-Initiated Service Group (SISG).

The following Resolution, SB 187, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Pranil Patel and Ms. Hussain and was co-sponsored by Ms. Yang, Ms. Shah, Ms. Rodriguez, and Ms. Flores:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HIP HOP IN THE PARK

WHEREAS, Hip Hop in the Park is an annual event that is now in its 13th year and that has, year after year, drawn out members of the community, including many Berkeley students, high school youth, and local families; and

WHEREAS, this event provides a diverse space that allows people of all backgrounds to build community and dialogue with each other under the banner of hip hop; and

WHEREAS, the objective is to promote diversity in the community by encouraging, supporting, and showcasing artists of all ethnicities from within the Hip Hop community; and

WHEREAS, from its beginnings, hip hop has given voice and representation to peoples of all colors in a musical, poetic, and artistic form; and

WHEREAS, hip hop is both multicultural and international, and more importantly, influences and unites all peoples across boundaries of ethnicity or nationality; and

WHEREAS, this event is in collaboration with Students for Hip Hop, Berkeley Student Cooperative, bridges Multicultural Resource Center, and a number of other student organizations; and

WHEREAS, Hip Hop in the Park emphasizes the value of providing a safe and positive space for people of all backgrounds to come together; and

WHEREAS, this event is at the same time a public forum for contemporary issues and a possibility to discuss these issues collectively; and

WHEREAS, this event celebrates hip hop's true roots in resistance and community through a showcase of: DJ'ing, lyricism, live graffiti art, and break dancing; and

WHEREAS, the projected budget for Hip Hop in the Park is as follows: Total, \$6,630;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate recognize Hip Hop in the Park as an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$800 (eight hundred dollars) from the Senate Contingency Fund to Hip Hop in the Park.

The following Resolution, SB 188 was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Finance Officer Batac and Ms. Hussain:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REPLENISHING THE SENATE CONTINGENCY FUND

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$21,000 (twenty-one thousand dollars) from the Carry Forward Fund to the Senate Contingency Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 191, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Justin Lee and Mr. Trần and was co-sponsored by Mr. Zuo, Ms. Chen, and Mr. Smelko:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GIANT'S SPRING FILM FESTIVALS

WHEREAS, GIANT, a third-year SISG, is the only student group and means on this campus for students to be involved in the complete process of film production, as there is no film production or practice program at UC Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, GIANT has demonstrated exemplary growth within the past two years, starting out with 10 and now having over 60 active members in the organization. GIANT hosts workshops in areas such as screenwriting, editing, cinematography, and sound throughout the year to help expand knowledge; and

WHEREAS, GIANT's activities lead up to their film festivals which showcase the members' works in this energetic, synergistic format to celebrate the achievements of each member; and

WHEREAS, GIANT is planning two large film festivals on campus for 3/14 and 4/25; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GIANT'S SPRING FILM FESTIVALS (cont'd)

WHEREAS, GIANT's progress is significantly hampered by the lack of equipment and funding as their current equipment stocks are too low for the amount of members they have; and

WHEREAS, the Spring Film Festivals' equipment budget, as of February 27, 2009, is as follows: Total, \$594.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes GIANT's Spring Film Festivals as ASUC-sponsored events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$270 (two hundred and seventy USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to GIANT for their Spring Film Festivals' equipment costs.

The following Resolution, SB 192, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Kimberly Wolf and Kate McHugh and was co-sponsored by Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Flores, Ms. Shah, and Mr. Sakaue:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GIFT FOR LIFE AT BERKELEY

WHEREAS, the Gift for Life at Berkeley, is an organization passionate about the healthcare of Indigenous Andean children suffering from aplastic anemia as a result of environmental contamination committed by multinational corporations; and

WHEREAS, aplastic anemia is a defect in red blood cell production by the bone marrow, which potentially results in an extremely low red blood cell count and can require constant blood transfusions and in severe, and potentially fatal, cases a bone marrow transplant; and

WHEREAS, our overarching aim is to raise funds for these expensive procedures required to save the affected children's lives; and

WHEREAS, our specific aims regarding treatment include:

To provide for funds the DNA testing needed to find matching donors

To provide funds for blood transfusions for patients

To provide funds for the bone marrow transplants

To engage corporate sponsors for the medical treatment of particular children

To secure sponsorship for the education of the effected children following treatment; and

WHEREAS, we aim to raise awareness of the effects of corporations that exhibit a lack of environmental responsibility in the Andes by focusing on the adverse health affects on the Indigenous

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GIFT FOR LIFE AT BERKELEY (cont'd)

populations, we also aim to raise awareness of the adverse social and economical effects of these corporations activities; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out this mission in a sustained manner our goals include: establishing ourselves as a pre-eminent and sustainable philanthropy group on the Berkeley campus; and

WHEREAS, the budget is as follows: \$200;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize Gift to Life at Berkeley as a first-year year SISG.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$200 from the Senate Contingency Fund to Gift to Life at Berkeley

Ms. Flores moved to go to the Special Order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY -- ASUC/GA Revenue and Expense Sharing Presentation by  
Nish Rajan

Mr. Rajan said that Mr. Daal was in Washington, D.C. and he sent some sandwiches from the Faculty Mentorship Award. It was not a shameless bribe.

Mr. Rajan said people should have a copy of the latest version of the bill, the Shared Revenue resolution. It details the agreement they're trying to come to that will hopefully alleviate some problems both bodies have, by increasing commercial revenue and giving the GA a stake in doing that. It would really help for people to state their reservations about the bill, or ask any questions about what the bill was designed to do.

Mr. Rajan said the GA already gave a presentation on why they think the idea behind this bill was a good idea. The bill would align incentives between the GA and the ASUC, two bodies that could work much more in concert than they have in the past in order to do best in the future. While the express goal of the bill was to increase commercial revenues in general, it's also couched in the larger context of Lower Sproul redevelopment and making sure there was a sustainable path upwards of commercial revenue and that they're fiscally sound. This involvement will also hopefully increase the institutional memory of the combined student governments and hopefully allow them to make sensible decisions going forward, and give all parties a stake in this matter. They don't necessarily want to split a small pot, but want to help grow a large pot.

Mr. Rajan said the revenue sharing bill proposes a threshold of \$274,000, chosen somewhat arbitrarily. That number is the maximum the ASUC has gotten in revenue over the past ten years. The \$274K is a threshold. Below that amount, all money from commercial revenue would go directly to the ASUC. Once the \$274K threshold is passed, the GA would start sharing a little bit of both the costs and the revenues associated with running the ASUC. After reaching \$274K in revenue, they would have an asymptotic sharing model. There's a one-to-one increase in revenue to the ASUC until \$274K.

Mr. Rajan said he would use the number one-third for the proportion of graduates. Up until \$274,000, the ASUC revenue increases one-to-one. Past \$274K, the GA starts to get one-third of the residual, after the \$274 is taken out. That would grow until \$600,000, and after that figure, something funky happened.

In the past, a plan was presented where the ASUC's revenue just kept growing at one-third/two-thirds. The GA percentage would stay 0 until \$240,000 and then slowly rose, and continue to rise, and never quite get to 33%. They capped it off at about \$1 million, because the wildest guesstimate of Lower Sproul redevelopment, once the total student center was revamped, was about \$1,500,000. At \$1 million, the GA would have received about 25%.

Mr. Rajan said the GA was coming at this from an incentive-contracting perspective. It didn't seem smart to only grow at 25%. They'd get to a point where their circumstances as a total student government were very different than they are now. There were reservations about this bill in its original form in that new information wouldn't be incorporated on a constant basis to really re-evaluate changes that should happen. To do that, they have a new \$600,000 break point, which was easily split \$400K/\$200K.

When he talked to the ASUC a month ago, he said the point of this revenue sharing was to bring their two governments into alignment, not to give either of them a reason to work against the other. So for that, these "kicks" aren't good because it could potentially benefit the ASUC to campaign against patronizing Lower Sproul to keep revenue just below certain figures because of the huge transfer of a lump sum to the GA. Other than that, the transfer was pretty stark at one point, of \$93,000, as soon as commercial revenues got to \$600,000. That would at least trigger renegotiation, which was what he thought the point was when they designed this funky looking model. So getting up to \$600,000 was not something that will happen in the next two or three years, but hopefully it will happen in the next ten years. When they're in new territory like that, it would be good to renegotiate and see if the agreement satisfies what it was meant to do. That was the point of the atypical graph.

There were two other major changes from when the agreement was introduced. A committee would be created, with the composition described in one of the final Resolved Clauses. It would consist of the GA President, the ASUC President, a Senator, and a GA member of the SOB. The committee's charge would be to re-evaluate whether the agreement was working every four years. Ms. Pasco said the report would be due on February 29, every four years. They thought that was cool.

Mr. Rajan said there was one other substantial change, which needed to be done anyhow. Mr. Daal read the SOB agreement really carefully and it wasn't immediately clear that anywhere in it did it say that there were any ex officio members of the SOB. This would make Delegates and Senators ex officio members of the SOB. Those were the three substantive changes at that time. He called for any questions.

Mr. Zuo said that he, Ms. Hussain, Ms. Raffi, Ms. Pasco, and Ms. Winston, have been having a lot of meetings about this. This was very important to the ASUC and would determine the scope of their

commercial revenue over the next few decades. They wanted regular re-evaluations and wrote that into the contract. What Mr. Rajan was presenting was a potential model that Mr. Zuo said he was in favor of, but it was always open to re-evaluation over the next few weeks. He would ask Senators to please take a look at it and let people know what they thought. The packet included other models they considered.

Mr. Rajan called for any questions or comments. It was really important to both their organizations that this at least be considered. He would like to hear any major concerns because it was hard to know what the main reservations were about this.

Ms. Pasco said the bill dealing with this was still in the Finance Committee as well as Con-Review. External Affairs has referred it out. The main time for discussion would be next Wednesday, after all committees have referred the bill out. But hopefully the Senate can hash out all the concerns at this time and have an easy passage of the bill next week. This bill was focused on revenue sharing, and another bill was focused on expenses, and perhaps speakers could talk about that a bit.

Mr. Rajan said the \$274,000 limit also comes in because they don't want to "tax" any budget at this time as a result of this agreement. Once the GA has a proportion of commercial revenues, the GA starts to share expenses, such as lawyer's fees and elections. There's a current MOU where the GA pays for certain portion of election costs, a floor of 12.5% or the percentage of grad students who vote in the election. The proposal would move that to whatever proportional share is decided upon. Expenses would also include the cost of the audit. These amounts were not trifles. Elections were expensive, although hopefully they'll get cheaper. But their lawyer won't. The ASUC lawyer has been working for \$48,000. The next lawyer they hire will ask for at least \$100,000, if not more. So expenses won't be going down. The proposal would make sure all the stakeholders are at the table, people who can manage these costs and increase revenue and will have a reason to do so.

Mr. Rajan asked if people would vote yes for this proposal and said he would like to hear from people who vote no. He thought this was a good idea and would like a chance to state that case.

Mr. Zuo said they came to \$600,000 because it was a nice, even, round number. At \$600K, the GA would get about 18%. At \$599K, 18% would go to the GA and the rest to the ASUC. At \$600K, they'd do the proposed "dance," which was meant to trigger renegotiations. It's theotic because it's not sustainable, and revenues would have to grow another \$150K before distribution would be normal again. Under this model, revenue to the GA would go from 18% to 33%. And that jump would trigger renegotiation.

Mr. Zuo said that looking at how steep the jump would be, maybe another number would be better to look at. Mr. Rajan said the jump was steep. The threshold starts at \$274K. If they ever wanted to get to a fair share, there would have to be a \$91,000 transfer, because of the initial lack of funds going to the GA. They didn't know where they should have a fair share come in, so they wrote that at that point renegotiation would be triggered. The agreement was unstable and revenues would have to go to \$739,000 for distribution to stabilize. At that point the ASUC would start to make as much as it did before. So there's a huge gap of \$150,000, which is not something the ASUC has made in a year. It will require the two governments working together for many years to get to \$600K in revenue. That wouldn't be easy. Ms. Pasco said the ASUC has never been at that point.

Ms. Chen asked why they chose \$600,000. Mr. Rajan said it was arbitrary. It was nice in different ways. They think \$1 million in revenue from Lower Sproul was realistic. Brailsford & Dunlavey said that after

a student fee is passed, of \$200 semester, that would allow them to redevelop this area and add 25,000 extra square feet of commercial revenue. Their revenue would grow from \$2.25 million a year, their estimate for what is now made in commercial sales, to about \$3.75 million. There were a lot of positive assumptions, but he thought \$1 million in revenue was realistic. That was with 25,000 in additional square footage. Also, \$600K was easily divisible.

Ms. Chen asked why they wouldn't just make the trigger for renegotiation at \$1 million. Mr. Rajan said at \$1 million, the goal has been achieved already. Negotiation power would be lost. That wasn't to say the GA wouldn't get its fair share, but they would have done all the work without guarantying they'd get something back before then.

Mr. Caimi asked about his thoughts of lowering the \$600,000 figure. Mr. Rajan said it wasn't so much about a trigger, but getting to 33% somehow, within a reasonable framework. There are other models, where they smoothly increase GA revenue to 33%, but that would increase the GA's slope 62% and reduce ASUC growth 38%. The GA was happy with the plan being proposed, but there were other ways to do it. This was something the Committee was happy with. It would make sure renegotiation would happen at some point.

Ms. Raffi asked how they take inflation into account. Mr. Rajan said they don't. That might be a cause for concern, although he wasn't sure. Mr. Permaul suggested that the Auxiliary used 3.5% inflation year. That would have been okay over the last seven years or so, but will probably be harder in upcoming years. In his e-mail, Mr. Permaul suggested 3.5% every two years. If they index either threshold for inflation, they'd have to grow at least at that rate, or more than that rate, to make up for it. The notion was that over the last ten years they haven't grown to even match inflation. So to immediately match inflation over the next four or five years might be tough. With the proposal, they hope to get to share revenue quickly, but if they don't, terms will be renegotiated every four years.

Ms. Raffi said the incentive for the ASUC was that this agreement would make the GA more active in commercial interests, and grad student revenue would benefit both of them. Ms. Raffi said that with inflation, the GA could meet its marks by doing nothing. Mr. Rajan said that increases in prices would all be computed before they even get to residual. Costs would grow as well with inflation. The residual would be somewhat adjusted for inflation, although not perfectly. Ms. Pasco said time for the Special Order had expired. A motion to extend by ten minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Raffi and Mr. Tran and passed with no objection.

Ms. Raffi said that Mr. Rajan was saying that inflation was accounted for naturally. Mr. Rajan said the kind of inflation she was talking about was accounted for before they even get to the formula. Ms. Raffi said that Mr. Daal's argument was that since \$134,000 was the most they've ever reached, then that was the figure they'd use as a low threshold. In ten years that's become undervalued, and \$134K is not what it was ten years ago. The value of that money will continue to shrink every year. That had to be adjusted for inflation for there to be value in Mr. Daal's statement. Mr. Rajan said he understood she wanted to preserve the same amount of services that were once provided, adjusted for inflation. He didn't disagree. The fact was that they're already far in the hole at \$274,000. In 99-2000 revenue was \$271K, the year after the creation of the Auxiliary. Lots of things have happened after that, and it didn't mean that figure would be easily obtained again. They're cognizant that inflation erodes incentives. The flip side is that it helps in cost sharing.

Ms. Shah asked for a straw poll to see if people would accept the proposal. She moved to have a straw poll. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sakaue passed by voice-vote. A straw poll was held on whether people approve the proposal being presented. Ms. Pasco said the result was 6-2-6, and the motion would fail.

Mr. Zuo said 2% of \$600K was \$12,000, which could go to the ASUC for inflation. He thought they should care about inflation and where the threshold was. He would ask people to please attend meetings on this.

Mr. Rajan said that to address the point about inflation, he sent out an e-mail where he projected a 10% rate of growth per year, which would be pretty remarkable. It would take nine years for the GA to start seeing money. Any agreement that would have them work now, and not get paid for nine years, was a hard sell. The agreement might pass, but it might not accomplish its goals and it might be ignored, and nothing forced the GA to do anything.

Ms. Raffi said the assertion is that the GA will only benefit once the ASUC has made more money than it has made in ten years. It didn't matter how much money there was, but how much went back to students. That's what the ASUC cared about. Mr. Rajan said that at some point they're quibbling about the \$600K number, but the goal was to get much more. It will take a long time to reach that number and for the GA to get vested. The question was whether the governments together could get back to that number on their own, and be happy wherever it went. It's the GA's intention for the ASUC to be as strong as it once was, and then some. But they had to have an agreement for the GA to have something in this as well. They've had a period of very unusual behavior, and they've had deflation, with more stable times now.

Ms. Raffi said last year residual was \$0, and it's projected to be \$0 for this year. In the five years before that they had residual revenue. The Auxiliary just signed a contract with Tully's. If Panda Express comes back, they'll also reopen Naia. So there was one definite and two potential chances to increase revenue. So residual might not be zero next year. Mr. Rajan said the GA was a little more involved this year and did a lot of work. They'd like to continue that. Projections are wonderful, but people making claims were trying to sell something and were giving their best figures. It will take constant engagement to produce revenue. This agreement will give the GA constant engagement. He wasn't saying times would automatically get better with GA engagement, but they'd get better faster.

Ms. Raffi said revenues might not be as expected. Mr. Rajan said he asked Panda to figure that there might be protests and that revenue might not be as projected. But the main goal was to be stronger together and manage these different interests. He thought the two student governments together could do that better. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by five minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

Mr. Owens said a lot of people he represented were unsure of the idea that there was double voting of power, where grads could get elected in the ASUC and the GA. Mr. Rajan said that was a fair point, and something they didn't know how to address. In recent memory the GA has tried to stay out of ASUC politics. Last year they thought they should have representation in the Senate, but then the GA came to terms with what that would entail, so they have withdrawn from that stance. He didn't know if grads had the capacity or passion to be in the Senate representing one-third of the student body. Grads were rather insular. They'd love to separate things out further in the CAA, but they're not trying to, in this framework, exert political will. And he was pretty sure future GAs wouldn't want to do that.

Mr. Zuo asked how 10% growth would affect student government. Mr. Rajan said that even with the high rate of growth, it would take the GA nine years to break even, starting from zero. So it would take a while for the GA to collect revenue.

Ms. Shah said it was strange they were discussing Panda since the SOB voted it down. She felt there was hesitation concerning how long it would take to reach \$700,000. In the meantime, there was nothing negative. Mr. Rajan said that was correct, and revenue for the ASUC would always be growing. She asked if the GA had any other ideas on how to reach revenue sharing.

Mr. Rajan said they did. The major one was the Lower Sproul referendum. The GA has been working on that for the last three years. Next year was the only year in the next three years that there won't be any other student fee referendums on the ballot. They hoped to hire a referendum consultant body November next year and get this on the spring ballot. The year after that, they're renegotiating with the Class Pass and the Tech Fee, which will be hundreds of dollars. If they don't get Lower Sproul in next year, it will take more doing. There were lots of different models the GA was considering. They also talked to Mark Himmelstein about investing into the Berkeley Foundation, the endowment. Most of it was under water at that time, but it will go up. Nathan Brostrom, the Vice Chancellor for Business, told the GA that over the last six, seven, eight years, they've had a growth rate of 8.5%. A payout rate of 4.5% would be wonderful. The GA was trying to set up investing \$50,000 from their reserves as a test fund of the endowment to see how that went. They were also thinking about a dedicated gift officer for the GA and the ASUC to share. There were lots of ways to grow. But commercial revenue was relevant now, and Lower Sproul fees might pass, with renovation to follow. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by three minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Shah and Ms. Ude and passed with no objection.

Ms. Shah said they've emphasized the referendum that year, and she asked what would happen if it didn't happen. Mr. Rajan said that wouldn't be the end of it, and there would always be a back-up plan, which the ASUC and the GA would develop together. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco asked if he would like to give a closing statement.

Mr. Rajan said he would like to thank the Senate. It's been very enlightening talking with all of them on this issue. He was especially impressed. When he first came there a month ago he was really gung ho on saying this was a great financial deal and he couldn't see how the ASUC wouldn't take it. He was still gung ho in defending it, but what has impressed him was how much most of them care not about the financial outcome, but about fairness, a word he's heard used in every conversation, even though he was never the one to bring it up. He saw this as a rising tide lifting all boats. It meant a lot to the GA that Senators thought of them as an entity that shared in this community. It was easy for grads to get insular. No matter what happened, this would increase the cross talk now much more than a month ago, and he felt it would make them much stronger together.

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

Report from the Judicial Council Representative

Ms. Johal said that regarding the Israeli Action Committee case, there was a request for an appeal and the J-Council denied that request. The basis was that Article IV of the Constitution defines the role of the J-Council as only setting judicial relief as defined by the Constitution and By-laws. The J-Council could only make sure the severity of the remedy matched the violation within the context provided by the Constitution and By-laws.

Regarding past elections, she received a request from Ms. Liedblad to drop one of the Senators that did not win from tabulation and to retabulate the votes. Following that request, Ms. Johal said she received a Charge Sheet and the Council will consider that on Thursday. Ms. Johal said she issued a preliminary injunction making the tabulation stay as is until the J-Council considers the Charge Sheet. She'll be back next week to certify the election results.

Ms. Shah asked why there wasn't a settlement between the IAC and the Attorney General. Ms. Johal said that who supported an appeal wasn't an influence in the decision. It's the Constitution that defined the J-Council's role. If a consequence wasn't provided for in the By-laws, it wasn't the J-Council's role to make up an alternative.

Ms. Raffi said that even though there was only one recommended punishment, which was loss of sponsorship, she asked if the Council could have ruled that was not fitting for what IAC was charged with and to then not issue a punishment. She asked if there was a difference between finding someone guilty and assigning the punishment the J-Council imposed. Ms. Johal said that wasn't up to the J-Council's discretion, and they're guided by the Constitution and By-laws. If the remedy provided in the By-laws was felt to be inappropriate, there was a legislative remedy for that. That wasn't within the J-Council's role.

Ms. Raffi asked if a student has been found guilty and not issued a punishment. Ms. Johal said in her knowledge of cases, she hasn't experienced that.

Ms. Cho asked how student groups are informed of the Constitution and By-laws in order to follow them. Ms. Johal said that wasn't a question she could answer. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank her very much.

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

#### Report from the President

Ms. Winston said she would like to congratulate the people who will potentially be certified next week as having won the election. On Tuesday she met with the EVP and other student members of the SOB to discuss the first right of refusal for contracts for Bear's Lair vendors. It was really productive. It's a step in the right direction and a sign of good faith between student government and vendors.

Ms. Winston said she had a meeting of the committee to select the new Police Chief, which will be interesting. She also wrote a bill to increase the stipends of the Elections Council Chair, the Publicity Chair,

and the Poll Worker Coordinator. There will be a meeting of the Chancellor that some of them were invited to, about high fees/high aid, which was hurtful to middle-income and AB 540 students, and people who were discouraged at getting a higher education. High fee/high aid hurt a lot of people. Also, she was graduating May 16 in Zellerbach. She expected Senators to be there. Her family will be there from the East Coast and wanted to meet them.

Ms. Chen said that at the meeting with the Chancellor, they won't just talk about high fees/high aid, but other models as well. Ms. Winston said the Chancellor had some very interesting opinions on financial aid. She thought people had different perceptions of what students really face as people who pay bills to the University.

Ms. Cho asked if she was aware of a bill Mr. Tran submitted having every elected official submit an end-of-the-year report. Ms. Winston said she'd talk to her chiefs-of-staff about that.

Ms. Flores asked if she had graduation tickets. Ms. Winston said she didn't.

Mr. Caimi asked what her office has been up to. Ms. Winston said they finished Health Awareness Week before Spring Break and did a lot of collaborative stuff before the break. They're now closing up the books, cleaning the office, transitioning for next year. Staffmembers are interested in applying for positions next year and helping sustain the offices. A newsletter will be coming out.

Mr. Caimi asked what collaborative programs the office has put on. On a point of personal privilege, Ms. Tran asked if there were questions about the office, because otherwise, things could be asked off the floor. Ms. Winston said they worked on Disabled Student Awareness Week in collaboration with the DSU; they collaborated with safety walkers with the EAVP; with Activism Right There; and helped with Peace Not Prejudice Week. And she did other things as well.

Ms. Flores asked if the newsletter will be sent out to the whole student body or to ASUC offices. Ms. Winston said it was posted on the Web site. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank Ms. Winston.

#### Report from the Executive Vice President

With Ms. Winston chairing the meeting, Ms. Pasco said she would like to have a communications check, and asked people to go around the room saying where they thought communications was that evening. Numbers given were 7, 0, 7, 4, 8, 0, abstain, 7, 7.5, 7, 6, 10, 5, 10. Ms. Pasco said she thought it was 8.5 or 9.

Ms. Pasco said it was really important to attend the program workshops for Lower Sproul, on Friday from 11:00 to 3:00. It was disheartening that Student Life advising, the DSP, GenEq., the Transfer and Re-entry Center, important stakeholders, were not notified. It has been discussed by administrators whether they should be on this space, so it was important that they be invited to be part of the conversation. She hoped people reach out to those students. She sent an e-mail to Dean Poullard about his concerns, which he addressed that evening.

Ms. Pasco said they met with the Chancellor, and she wanted to thank Ms. Chen for organizing the meeting, where they discussed the College Affordability Act. She's worked on that issue since being on campus, and was glad those conversations were coming to the ASUC. They'll also talk about Auxiliary employees who have not received retirement since before 1999. She hoped the Chancellor hears her out and makes sure workers are taken care of.

Ms. Pasco said she submitted a bill that week to restructure the agenda for Senate meetings. If people have concerns, they should talk to her. When Mr. Permaul reports, it's listed as being under the SOB, but he reports on other things outside the SOB. It was important to distinguish between the two and give power back to the students to give reports on the SOB. The majority of that report was student oriented, and it was important for students to give the report. Ms. Winston said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by three minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Mr. Sakaue and passed with no objection. Ms. Pasco said people should talk to her if they had concerns.

Regarding prayer space, Ms. Pasco said it was not acceptable that people would have to reserve prayer space and that a key was needed. She hoped Vice Chancellor Basri continues to look for a space and prioritizes this, since people have been talking about it to him since last semester. For academics, this was a stressful time for people. If they need advising or had personal issues, they should let her know. She was graduating in May, the first in her family to graduate from a four-year institution. She'll graduate a couple of days after her birthday. She hoped people meet her family.

#### Report from the External Affairs Vice President

With Ms. Pasco chairing the meeting, Ms. Jirachaikitti said she wanted to congratulate people who worked in the election, whether candidates or not. And she wanted to thank people for being at the Senate meeting instead of the Britney Spears concert. Ms. Jirachaikitti said she was also graduating. A student had tuberculosis and she got sick, and got scared, but doesn't have TB. The GA has been really responsive that year. In addition, she works with Alberto Ortega, GA EAVP, and he's at every UCSA Board meeting. Mr. Rajan has also been involved. Last weekend was Cal Day, and she got to hang out with the Auxiliary. They had a session for student government and she was the only student there. More people from the ASUC should be there because a lot of students learned about the ASUC at that time. Also, she gave a speech with the Chancellor at the welcome reception, in front of 5,000 people, and at the overnight host program.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said she appointed Laura as Department of Energy Commission Chair. Ms. Oatfield and Laura wanted to get work started, and Ms. Jirachaikitti said she was asking to appoint her to be appointed next year. Also, they're working on the May 19 Special Election. It will just be propositions. One was about a spending cap. The office ordered 10,000 Voter's Guides, the number of people they registered in the fall. They'll be available at the office. People needed to be educated. This was a bad budget year for California and this election and its propositions will have a long-term effect on how California's economy will work. The State is the third biggest economy in the world.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said there was one more UCSA Board meeting, at UC Merced. They'll hold interviews for the Student Regent. For transition, Ms. Jirachaikitti said she contacted Dani Haber and they're

working on that. Executives are doing that, but if Ms. Haber wanted to do that one-on-one, Ms. Jirachaikitti said she'd be willing to do that as well. For the USSA, they had a Campaign Day for funding Pell Grants. Grad students at the USSA were working on graduate health insurance, making GSHIPs standardized for all UCs. If a Berkeley student was sick and in LA, they could go to the medical center there. Ms. Jirachaikitti said she heard a lot of good feedback from the Chancellor on financial aid. This year the Chancellor is a big proponent of high fee/high aid and differential fees, with higher fees at Berkeley and UCLA, \$2,000. They'll start planning for next year.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said bus drivers are trying to organize because AC Transit was trying to contract out their jobs. People could ask their bus drivers about that. The office was also doing a Tenants' Rights event with the Rent Board in Berkeley and will have workshops to help students find apartments. Also, the neighbors of the Thai Temple appealed to the City Council and students were starting to organize for that, making sure the Temple will keep its permit and keep the brunch going on Sundays. A lot of stuff has gone on in the office and if people were interested, she could talk to them off the floor. She called for any questions.

Ms. Flores moved to go to Immediate Consideration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah and passed with no objection.

#### ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

The following Resolution, SB 170, as amended in committee, was authored by Ms. Dhar, Mr. Smelko, Dhiraj Singh, Onita Bhattasali, Nick Shah, Mr. Nahabet, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Raffi, Ms. Chen, Ms. Cho, Ms. Hussain, Ms. Rodriguez, and Ms. Shah:

#### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RELAY FOR LIFE

WHEREAS, the ASUC exists to serve students, and one way to do this is to bring the campus together via public service and community service events; and

WHEREAS, the Relay For Life is a community-building event to remember lost ones and celebrate survivors of the Berkeley community, as well as a non-profit fundraiser for the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, Relay is the largest non-profit fundraiser on campus. The proceeds go partly towards Cancer Research, much of which is conducted on this campus; and

WHEREAS, roughly 1500 participants are expected; and

WHEREAS, UC Berkeley has received over 3 million dollars for cancer research from the ACS. The money also goes towards cancer education, advocacy, and patient services; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RELAY FOR LIFE (cont'd)

WHEREAS, cancer is the second leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, the Relay For Life event is a 24-hour event May 2 - 3. Events are planned throughout this time including: cancer survivors and doctors/researchers speaking, food throughout the event (breakfast/lunch/dinner/breakfast#2/snacks) all donated, games, movies, raffles and other entertainment; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the event is as follows: [Items listed]

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize “Relay for Life” as an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate allocates \$1,500 to “Relay for Life” from Carry Forward.

A motion to move enter discussion was made and seconded by Ms. Flores and Ms. Shah and passed with no objection.

Ms. Flores said she pulled the bill because she was uncomfortable with the allocation from Fi-Comm. Given the financial status of the ASUC, she thought they should have a lower allocation than \$1,500. The merits of the event were exceptional. Every bill on Monday was cut tremendously and SB 170 was passed at its full allocation. Cutting it would allow the Senate to fund more organizations and events. Mr. Nahabet asked what number she had in mind. Ms. Flores said it was \$800.

Mr. Mairena moved to draw a blank. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection. Ms. Pasco called for suggested amendments. Ms. Flores suggested \$800. Mr. Nahabet suggested \$1,300. Mr. Owens suggested \$1,150. Ms. Ude suggested \$900. Mr. Nahabet suggested \$1,200. Ms. Ude suggested \$1,000. seeing no further amendments, Ms. Pasco said they would move into discussion. Ms. Flores moved to recess until the discretion of the Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caimi and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Mr. Nahabet moved to amend the amount to \$800. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens. With no objection, previous amendments were rescinded. THE MOTION TO AMEND SB 170 TO \$800 PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 14-1-0.

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Zuo and Mr. Owens. Roll call was taken on the motion to approve SB 170, as amended in committee and on the floor:

YES

Marcus Caimi  
Sheila Chen  
Sarah Cho  
Mary June Flores  
Oscar Mairena

Eddie Nahabet  
Tommy Owens  
Tara Raffi  
Claudia Rodriguez  
Lyell Sakaue

Kifah Shah  
Lisa Tran  
Tu Tran  
Obiamaka Ude  
Stephanie Yang  
Yishi Zuo

A motion to close the rolls was made and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Chen and passed with no objection. THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 170, AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE AND ON THE FLOOR, PASSED 16-0-0, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RELAY FOR LIFE.

Mr. Tran moved to go to Old Business. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chen and passed with no objection.

### OLD BUSINESS

The following Resolution, SB 135, as amended, was authored by Mr. Trần:

#### RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE ASUC WEBMASTER POSITION'S TERM

WHEREAS, the original scope of this bill was to only address the Webmaster but after thorough discussion with ASUC Auxiliary, a more comprehensive amendment is proposed in this bill; and

WHEREAS, arguably one of the major problems associated with the ASUC is a weaker connection to the student body, and whereas one of its goals is transparency. However, the ASUC currently is not equipped on a systematic level to proactively communicate its work to the campus, so students are not aware of a) what it does, b) how it does its work, and most importantly c) how to participate more effectively in the ASUC; and

WHEREAS, as a lesson learned from this previous year, there is a strong need for the ASUC to communicate and engage the campus community in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, the ASUC Auxiliary has already created such tools to better communicate with the campus community including:

- a. A Quarterly News Magazine ("Student Centered")
- b. An on-line newsletter (that can be released more frequently)
- c. A listserv which reaches 15,000+ undergraduates, as of March 20, 2009 (ASUC Aux can proactively email on a regular basis)
- d. The future Plasma/LCD screens in student facilities
- e. Signage around the Student Union Complex

WHEREAS, in no way shall the following propositions curtail or undermine the ASUC's independent and autonomous existence as a student government. Rather, these changes are intended to increase communication and collaboration with the ASUC Auxiliary, which is the ASUC's business agent, campus advisor, and repository of institutional knowledge;

## RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE ASUC WEBMASTER POSITION'S TERM (cont'd)

## THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- A. The Public Relations Director (Title I) be changed to "Marketing and Communications Director (MCD)" and the Public Relations Director (Title 13) be changed to "Student Group Outreach Director (SGD)" and every instance in the ASUC By-Laws Title 1 and Title 13 be changed accordingly.
- B. The ASUC Webmaster and the Marketing and Communications Director (MCD) be appointed for up two (2) years with overlapping terms if possible, though the means of their appointment shall remain the same (ie. Webmaster by EVP and MCD by a temporary Senate committee)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following amendments to the ASUC By-Laws, Title 13 be implemented:

- A. Public Relations Director be changed to Student Group Outreach Director every instance in Title 13
- B. Article IV, Section 1:

## ARTICLE IV – ASUC PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. A temporary joint committee made up of five (5) Senators, the Executive Vice-President, and a member of the Judicial Council be formed at the first regular Senate meeting of the Fall Semester to nominate and determine a stipend for the ~~Public Relations Director~~ Marketing and Communications Director. The Executive Vice-President and the Judicial Council member shall be nonvoting members. The ~~Public Relations Director~~ Marketing and Communications Director must be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. *If the temporary committee does not present a nominee to the Senate by the (5<sup>th</sup>) Senate meeting of the Fall Semester, the Executive Vice-President shall nominate an individual to be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.*

- A. Article V, Section 1 – Strike out "Office of Student Life (OSL)", amend to Campus Life and Leadership (CLL)
- B. Article V, Section 2 – Add "at least" between "Liaison for" and "five (5) student groups"
- C. Article V, Section 3, Subsection 6 – Strike out "OSL", amend to "CLL"

## ARTICLE V – STUDENT GROUP OUTREACH PROGRAM

- 1. For the purpose of this Article, the term "student group" shall refer to all student groups registered with the ~~Office of Student Life (OSL)~~. Campus Life and Leadership.
- 2. Each Senator by the Third Regular Senate Meeting of the Fall Semester, shall contact and be the Senate Liaison for *at least* five (5) student groups. Each Senator is responsible for informing the Public Relations Director as to the selected groups.

## RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE ASUC WEBMASTER POSITION'S TERM (cont'd)

3. The duties of the Senate Liaison shall be responsible for the following:
  1. To report to the Senate on the events and needs of the group, as the group and the Senate Liaison agree is necessary
  2. To work with the officers of the student group to determine any needs that the ASUC Senate can fulfill
  3. Responding to said needs
  4. Filing a written report once a semester as to the events and needs of the student group to the Public Relations Director.
  5. Knowing the funding of the student group from both ASUC and other sources
  6. Knowing the ~~OSL~~-*CLL* advisor assigned to the student group
  7. Knowing the number of years the student group has been funded by the ASUC

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following be appended to the ASUC By-Laws Title 12, Section 1.2 after the clause "The WM shall be responsible to the Senate...": "The WM shall receive a stipend as determined by the Senate, whereby it is recommended that the Senate determines any financial incentives to increase the WM's term beyond one (1) year. However, this does not warrant any contractual agreements thus the WM can still be dismissed."

## 1.2 The Web Master (WM)

The WM shall be one of the following: the Systems Administrator (SA), a separate officer appointed by the same method as the SA, or a member of the staff of the EVP. The WM shall be responsible to the Senate through the EVP. *The WM shall receive a stipend as determined by the Senate, whereby it is recommended that the Senate determines any financial incentives to increase the WM's term beyond one (1) year. However, this does not warrant any contractual agreements thus the WM can still be dismissed.* It shall be the duty of the WM to create and modify the AWP as directed by this Title. The WM shall be dismissed for failure to fulfill their duties, at the discretion of the EVP or two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that "Public Relations Director" be stricken every instance in the ASUC By-Laws Title 1 and be replaced with "Marketing and Communications Director"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following amendments be implemented into the ASUC By-Laws Title 1, Section 9.5:

- A. Subsection 1 – Strike out "~~and shall present a nominee to the Senate by the fifth Senate meeting.~~"; add "*and shall present a nominee to the Senate by the fifth Senate meeting, otherwise the President shall nominate an individual to be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.*"

## RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE ASUC WEBMASTER POSITION'S TERM (cont'd)

- B. Subsection 1 – Append “*The Senate is recommended to award any financial incentives to appoint the individual for more than one (1) year.*” after “The committee shall select and forward...” clause.
1. The Executive Vice-President shall appoint a temporary committee consisting of five (5) ASUC Senators, voted on by the Senate. The committee shall select and forward one (1) ~~Public Relations Director~~ *Marketing and Communications Director* nomination to the full Senate for confirmation by 1 two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate with a recommendation for a stipend. *The Senate is recommended to award any financial incentives to appoint the individual for more than one (1) year.* Nominees for consideration by this committee shall be limited to those nominated by an elected officer. Following the formation of the ~~Public Relations Director~~ *Marketing and Communications Director* Selection Committee, all elected officials shall have at least one (1) week to submit nominations. The committee shall be formed at the first Senate meeting, and shall present a nominee to the Senate by the fifth Senate meeting, *otherwise the President shall nominate an individual to be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.*
- C. Subsection 2 –
1. After sub subsection “f”, Add “g. *Working under the direction of the ASUC’s elected officials, the MCD will meet with the ASUC Auxiliary’s Marketing and Communications Manager once every two weeks (starting from date of confirmation by Senate) to share opportunities, discuss potential communication projects, and implement collaborative efforts to better communicate with the campus community*”
  2. Add “h *Submitting an annual report with the help of Senators and Executive officials no later than the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) meeting of April each year detailing the efforts to advance the image and work of the ASUC to the campus community*”
  3. Add “i *Working in conjunction with the ASUC Web Master to update the ASUC Website on weekly basis to include updates on selected programs, student groups, and activities sponsored by the ASUC on a monthly basis*”
  4. Amend current sub subsection “g” to “j”
2. The Public Relations Director shall be responsible for the following:
    - a. Being generally responsible for communication between the ASUC and the student body it represents.
    - b. Writing press releases on projects, events, bills, or any other business pertinent to the ASUC Senate at the behest of any senator
    - c. Creating flyers regarding projects, events, or any other business pertinent to the ASUC Senate at the behest of any senator
    - d. If needed, recruiting and selecting a staff as appropriate to carry out the duties of the position
    - e. Compiling a list of any campus, local, statewide, and national media which may be interested in the dealings of the ASUC Senate. This shall be construed to include blogs.

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- f. Providing a regular update at Senate meetings on any pertinent business
- g. Working under the direction of the ASUC's elected officials, the MCD will meet with the ASUC Auxiliary's Marketing and Communications Manager once every two weeks (starting from date of confirmation by Senate) to share opportunities, discuss potential communication projects, and implement collaborative efforts to better communicate with the campus community.
- h. Submitting an annual report with the help of Senators and Executive officials no later than the third (3rd) meeting of April each year detailing the efforts to advance the image and work of the ASUC to the campus community.
- i. Working in conjunction with the ASUC Web Master to update the ASUC Website on weekly basis to include updates on selected programs, student groups, and activities sponsored by the ASUC on a monthly basis.
- j. All other duties as assigned by the Senate

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the effects of these changes shall not take place till the 2009-2010 ASUC Fiscal Year (start June 30).

Mr. Tran said this pertains to the Public Relations Director. It was tabled on April 1. He moved to adopt the amended version. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chen and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 135, AS AMENDED, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE, RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE ASUC WEB MASTER POSITION'S TERM.

Ms. Chen moved to go to Approval of the Minutes from April 1. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (cont'd)

Mr. Nahabet moved to amend to 2009 the April 1 minutes, mistakenly dated 2008. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chen and passed with no objection.

Mr. Nahabet moved to add in the April 1 minutes, in the Fi-Comm report, New Business, SB 140A, to read that the Committee adopted the amended version, and approved the bill at \$700. the motion was seconded by Mr. Tran and passed with no objection.

The following Resolution, SB 140, as amended, was added to the April 1 minutes, and was authored by Yelena Tsurkan, Yuriy Tsurkan, and Mr. Nahabet:

Resolution in Support of The Academian Times

Whereas, The Academian Times will be the first of its kind in student-run publications on campus; and

Resolution in Support of The Academian Times (cont'd)

Whereas, all other publications have a specific theme, and this publication will capture an array of different topics; and

Whereas, the mission of the publication is to reach out to as many people as possibly by constantly incorporating new themes that people are interested in; and

Whereas, the budget for The Academian Times is below: Total, \$900.00;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the ASUC recognize The Academian Times as a first-year publication; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the ASUC allocate \$700 to The Academian Times from Senate Contingency Fund.

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

Elected Official Announcements

Ms. Cho said they spend hours debating over which line items in the budget are funded every week, and yet, in a recent casual meeting with a Campus Life and Leadership advisor, it was made apparent groups could decide what to spend funding on outside the budget. This inconsistency in student group funding and spending could actually be avoided by specifying which line items were to be funded in the minutes. The Senate thinks that by passing bills every Wednesday, they do that; but that wasn't the case. To do so, they'd have to pull every bill during CC. She just found out about this. The ASUC must have specifics from Fi-Comm meetings, and the Auxiliary adheres to those by reading the minutes every week. Ms. Cho said this was important because it would keep the Senate from arguing amounts in vain during Senate meetings, and will keep their student groups accountable to how they actually use ASUC funding. She would advise the Senate to take more detailed minutes so finances are dealt with accurately and with accountability. It was unfortunate to find this out at the end of the year. She didn't know if it would be sensible to do it for the rest of the year. But this information should be passed on to next year's Senate.

Ms. Raffi asked if it was more sensible to read things into the minutes, to make it a practice to write in the Resolved Clauses which line items in the budget were being funded specifically. Mr. Litwak said he couldn't reproduce groups' budgets and finish the minutes in a timely manner.

Ms. Cho said she was raising this from the Ethnic Studies Fifth Account, where they fund \$500 for food. If a group decided not to get food, they don't need money any more. It's free money on how they spend it.

Ms. Ude said she thought they could have faith in groups' frugality. A lot of work being proposed might not be necessary. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by three minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Mr. Caimi and passed with no objection.

Mr. Mairena asked about amending the By-laws to say that groups should spend according to their discretion, following the By-laws.

Ms. Cho said that what she meant to add to the minutes was recording conversation in Fi-Comm, or that Fi-Comm would include restrictions. Ms. Flores said tight restrictions would limit groups' ability to fund what they needed. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired.

Continuing Elected Official Announcements, Mr. Mairena said he wanted to congratulate Mr. Smelko and Mr. Tran on their election. The Daily Cal, unfortunately, did not report on his willingness to work with them next year; and he wanted to do that personally. He's already talked to Mr. Smelko about collaborating next year. Mr. Mairena said he'd be there next year if Mr. Smelko needed him. That was the next line in his quote to the Daily Cal reporter, but it wasn't included in the story. Mr. Mairena said the story made it seem like he was angry and bitter. It wasn't his plan to call people out, but to collaborate and try and make the ASUC and the campus better for everyone.

Also, Mr. Mairena said he was thinking about how, this year, the Senate has been in situations where they didn't have 14 Senators to pass bills. He was thinking of changing quorum to be 14 and not 11. That might be a little strict, but people should be at meetings.

Mr. Tran the Oskis Awards will be decided by Friday at 12:00. The 25 elected officials should e-mail the name of an elected ASUC official to receive the award. There's no established criteria. Also, with CollegiateLink, future Senates can specify how funds are spent, and use those as guidelines until they get a better idea few what student organizations spend money on, and have limited oversight. So they wouldn't necessarily have to be produced in the minutes.

Mr. Zuo said he was at the meeting with Ms. Cho and Ms. Crowder, and the Senate needed a way to ensure that groups spend funds responsibly. The ASUC could have a better way of reviewing it, and recruit students to audit the finances of student groups, like the Auxiliary's budget is audited. Students interested in getting auditing and accounting experience would do that for free. He would ask Senators to please let him know if they had any questions or suggestions.

Mr. Nahabet said he wanted to thank Fi-Comm. It had a ton of bills to go through, and even though they got out at 5 a.m., they were really communicating. He hoped they do that for spring budgeting. That was the only way they'd get through it. Secondly, he would like to thank Ms. Flores for being a student sponsor for Genocide Awareness Week, and thank Ms. Pasco and Ms. Shah for helping him out with the Ethnic Studies Fifth Account. He and the Armenian Student Association really appreciated that.

Ms. Shah said Mr. Zuo's idea was good, but they have an amazing Finance Officer for oversight. Before they're critical of student groups, they should be more conscientious how Senators bring in student groups and turn to other funds as a resource, and how to seek other funds before coming to the Contingency Fund. To Ms. Cho, Fifth Accounts are a specific account based on making other contacts before resorting to the Fifth Account, and they should look at the history behind it. This year they've thrown student groups into the Fifth Account without understanding what the Fifth Account was. Groups come in without understanding what Ethnic Studies is, why it's here, and why it funds the things it does. People should learn what the ESFC is and what it encompassed, and why it existed. It's for specific goals. On a more solemn note, a friend of hers passed away that weekend, and that put things into perspective.

Ms. Pasco said the intramural basketball team won its last game last Sunday. They were 1-5, and they might have a team that summer. If people are interested, they should contact her, Mr. Zuo, or Mr. Nahabet. Also Ms. Pasco said she was in Poetry for the People, in the African American Studies Department, and their final readings are next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 7:00 to 9:00. She'll perform her piece on Thursday, her first time performing in public, and she would invite them to attend. She would ask them to please support her and the other amazing poets, who had a lot to say.

Mr. Mairena said requirements for quorum was in the Constitution, not the By-laws. So he wouldn't amend quorum.

Ms. Chen said she would like to thank Fi-Comm, who stayed really late listening to appeals and considering bills. People should take a minute and thank Fi-Comm members for their hard work.

A motion to go to Special Committee Reports was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Mr. Sakaue and passed with no objection.

### Special Committee Reports

Reporting for the Selection Committee for Undergrad Student Representatives on the Board, Ms. Pasco said she was appointed as Chair and Jordan Smith is the Vice Chair. The application is on the Web site. The opening will be advertised in the Daily Cal. The application is due Friday at noon. There are currently no applications. She would ask Senators to please forward this information to their friends and organizations. They hope to have interviews Sunday and make the nomination by next Wednesday, to confirm the reps by May 6, the Senate's last meeting.

Reporting for the Outstanding Student Recognition Program Award, two winners will be announced at the next Senate meeting.

Ms. Cho said she and Ms. Shah attended the last funding meeting of the Ethnic Studies Fifth Account.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded by Ms. Flores and passed with no objection.

Roll call was taken for attendance. Members present were:

Marcus Caimi	Eddie Nahabet	Kifah Shah
Sheila Chen	Tommy Owens	Lisa Tran
Sarah Cho	Tara Raffi	Tu Tran
Mary June Flores	Claudia Rodriguez	Obiamaka Ude
Oscar Mairena	Lyell Sakaue	Stephanie Yang
		Yishi Zuo

This meeting adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

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