

GRADUATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

September 11, 2008

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING

This meeting commenced the Fall Semester. It was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An announcement was given for Teach for America by Neena Dass, Graduate Recruitment Director. Out of 6,000 entering members from across the country, 30% were grad and professional students. Teach for America exists because of the achievement gap between lower-income and higher-income schools. Grads could make great gains with students.

Susan Muller introduced herself, Associate Dean from the Graduate Division and professor of Chemical Engineering. Her responsibilities were divided between reviews of academic programs and graduate groups and student life issues. The Graduate Division and the GA work together, such as on library privileges for students who file and on faculty mentoring awards. Changes have been made to the Dean's Normative Time Fellowship to allow grads to do some work while holding the DNTF. The GA and the Grad Division were also working to highlight the importance of grad student funding.

Tu Tran, ASUC Senator, introduced himself. A program, Cal Hep B Free was addressing the high incidence of hepatitis B carriers on the campus. Ethnicities at high risk were Asian Pacific Islanders, East Europeans, Russians, Sub-Saharan Africans, and those from the Amazon basin.

Mr. McDougal said a group, "Words on Life," puts on "Taboo Topics" every month, to talk about controversial issues. Feedback was requested for interesting topics.

Introduction to the GA

Ms. El-Naggar gave a brief history of the GA, which was formalized in '69. A history was published in the Spring 2007 issue of *The Berkeley Graduate*. Ms. Bassiri talked about the purpose of the GA. Mr. Armstrong talked about the GA's structure of the GA.

Delegates were requested to register to vote, especially if they've moved since the last election. Some key people, key components with the GA.

Introductions of GA People without Committees

Introductions were held: Susan Hsueh, Business Manager; Lucero Chavez, Chief-of-Staff for the External Affairs VP; Nima Bassiri, Chief-of-Staff for the President and the Campus Affairs VP; Dan Work, Grad Council rep; Avi Valladares, Grad Council rep; Brandon Nicholson, Graduate Minority Outreach Recruitment and Retention Coordinator; Corey Ponder, Graduate Support Services Project Coordinator; Carmen Mitchell, Graduate Women's Project Coordinator; Mariam El-Naggar, *The Berkeley Graduate* Project Coordinator; Natan Tuchman, GA Funding Advisor.

Introductions of GA People with Committees

Nish Rajan, Budget Committee; Triffid Abel, Campus Affairs Committee; Brad Froehle, Environmental Sustainability Committee; Alberto Ortega, External Affairs Committee; Gabe Podesta, Funding Committee; Funie Hsu, the Graduate Minority Student Support Project Coordinator; Elaine Shapland and Kate Williams, Grad Social Club; Aaron deGrassi, International Student Affairs Committee; Scott Armstrong, Rules Committee; Brad Froehle, Technology Committee; Justine Lazaro, Women of Color Initiative.

The GA had representatives that serve as the student voice on faculty Senate committees, with one grad and one undergrad voting member, sitting with faculty to work on a particular topic. They also had reps on administrative committees, working with campus administrators.

Election of the Technology Committee Chair

By unanimous voice-vote, the GA elected Mr. Froehle as the Technology Committee Chair.

Election of the Environmental Sustainability Chair

By unanimous voice-vote, the GA elected Dan Work as Chair of Environmental Sustainability.

Committee Selection

The GA had a breakout session for Delegates to choose committees to join. It was determined that members were needed for the Technology Committee, the Environmental Sustainability Committee, and the GMSP. By voice-vote, the GA approved committee membership. Chairs of committees that needed members would recruit from Delegates who have not yet signed up for a committee.

ASUC Representatives to the GA

Eddie Nahabet introduced himself. The ASUC had a budget of about \$1.6 million and gave money back to student groups and organizations on campus. It also puts on programs and events for students. There are two graduate student seats open on the Judicial Council, which deals with questions of interpretation involving the ASUC Constitution

Resolution Referral

Mr. Daal referred the Resolution on a By-law Amendment to Promote Fairness and Transparency in Funding Allocations, Resolution #0809a to the Rules, Funding, and Campus Affairs Committees.

A concern was raised about the Law School being in Fall Break when the GA met in November, and a motion to postpone consideration of the above Resolution was made. It was noted that meeting times were set by the By-laws. By a hand-vote of 31-5-0, the GA voted to postpone discussion and a vote on Resolution 0809a until the November meeting.

Mr. Daal referred the resolution on a By-law Amendment to Promote Accountability and Effectiveness for Action Agenda Items, #0809b, to the Rules Committee, the Campus Affairs Committee, and the External Affairs Committee.

Approval of Graduate Events Funding, Round 2

By unanimous voice-vote, the GA approved Grad Events funding, Round 2 allocations.

People were invited back to Anthony Hall for cookies and beer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

End Summary of the Meeting



This regular meeting of the Graduate Assembly, commencing the Fall Semester, was called to order by Miguel Daal at 5:30 p.m. in the ASUC Senate Chamber. Mr. Daal introduced himself and said he was the President of the Graduate Assembly, a second seventh-year Physics major pursuing a PhD.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Daal said he would like to entertain a motion to amend the agenda by adding an item 9, approval of Grad Events Funding Round 2 allocations. The amendment was adopted with no objection.

Ms. Anderson said she would like to amend the agenda by moving elections and possibly Resolution referral above committee selection. She'd have to leave early to deal with the social after the meeting and would like to be there for the elections. Mr. Daal said that would move the elections to number 6 on the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Daal said the first announcement was from Teach for America. Neena Dass introduced herself and said she was the Graduate Recruitment Director for Teach for America, which has seen a huge growth in grad and professional students that past year, out of the 6,000 entering members. Thirty percent of those 6,000 were grad students and professional students from across the country. People in the room have probably seen fliers for the program that were targeted towards undergrads. But the program was really excited about the grad student-component as well.

Ms. Dass said she was there to talk to Delegates about this since they were representatives of the grad student body and would be able to articulate to peers and classmates that Teach for America was recruiting grad students. Grads should be aware that this was an opportunity for them as well.

Teach for America existed because of the achievement gap between lower-income and higher-income schools. Thirteen million children are growing up in poverty and will perform at an 8th grade reading level. That was the case just around the corner where she taught 9th and 10th grade English. This problem is solvable.

Ms. Dass said Teach for America recruits the nation's next top leaders. People teach for two years in an urban renewal classroom and get an opportunity to receive a teaching credential and a Master's in Education. They also get a stipend of \$4,700, which could be used to pay off any student loans at Cal or future loans they had to take out for their education.

At Teach for America they really believe in closing the gap, not just in the short term, but also in the long term. They now have 16,000 people who have done the core, and 12,000 are working on this issue outside of education. A good friend of hers, a PhD student who taught physics, taught the first AP class in her school. They used his expertise and knowledge to create significant gains in the classroom. She was among 24 out of 25 students who pulled 3 or 4 on the AP exam. And three of those students were actually at Berkeley now and one was at MIT. So it was really exciting to see the gains that grads could make in classrooms.

Barack Obama's education policy advisor is a Teach for America alum, and they have advisors working on Capitol Hill and over 100 principals working on the West Coast alone. She would definitely ask grads to take a look at TeachforAmerica.org to learn more. If they have questions, they could get e-mails from Teach for America general blast. They should feel free to contact her at any time and they could set up a meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Daal said he forgot to entertain a motion to approve the minutes from May. It was so moved and seconded. **THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 8, 2008 GA MEETING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE.**

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Mr. Daal said that the next announcement was from Associate Dean Muller, from the Graduate Division. Ms. Muller introduced herself and said she was Associate Dean in the Grad Division. She is also a professor of Chemical Engineering. She was just there that evening to introduce herself. Mr. Daal invited her as well as Andrew Szeri to attend GA meetings, as they were available, in order to increase communication between the Graduate Division and the Graduate Assembly. That's why she was there that evening. She'll stick around for at least part of the meeting and hopefully they'll see her a few more times. She'd be happy to talk to anybody one-on-one.

Ms. Muller said her responsibilities in the Grad Division were divided between reviews of academic programs and graduate groups and student life issues. That would include health insurance, housing for

graduate students, student-parent issues, etc. She's been in the Graduate Division for just over a year and has been on campus 17 years.

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Ms. Muller said she wanted to highlight the ways in which the Graduate Division and the Graduate Assembly have worked together in the time she's been in the Graduate Division and sort of highlight ways in which they can move forward together. One thing she and Mr. Daal worked on was library privileges for students who go on to file. Students don't realize that if they go off filing fees that they lose their library privileges, unless the student applied to have them extended. That was something that turned out to be sort of easy to do after they understood the issues, and they worked together very closely. Mr. Daal was the External Affairs Vice President. They also worked together on the Sarlo Mentoring Awards and the Faculty Mentoring Awards ceremony. They had a joint ceremony that some people in the room may have attended. It was a great event and a very successful collaboration.

Ms. Muller said that people may have heard that there have been some changes to the Dean's Normative Time Fellowship that allow some work while grads hold the DNTF. Grads were really helped by the GA sort of canvassing students who had held the DNTF and then seeing what their opinions were. That feedback really informed the Grad Division. Ms. Muller said she worked with Carmen Mitchell on the Graduate Woman's Resource Guide. Ms. Mitchell was kind enough to let the Graduate Division highlight some of its programs that people hadn't really been aware of, particularly women and students with families.

And lastly, this was really a tough budget year, as they have all heard, over and over again. Where she thought biggest impact could be made by Mr. Daal and other members of the GA was in working with the Grad Division to really highlight the importance of funding for graduate students across campus. She thought there was a lot of room for growth there. The Chancellor has a lot of different priorities and was doubling to the extent that he could, and to help and advocate for, the funding of graduate programs. That's really helpful for the Graduate Division; and the Grad Division wanted to partner with the GA in that area.

Mr. Daal said he would like to thank Ms. Muller. Dean Szeri will speak at the GA's next meeting, in October, for half an hour and answer questions people might have about the Graduate Division.

Tu Tran introduced himself and said he was an ASUC Senator. Eddie Nahabet introduced himself. Mr. Tran said they were present to promote a program, Cal Hep B Free. Essentially, it's a collaboration between the ASUC, ASUC HBV, and the ASUC Auxiliary, to address the high incidence of hepatitis B carriers on the campus. Ethnicities that were at high risk for hepatitis B were Asian Pacific Islanders, East Europeans, Russians, Sub-Saharan Africans, and those from the Amazon basin. So for the entire semester they'll try to spread the word and work through many different communities of graduate students to make sure people were aware of hepatitis B and aware of the fact that the ASUC was providing for free screenings at the Tang Center, which will go on for the entire duration of the semester.

Mr. Nahabet said they're just trying to get the word out about the hepatitis program. It's a great program and it would be nice if people could tell their colleagues about it, and really try and spread the word, and get people to take advantage of this.

Mr. Tran said that President Daal will send out an e-mail and an electronic flier. They also had some physical fliers that people could post in their departments. He wanted to thank them. Mr. Daal said he would like to thank them.

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Mr. McDougal introduced himself and said he was in his second-year in the Math Department. A group, "Words on Life," puts on an event every month called "Taboo Topics," one of a series of events. The idea of Taboo Topics is to create a space for students on campus to talk about controversial issues that normally people wouldn't talk about with others. They might think about them or talk about them with their inner circle of friends, but wouldn't really talk about them in public. The goal of Taboo Topics is to create a safe space for interesting public dialogue.

Mr. McDougal said they're in the process of trying to figure out what their issues will be this month. There will be different issues every month. He was getting feedback at that time to find out some of the most interesting topics for campus communities to discuss. They've come up with a list of ten conversations and he'd pass around a sheet with different issues and would ask Delegates to circle the four issues they thought were most interesting. It didn't mean they agreed or disagreed with the statement as it appeared on the sheet, but just meant they'd be interested in overhearing or participating in the public conversation about that issue.

Mr. McDougal the format of the conversations will be a safe space, with a fishbowl kind of arrangement. There will be an inner circle of people who choose to participate and an outer circle for people who just wanted to listen and hear in on the conversation. Again, it will happen at the end of the month. They're trying to figure out different topics for the month. If people wanted to send him an e-mail, the address was shawn@math.berkeley.edu.

Introduction to the GA

Mr. Daal said he saw a lot of new faces, and the next topic on the agenda was an introduction to the GA. For a little about the GA's history, they'd hear from Ms. El-Naggar. Ms. El-Naggar introduced herself and said she was a Berkeley grad student. The GA actually started around 1964, but was formalized in '69. The University agreed to recognize the Graduate Assembly in a form they sort currently have. At that time the GA was a smaller union of students, not the size they had now. It was basically an outgrowth of the Free Speech Movement of 1964. They decided to split graduate students from undergraduate students a little as far as how they comported themselves.

From this union they looked at specific ideas and topics they found to be interesting. So in the early '70s, the GA took over TA training, for one of the initial projects of the GA. It was taken over by the Graduate Division in 1989, she believed. Things like student orientations also came out of this. Basically, anytime they found something that needed more looking into, whether it was underrepresented students or women's issues, a task force would be created, and then essentially a project would be approved. Some of the earliest were the Graduate Women's Project in 1975 and the Graduate Minority Students Project in 1980. So basically, any projects that the GA now has, which Delegates will learn more about later that evening, began sort of as a small committee. So people shouldn't neglect their committee requirements.

Since its formation, Ms. El-Naggar said there have been hundreds of resolutions that have been passed that have affected a variety of changes in how they approach advocating to the University and local governments.

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Mr. Daal called for any questions about the GA's history. Ms. El-Naggar said that if people wanted more information, a history of the GA was published in the Spring 2007 issue of *The Berkeley Graduate*. It was available at the GA and will soon be online.

Mr. Daal said that Nima Bassiri will talk more about the purpose of the GA. Ms. Bassiri said she was the Chief-of-Staff for both the President and the Campus Affairs Vice President. The GA, very generally, is the organized body of advocacy and support for the graduate student population. Specifically, the GA functions as a representative government, amplifying the graduate student voice for the purposes of producing policy transformations, either on campus or at the Systemwide level. The GA connects students with the campus and with the Administration by acting as a conduit through which graduate students can be placed into administrative and faculty Senate committees. The GA was one of the organizations that maintains student life, specifically for graduate students, in terms of health, family, equity, inclusion, those sorts of things.

These specific political functions are augmented by the fact that the GA offers a set of academic and community building resources. So the GA sustains and produces academic workshops, lecture series, campus-based projects, scholarly periodicals, and also acts as a base of support for independent research and professional development.

Mr. Daal said that to talk a little about the structure of the GA, they'd hear from their Rules Officer, Scott Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong said he was a seventh-year in the Math Department and was the GA Rules Officer. He'd say a few things about how the GA was politically structured and who all the various characters in the GA were.

Mr. Armstrong said that first of all, if they were like him and thought it was great fun, they could read the GA's By-laws, which were online. These are what govern how the organization was structured. Above the By-laws was the Charter of the GA, and then federal law.

Below the By-laws, in terms of authority, was the Delegate Assembly. Once a year the Assembly elects Officers and Committee Chairs. The Officers are the President, the two Vice Presidents, the Rules Officer, the Project Coordinator, and the Budget Officer. There are Committee chairs, a list of which was in the agenda packet. Apart from that, there are committees. Delegates will be on a committee before the end of the evening.

Mr. Armstrong said under the Assembly, the GA has an Executive Board, made up of all the people he mentioned, the elected Officers. The Board meets more frequently than the Assembly and was more flexible. The idea was that the entity with the most authority, the Assembly, was the least flexible. The Exec Board was more flexible and had less authority. The President was sort of under the Board and was a lot more flexible than the Board.

The GA has projects, which fall under the Project Coordinator. Delegates would be hearing more about the projects as they were a very big part of the GA. The GA also had the Business Office, which was part of the ASUC Auxiliary. The ASUC stands for the "Associated Students of the University of California." The ASUC Auxiliary was the fiscal agent of the GA.

Mr. Konwinski asked who sat on the Executive Board. Mr. Daal said the Executive Board was comprised of Officers, Committee Chairs, and Graduate Council representatives. Mr. Armstrong it's comprised of anyone who was elected by the Delegate Assembly.

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Lucero Chavez said he was the Chief-of-Staff in the External Office. They have voter registration forms available that evening. A lot of grads move, and every time someone moved, even if it was to another apartment, they had to re-register. Voter registration forms will be passed around, and if people needed to register they should feel free to fill it out and turn it back to him. And if they could take some to their departments, that would be great. They can be turned in at Anthony Hall, where more forms were also available.

Mr. Daal said that also on the topic of forms, he would ask them to please fill out and return their Delegate Certification Form if they haven't already done so. People couldn't vote as Delegates otherwise.

Mr. Daal said the way attendance was taken at Assembly meetings was through Delegate feedback forms. He would ask them to please fill them out and return them to Ms. Bassiri.

Introductions of GA People without Committees

Continuing with introductions, Mr. Daal said he would like to go around the room and introduce some key people, key components with the GA.

Susan Hsueh, Business Manager, introduced herself and said she started on campus 26 years ago. This was her fourth year with the GA. For the previous 23 years worked mainly with international students. She works with everyone at the GA, including the Project Coordinator, the Budget Officer, and the Business Office. The GA only has two career staff, she and Mr. Tuchman. They are UC Berkeley staff, employees of the Auxiliary. The Business Office at the GA is staffed completely by undergraduate students. She basically had a little part with anything having to do with money, including the Business Office and the Finance Officer. She gets feedback from everyone, from all three components, but mainly from the students, in terms of what direction people wanted to go and how they wanted to use their money.

The money the GA receives comes from the \$10.00 each student pays each semester. The campus collects that for the GA, and that was the GA's base budget. One-third of their base budget actually goes to student groups. They'll talk about funding reports and about funding. What the Business Office does was whatever was best for the graduate students. They were there to help them. Ms. Hsueh said she was also the liaison between the Auxiliary and the GA, as well as the liaison between the GA and all other campus units. It was very challenging and very interesting.

Mr. Daal said that to mention a little more about the Auxiliary, according to an agreement with the University, the GA was required to have a fiscal agent to handle all of the GA's money; and that fiscal agent

is the ASUC Auxiliary. The ASUC Auxiliary was not the ASUC, the Associated Students. The Auxiliary also handled the ASUC student government's funds and was also the ASUC's fiscal agent.

Mr. Daal asked Chiefs-of-Staff to please introduce themselves. Lucero Chavez said he's a second-year at the Law School and worked with the External Affairs Vice President's office. They work mainly with the broader Berkeley community as well as with the UC Student Association. Nima Bassiri said she's a seventh-year in the Rhetoric Department and worked mainly with Mr. Daal and Ms. Abel, the President and the Campus Affairs VP. He wrote letters, edited documents, and organized their internal infrastructure.

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Mr. Daal asked Graduate Council representatives to please introduce themselves, as many as were present. Dan Work introduced himself and said he was a third-year PhD student in Civil Systems and is on the Graduate Council. The Grad Council is a committee of the Academic Senate, which was the faculty governing body. The Grad Council largely works on graduate student issues and takes them directly to the faculty, as well as the campus at-large. Avi Valladares introduced himself and said this was his second year in the Italian Department. Mr. Daal said there are three Grad Council reps and an alternate.

Brandon Nicholson introduced himself and said he was a fourth-year in the School of Education and was Graduate Minority Outreach Recruitment and Retention Coordinator. His project was different. There are two projects, the Graduate Minority Students Project, and his project, which was student-based. He worked mainly with student groups and with issues having to deal with students and campus life, as opposed to working with the Graduate Division or working on more academic issues. Some of the things they'll do that fall were to actually try to make efforts to increase recruitment of students of color, specifically for grant programs, by putting on application workshops for undergrads and working with the Student Development Office in Cesar Chavez. For him, the process to apply was pretty mystifying, so they're trying to provide as many resources as possible for undergrads and to act as mentors, as well as to serve as a resource for other student groups on campus in general. He knew a lot of groups apply for event funding, mainly from the GA, and go through the budget, and through the Funding Chair, and also put on supporting events that the projects put on. Finally, that fall he'll work on a diversity career networking reception for employers who are interested in students from across disciplines. They like to call them "careers of analysis," having to do with consulting firms, policy firms, public interest, things of that nature. They're looking for different students across disciplines and trying to hire hopefully.

Corey Ponder introduced himself and said he was a second-year in Public Policy and was Graduate Support Services Project Coordinator. The goal of his project was to focus on graduate resources and outreach to the general graduate student population. His big thing that year will be to focus on isolation and really try to counter that, and get graduate students out, not just within their departments, but outside as well, to meet students in other areas. He also wanted to and help with making the transition to Berkeley and to also work on issues of mental health and awareness and help with resources for jobs and potential research opportunities; there were a number of things. He actually had four events that were all coming up. He was passing around flier about "The Social Studies Break," on September 26 at Anthony Hall, at 5:30. This will be an opportunity to get everybody out and to mingle. They just had to bring an ID. There will be beer and pizza. The next event is a Ford Fellowship Foundation panel discussion/workshop coming up next Thursday at noon. It's a discussion on how to make themselves a little more marketable in grant proposals and the application process. On Friday there will be a conference for anybody interested in post-doc opportunities after Berkeley. It will be an all-day event starting at 9 a.m. in the West Madrone Room, 4th floor of MLK. Lastly, if people were interested in this topic, Mental Health Aware-

ness Week was coming up October 13-14. If people were interested in these events, he would ask them to please call him.

Carmen Mitchell introduced herself and said she was entering her third year in African American Studies. She'll be leaving the GA as Graduate Women's Project Coordinator, so they're looking to get applications from people who were interested in the position. They basically organize different programs and events for all graduate women across the campus. Some of the things she's done in the past was to work with Dean Muller, and the Graduate Women's Resource Guide was distributed, a collaborative work with the Graduate Assembly. They have another event coming up next Thursday, a wine and cheese mixer. She would pass around some fliers and would ask people to please pass them around their different

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departments and disciplines. It will be September 18 from 5:00 to 7:00. There will be free food, wine, cheeses, and it will be a good time to mingle with people around campus as well. Everyone was welcome to that. Ms. Mitchell said she and Mr. Ponder have also been working with the Tang Centers, and they're going to organize some workshops for grads, and whoever comes on with the Graduate Women's Project will definitely be organizing this as well. On Thursday, October 16, they're going to have some graduate student stress management workshops and some health and wellness workshops in October. If people were interested, or knew others who might be interested in the Graduate Women's Project position, they could talk to Mr. Daal or to Ms. Harris, or Ms. Mitchell said they could send her an e-mail.

Mr. Daal said the next project was the Berkeley Graduate Project Coordinator. Mariam El-Naggar introduced herself and said that if any of them were new students and went to the New Graduate student Orientation, that was the lion's share of the Berkeley Graduate Project. They're shifting to a more electronic system. There will be news about that on the Web page. However, they're working on archiving their old issues, which were a fairly decent resource for interesting articles on things like taxes, budgeting, and when it's a good time to quit grad school. If people want more information they should feel free to e-mail *The Berkeley Graduate*.

Mr. Daal asked Mr. Tuchman to introduce himself. Natan Tuchman introduced himself and said he was the Funding Advisor at the GA. He oversees the funding and the reimbursement process. Diana was part of the business office. They were there to help answer any general questions people have, especially with reimbursement or general questions about the GA.

Mr. Daal said those were introductions from people who don't have committees. Delegates might find more information in the information sheet that was prepared for Delegates.

Introductions of GA People with Committees

Mr. Daal said they would next hear from people with committees. He would ask Delegates to pay close attention to these people as they describe their committees because after they speak, Delegates will choose committees to join. Every Delegate was required to choose a committee. It could be a campus committee or a GA committee. The people who were about to speak represented GA committees.

Ms. Anderson asked if he could mention what the other option was. Mr. Daal said the other options were campus committees, of which there were many.

Reporting for the Budget Committee, Nish Rajan said he was the Budget Officer of the GA that year and was also Chair of the Budget Committee. It mostly makes the GA budget. The GA allocates some \$500,000 in operating costs and budgets, most of which will be done in the spring. If people had good core values, understood high school math, and didn't dabble in sub-prime mortgages, this would be a good Committee for them. It has a lot of scope. People would learn a lot about the GA and how it functions, learn a lot about organizations and how they run, how to set up structures that consult policies and were sustainable. It would be good for people who were interested in learning about the various interests of the GA since they'd interact with many units of the GA. Mr. Rajan said he was a fourth-year student in the PhD program at the Business School. At least for the first meeting, the Budget Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 17, from 6:00 to 7:00 at Anthony Hall. But that time was negotiable, and they could meet at a different time.

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Mr. Daal said that information for most of the committees was also listed on the information sheet.

Reporting for the Campus Affairs Committee, Triffid Abel introduced herself and said she was Campus Affairs Vice President. They're meeting next Tuesday from 6:00 to 7 p.m. at Anthony Hall. If people were interested in this Committee but couldn't make it at that time, they should send her an e-mail and they could work their schedule into future meetings. The Campus Affairs Committee works on pretty much anything that happens on campus. It dealt with housing, health care, worked with the Graduate Division on faculty mentorship awards, and basically worked on anything and everything. If people were interested in anything on campus, broadly speaking, she would ask them to please join the Campus Affairs Committee. Mr. Daal said that many of the things that Associate Dean Muller brought up were things that she worked on with the previous Campus Affairs VP.

Reporting for the Environmental Sustainability Committee, Brad Froehle said he was Chair of the Committee. The Committee has only been around for a couple of years, since the green movement started on campus in '05, or so. A big project they'll work on this year will be to have the Graduate Division change its policies regarding submitting PhDs or Master's dissertations. They currently require several printed versions, and the Committee would like to see that reduced to one printed version and an electronic copy. Instead of mailing one's dissertation, they could get it scanned instead, and e-mail the pdf file for people to print out anyway. The big thing was that last year they got a \$10,000 grant for getting Anthony Hall LEED certified. "LEED" is a program by the US Green Building Council, which recognizes buildings and building operations. A building can get certification if it's green enough, or if they make it green enough. The Committee was working on getting that at Anthony Hall. They have a reasonably big budget to see that happen. These will be the issues they'll work on for the coming year, and of course if people want to be on the Committee and had any other pet projects for the campus, such as being really into bicycles, or wanting to see more recycling bins, or composting on campus, which was something the committee was working on, or if they just wanted an outlet to help fix the environment, this was one way to make a pretty big impact. Mr. Daal said this position was open. Mr. Froehle said that if people wanted to chair this Committee, they could do so. The first meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 16 at 8:15 a.m.

Ms. Tien asked how often these committees meet after their first meetings, and if it was once a week or once a month. Mr. Daal said that typically they meet once a month. Mr. Froehle meeting times could usually be rescheduled once the committee is determined.

Alberto Ortega introduced himself and said he was the External Affairs Vice President and also the Chair of the External Affairs Committee. Analogous to Ms. Abel doing pretty much anything possible on campus, the EA Committee did everything people would be interested in that related to Statewide issues, anything beyond the Berkeley campus that affected students, and grad students specifically. Projects they're working on also included getting more engaged in the Berkeley community. They're also working closely with the Sustainability Committee and also working on more Systemwide policies. One example was the food services policy going through Systemwide implementation. They also work with the UCSA, the Systemwide equivalent of the GA, for all of the representative student bodies for the ten UC campuses, undergraduate and graduate students. The UCSA meets ten times a year, more or less. The External Affairs Committee was also working on some vote registration projects. The Committee could do pretty much anything people were interested in that had to do with things that went beyond the University. They could also work on voting in the election. They hope to host something with the Grad Social Club and have an Election Day keg party. The first meeting of the External Affairs Committee will be Tuesday, September 25, 8:15 to 9 a.m. at Anthony Hall. They'll have coffee and bagels.

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Reporting for the Funding Committee, Gabe Podesta said he chaired the Funding Committee. Student groups submit funding applications to the GA and the Committee reviews them, trying to make sure they dole out money in as fair a way as possible. Their meetings are long but they can be fun. They usually have burritos. Their first meeting will be whenever there was something to review. Sometimes they could go a while without having meeting, sometimes there were deadlines, and sometime they had to meet a lot. They'll try to meet on Monday evenings, but that would be up to Committee members, and meeting times could be changed based on people's schedules. They're looking for people who were interested in making sure that student groups were being funded in as fair a way as possible.

Mr. Daal said Ms. Hsu, the Graduate Minority Student Support Project Coordinator was not present and asked if somebody wanted to say a few words about the Project. Ms. El-Naggar said she believed the Graduate Minority Student Support Committee works with the Graduate Minority Student Support Student Project in order to get ideas and such for events and works on various things. They're trying to put out a publication called *Diversity In Excellence* at some point that year. To looked like their first meeting was to be announced. If people were interested in more information the person to e-mail was Ms. Hsu.

Mr. Daal said the next intro would be from the Grad Social Club. Elaine Shapland introduced herself and said she was a fourth-year grad student in Microbiology, and Kate Williams introduced herself and said she was a third-year PhD student in Infectious Disease Immunology. She and Ms. Shapland took over the GSC last semester. The goal of the project was to provide an atmosphere in which to have social interaction among grad students, i.e., to have parties. They sponsor three parties a year. Last spring they did a St. Patrick's Day party, a GA open house party, and a Bay cruise, where they rented a boat through Blue & Gold and had a cruise around the Bay to celebrate the end of the semester. They sold tickets for \$25 and it was a really great night. The Grad Social Club sponsored the back-to-school event last week, with over 600 people in attendance. They have two more parties that coming semester.

The bulk of the requirement of this project was basically to show up at their meetings, which were usually once every four to six weeks. They provide beer and food. The bulk of the requirement was to help out at the event with serving alcohol and food, checking IDs, that sort of thing. If this was up their alley, she would ask them to please come and see them. Mr. Daal said the Grad Social Club was responsible for the back-to-school social two weeks ago, which went very well.

Aaron deGrassi introduced himself and said he was the Chair of the International Student Affairs Committee that year. The Committee works on issues dealing with international students. He wasn't actually an international student, but that didn't matter, and people didn't have to be an international student to be on the Committee. This will be first year he's chairing, so he was also open to the possibility of switching if somebody was really passionate about this subject. One issue was the discrepancy between international students and US citizens. That's one thing they'll work on. Another thing they worked on and had some success with was a bunch of other little fees and quarks that were different for international students. One of those was with RSF fees for partners of international students. The Committee also organizes a fall social every year. The Committee was open to new issues that people might have experienced personally, or something they heard about through friends. Other things the Committee will work on was to get more resources online and to make sure the Committee had resources at Anthony Hall. If people were interested in international student affairs issues because they were an international student, had friends who were, or were just curious about it, he would ask them to please get involved. The Committee still didn't have a meeting date, but it will be soon.

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Mr. Daal said the next introduction would be from the Rules Committee. Scott Armstrong introduced himself and said he was the Chair of the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee was sort of in charge of making sure that the GA didn't break its own rules. They were also working on ways to improve the structure of the GA to make it a more effective institution and to improve institutional memory, things like that. He thought the Committee has, in the last few years, made some changes that made the GA better. The Rules Committee chairs before him did a good job and he hoped to continue that and to make the GA a stronger, better institution. If people were interested in things like this they should be on this Committee.

Mr. Daal said that Mr. Armstrong also functioned as a de facto parliamentarian, helping him with Robert's Rules.

Mr. Daal said the next introduction would be from the Technology Chair. Brad Froehle said he's been the interim Technology Chair since mid-summer. Technology was two faceted, and was both technology within the GA and additionally, dealt with technology for the University at-large. He thought they'll break down that year into focusing a little bit on each sector. For example, the Graduate Assembly recently created a Web site. There were still things to iron out. Per the will of the Committee, they'll come up with a list of things they want to see made better and get them implemented. It was like a wish list. They're also talking about doing some transition of their e-mail, and things like that. So there were a lot of little nitty-gritty in-house details, but additionally, they also deal with the campus as a whole and its policies, e.g., about e-mail quotas, access to Cal Agenda, which faculty use, and other stuff like that. They just want to make sure they have a voice and presence in any technology decisions that are made. He didn't really know what the Committee will do that year, but he was open to feedback. Their first meeting date is Thursday, September 18, at 8:15 a.m. at Anthony Hall.

Mr. Daal said the next introduction would be from the Women of Color Initiative. Justine Lazaro introduced herself and said she was a second-year at the Policy School. She was excited to be serving as Women of Color Initiative Coordinator. She did her undergrad work at Cal and saw a lot of fabulous and empowering Women of Color Conferences. For this year they're going to do something new, and have some workshops and brown bag seminars to foster dialogue between faculty, staff, alumni, and graduate and undergraduate women of color. Their first brown bag will be Wednesday, September 24, at noon.

Their first big event for the Fall Semester will be a concert by “Climbing Poe Tree” at La Peña Cultural Center, on Shattuck. Climbing Poe Tree was the keynote at last year’s Empowering Women of Color Conference. Next semester, the Empowering Women of Color Conference, which was a very big event, will be on Valentine’s Day, February 14. They need a lot of help. If Delegates were interested in this Committee, its first meeting will be on Friday, September 19, at noon in Anthony Hall.

Mr. Daal said the last introduction was by Ms. Abel, on campus committees. Ms. Abel said every Delegate was required to sit on a committee. They're really fun. All the different committees have food and it's a good way to meet other graduate students and work on issues that people were really interested in. If there was one specific focus that people had that they didn't hear mentioned, or if they heard it mentioned but didn't want to work on all the other things the committee did, there was an alternative which would also fulfill their requirement, and that was campus committees.

Mr. Abel said there are two types of campus committees. For faculty Senate committees, there was usually one grad student and one undergrad, both voting members, sitting with a bunch of faculty working on a particular topic. A sheet was distributed that listed all of the Academic Senate committees. She'd talk

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about three of them. The Committee on Courses of Instruction approves new courses and modifications in existing courses, and students actually get to give input. The Committee on Research advises the Chancellor on research policy. Another was the subcommittee on the breadth requirement for American Cultures. Ms. Abel said these bodies were interesting and fun and usually meet once a month or every other week. If people were interested in these they should e-mail her.

Ms. Abel said there are also administrative committees, again with a grad and an undergrad member, along with campus administrators. Students on these committees are the student voice, so it was important to have student reps on all these committees. An example of these bodies was the Class Pass Fee Committee, which was important. Another was the Berkeley Initiative on Leadership and Diversity. There were also Lower Sproul committees that weren't listed. Two or three committees were open, so if Delegates were interested in working on Lower Sproul, they could write that in.

Mr. Froehle said the Plaza they were in was Lower Sproul and included Eshleman, Cesar Chavez, Zellerbach and the MLK Student Union. As a campus, they're thinking about re-doing some of these buildings and changing the layout. The concrete, barren wasteland wasn't really working any more. It would be good to have a couple of grad students on these committees to make sure administrators didn't do something dumb. Mr. Daal said people were literally planning these buildings, and they were in the planning stages. So grads could have a lot of voice at that time. It was an interesting, \$400 million project. A lot of that money for the work will come from student fees.

Ms. Abel said that if they were interested in any of these committees, people should talk to Ms. Bassiri about them and sign up.

Election of the Technology Committee Chair

Mr. Daal said people could make nominations or nominate themselves to be chair of the Technology Committee. Nominees would be asked to leave the room for a discussion off the record and a vote.

Mr. Daal called for nominations for Technology Committee Chair. Ms Anderson nominated Mr. Froehle. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Daal asked Mr. Froehle to leave the room for a discussion and a vote. **THE MOTION TO APPROVE BRAD FROEHLE AS THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE CHAIR PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE.** Mr. Daal asked to have Mr. Froehle return and said he would like to congratulate him. (Applause)

Election of the Environmental Sustainability Committee Chair

Mr. Daal called for nominations for the Environmental Sustainability Chair. Ms. Anderson nominated Mr. Valladares, who respectfully declined. Mr. Froehle said he would be more than willing to help run the meetings for the first couple of months and smooth the transition.

Mr. Daal said committee chairs also sat on the Executive Board.

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Mr. Podesta nominated Mr. Work. Mr. McDougal nominated Trevor Potter, who respectfully declined. Mr. Rajan nominated Ms. Anderson.

Seeing no further nominations, Mr. Daal asked the two candidates to say a few words about their plans. Mr. Work said that if Ms. Anderson wanted the position, it was hers. This was a really interesting position, so if Ms. Anderson didn't want the position, he'd fill it. He just got to the Law School after having worked for the past couple of years as an environmental grassroots organizer. He thought there was a lot of important things to do with the position.

Ms. Anderson said that if this was something Mr. Work was really passionate about, then by all means he should have the position. She worked with the Budget Chair last year and on some environmental things, but that wasn't really her focus. She did care a lot about the first things Mr. Froehle talked about, the nit-picky things, like trying to get more recycling in easier places on campus. She didn't have perhaps the large environmental vision. Either way, she thought both she and Mr. Work will end up on the Committee. On the one hand, she definitely had the time, both to chair the Committee and to do all the other things that were involved in being on the GA Executive Board. Mr. Daal comes up with an endless list of things for people to do, which she knew having been Budget Chair and former Technology Chair. On the other hand, she'll be gone for a couple of months that fall, so she could only fill the position part-time.

A Delegate asked if either of them would be interested in being Co-Chair.

Mr. Work asked what the duties of the chair were. Mr. Daal said that one duty was to be on the Exec Board and attend Exec Board meetings, and be responsible as a member of the Exec Board. Mr. Froehle said the duties were to organize a Committee meeting about once a month, send out an agenda ahead of time, and maybe pick up food or snacks for the meeting. Sometimes they get a lot of e-mails they had to respond to, but it really wasn't a big deal. The Exec Board meetings are either once a month or once every two weeks depending on the time of year. Committee chairs have to attend those and report on what their committee was doing. Additionally, they had to be a motivator in order to get people motivated to do the work they said they were going to do.

Mr. Work asked how frequently Exec Board meetings were held. Mr. Daal said they meet at least once a month. Mr. Work said he would be happy to Co-Chair. He asked if that meant the same amount of responsibility, or half. He'd be happy to do more outward looking things if Ms. Anderson wanted to do more inward looking stuff.

Mr. Daal asked the nominees to please leave the room for a discussion off the record and a vote.

Mr. deGrassi said he had a question about electing Co-Chairs. Mr. Daal said this committee chair votes on the Executive Board, so the GA would have to elect a chair. Mr. Work said that people could agree to share the vote.

Mr. Rajan said that as he understood it, the chair was a single position and the position got one vote. He thought there have been co-chairs in the past. He didn't know if there was anything in the rules that forbids the position being chaired between two people.

Mr. Daal said that was his point, and the position would only have one vote on the Executive Board. The co-chairs could work out whatever agreement they'd like, but would only get one vote on the Board.

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Mr. Klein asked if they were going to vote on three possibilities. Mr. Daal said they'd vote on possibilities. If some would like to make a motion to do something else, the GA could consider that. The Delegate asked if the Co-Chairship has not yet been nominated. Mr. Daal said it hasn't.

Ms. Anderson asked if it was possible for her to drop out, with the understanding that she would be happy to help Mr. Work with whatever was needed. Mr. Daal said that would be possible.

Ms. Anderson said she would withdraw her nomination.

Mr. Daal asked Mr. Work to please leave the room for a discussion off the record and a vote. AFTER A DISCUSSION AND A VOTE, THE MOTION TO APPOINT DAN WORK TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CHAIR PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE.

Mr. Daal asked to have Mr. Work brought back into the room and said he would like to congratulate Mr. Work.

Committee Selection

Mr. Daal said they would now have a bit of controlled chaos as they select committees. People who appeared in section 5 of the agenda have a clipboard with the name of a committee. They will be positioned throughout the room, and for the next 15 minutes, Delegates would be free to go to the person holding the clipboard for the committee they have selected. [Delegates chose committees.]

Back in regular session, Mr. Daal said that according to the GA's By-laws, the Delegate body had to vote to confirm the make-up of the committees. This was a rather serious vote, unlike the unanimous votes they've had before. They don't have the total make-up of the GA yet because everybody there has not

turned in their Delegate certification forms. Some people turned it in that day. But the GA did not yet have a list of people composing the Delegate body yet. On their sheets, people indicated their first and second choices for committees. It would appear that some committees were rather low in people, and some committees had a lot more than they might need.

Mr. Daal said he saw two options. One option was to vote, on the honor system. The downside was that they might have some committees with very few people and end up accomplishing nothing, when they were supposed to accomplish something. People were also not present. Another option was to give him the authority to go through the lists and to make sure all the committees had enough people to function.

Mr. Klein asked if they could vote on the membership at that time, and then at their next meeting, people could make adjustments and change committees. Mr. Daal said that would be option one. The concern is that between now and the next GA meeting, some committees might not have enough people to function. And they had to get things done by the GA's next meeting, which was in just three weeks.

Mr. Klein said that if Mr. Daal were to appoint committees, if he would use the sheets they filled out that evening stating what committees they wanted to be on. Mr. Daal said he would certify that people were, indeed, Delegates, and would then randomly choose from the sign-in sheets. Mr. Klein said the blue

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sheets people filled out that evening on the committees please wanted would take priority unless over-ruled. Mr. Daal said that was correct. He believed that only a couple of committees were over-full, and a couple of committees were drastically under-full.

Mr. deGrassi said he believed people could serve on more than one committee. Mr. Daal said that was correct. It was the expectation that Delegates would definitely serve on one committee, but they could, in addition serve on whatever second committee they wanted; and they could do that until the next meeting, when the GA will confirm the nominations.

Ms. Pannu asked if they could identify which committees were low in enrollment so people could shift if they wanted to opt out of committee they were already in.

Mr. Daal asked Committee Chairs to please raise their hands if their committee was low.

Ms. Pannu asked how many Delegates were needed on committees. Mr. Daal said that the Technology Committee needed four more members and External Affairs had three people. Mr. Daal said he would like to have four people on the Committee. So they were talking about a maximum shuffle of five people.

Mr. Konwinski asked if there was anything in the By-laws about dissolving committees that weren't popular. Mr. Daal said they could dissolve a committee, but that would be by a By-law amendment. External Affairs and Campus Affairs Committees, being that they had vice presidential positions, were very important.

Mr. McDougal said that in a sense, the composition of committees was being determined by people voting with their feet and deciding which committee to participate in. To the extent that the Assembly empowered these committees as a representative body of all the students, if a committee ended up not

having enough people, then that was representative of the interests of the GA. Mr. Daal said that was correct, but they do have mission.

Mr. Froehle said the Technology Committee wasn't very glamorous, but if they're not fulfilling their basic requirements, or being able to communicate to the external world, then no matter how much they did internally, the GA's message would be lost. So they need to have a well-functioning system in place to really spread their message, and that was something this Committee is would be in charge of.

Ms. Harris said there were only two members on the Graduate Minority Student Project Committee.

Mr. Daal said he'd entertain a motion to confirm the committee make-up as indicated on the sheets, with the proviso that he could coerce a couple of people into the three committees that needed more members.

Mr. Klein asked if there were any committees that were over-full, and if they could have people go to their second choice.

Ms. Abel said there were some people who left the room, and she thought Delegates who didn't sign up for a committee should be on the Technology Committee.

Mr. Klein moved to confirm the committee membership as indicated on the sign-up sheets with the proviso that the GA Chair may appoint people who have not yet signed up on committees of the Chair's choosing. The motion was seconded.

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A Delegate objected and said that everybody who left the meeting and wasn't interested in the GA could be put on one committee. Mr. Daal said that for committees to function, they need to have five people who want to be on them.

Mr. Klein said the Chair would talk to people and try and convince people to support a particular committee. The motion was to confirm the make-up of committees, as indicated on the sign-up sheets, with the proviso that people who didn't indicate a committee choice could be appointed by the GA Chair to whatever committees were not full.

A Delegate suggested recruiting people instead of coercing them.

A Delegate asked if would be possible to e-mail people who weren't there and ask them to choose one of the three under-populated committees. If they didn't respond, then the Chair would select for them.

Ms. LePak moved to amend the motion to first have either the committee chairs or others e-mail people who were not there, asking them to choose committee. The motion was seconded. Mr. Daal asked if there was any debate on the amendment.

Mr. Rabkin said he would be comfortable if the motion was re-worded to clarify who would be responsible contacting these Delegates. He thought they should be specific. Mr. Daal said he would e-mail people.

Mr. Podesta said that maybe Mr. Froehle could send an e-mail to Delegates who weren't on a committee and try and entice them, as opposed to coercing them. If it came from Mr. Froehle then it was recruitment. So he would amend the motion, and have chairs of under-subscribed committees given access to

the listserv. Mr. Daal said that was a parallel amendment. They would need to first have Ms. LePak's amendment withdrawn or to vote it down.

Ms. LePak said she would withdraw her amendment.

Mr. McDougal said he liked Mr. Podesta's idea because it empowered committee chairs to take leadership and therefore decentralize leadership so not everything was on Mr. Daal's shoulders.

A Delegate said that it seemed only one committee needed one member. Mr. Daal said the Environmental Sustainability Committee and the GMSP needed members.

Mr. Daal said there were, therefore, three committees that needed members. He said Mr. Podesta made a motion to amend, to have Committee Chairs recruit additional members. The amendment was seconded. Mr. Daal called for debate on the amendment. Mr. Daal said the amendment was for the Chairs of the under-filled Committees to, themselves, e-mail people who have not indicated a committee selection and recruit them to join their Committees.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT PASSED BY VOICE-VOTE.

Mr. Daal said they were now back on debate of the motion as amended and asked if there was further debate.

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Mr. Rabkin said the motion was that the GA adopt the committees that people signed up for and that Chairs of under-full Committees attempt to recruit members from those Delegates who have not yet signed up.

A motion to call the question and end debate was made and seconded and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO ADOPT COMMITTEE SIGN UPS AND FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRS OF UNDER-FULL COMMITTEES TO RECRUIT FROM DELEGATES WHO HAVE NOT YET SIGNED UP FOR A COMMITTEE PASSED BY VOICE-VOTE.

ASUC Representatives to the GA

Mr. Nahabet said that Ms. Cho couldn't attend, so he would talk on her behalf. The ASUC has a budget of about \$1.6 million and they work to give that money back to student groups and organizations on campus. In addition, the ASUC also puts on different programs and events to try to make life for students there better. They'll keep in contact with Mr. Daal and the GA. If any issues arise in the Senate that they feel might be of interest to the GA, they will either come to a GA meeting or talk to Mr. Daal. Mr. Nahabet said there are about five representatives from the ASUC Senate to the GA and he hoped to get to know some Delegates better.

Mr. Daal asked if he knew anything about unfilled seats on the Judicial Council for graduate students. Mr. Lucero said there are two graduate student seats on the Judicial Council. The J-Council deals with

questions of interpretation that are raised that had to do with the ASUC Constitution, elections cases in the spring. If there are citations, issues, or violations of elections rules, a lot of stuff that didn't have to take a lot of time, depending on the election year. It was a good space for grads to voice their interpretations of the entire constitution that affects the GA as well. The position session stipended, but there's a retreat and they get to go to all the Cal home games for free, and a number of other things. He was on it last year and it wasn't really that big of a time commitment. It's a chance to interact with undergrads and interpret the Constitution, which affects grads as well.

Resolution Referral

Mr. Daal said that after the GA receives a Resolution, at the first meeting after he received it, he refers it to one of the GA committees people just chose to join. The committee was then charged to write a non-biased analysis of the bill, simply stating its feasibility and how much sense it made.

Mr. Daal said the first Resolution to be referred was Resolution on a By-law Amendment to Promote Fairness and Transparency in Funding Allocations, Resolution #0809a. He referred it to the Rules, Funding, and Campus Affairs Committees. He called for any objection.

Mr. Rabkin asked what it meant to refer a bill to three different committees. He asked if each would come back with its own report. Mr. Daal said each would.

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Mr. Konwinski asked why he proposed sending the bill to those three. Mr. Daal said the Resolution was a By-law amendment, so it was referred to the Rules Committee. It would affect funding, so the Funding Committee should consider it. And it was sent to Campus Affairs because it would affect student groups.

Mr. Podesta said he had a slight concern about this. This will likely come back to the GA's next meeting, which was presently scheduled for when the Law School was on fall break; and he believed it was also Rosh Hashanah. He liked the idea of appointing it to three committees, but he thought they should postpone any discussion and vote until the November GA meeting.

Mr. Podesta moved to postpone consideration of the bill until the November meeting. The motion was seconded. Mr. Podesta said the Law School had a large contingent in the GA and to exclude them would seem rather unfair, particularly on a By-law amendment to promote fairness.

Mr. Daal said he believed he checked, and didn't think the next GA meeting was scheduled for Rosh Hashanah. Mr. Rabkin said that people traveling back to Berkeley from celebrating Rosh Hashanah wouldn't be at the meeting.

A Delegate asked when the next funding deadline was. Mr. Tuchman said it was next Thursday, the 18th, which also applied to Grants Round 1.

Mr. McDougal asked if it made a difference whether or not they voted on this in November. Mr. Armstrong said funding deadlines for groups were October 2 and November 5, so postponing a vote on the Resolution would have an impact. People would get funding under the status quo.

Mr. Podesta said that in his reading of the Resolution, he didn't think postponement would have an affect because the President would have to do a census first. Mr. Daal said that's already been done. They asked the Grad Division for the numbers of grad students.

Mr. Klein asked if the GA was doing anything else next month that Law School students would miss. Mr. Daal said that Dean Szeri will speak. And there were other By-laws coming up.

Mr. Armstrong noted that meeting times were set by the By-laws. He'll ask the Rules Committee to consider a By-law amendment to move the October meeting so Law students could attend. He found out about this two minutes before the meeting that evening. Mr. Rabkin asked if the Assembly could change the meeting date at that time. Mr. Armstrong said they couldn't as it was set in the By-laws. Mr. Daal said an amendment to the By-laws couldn't be fast tracked and needed a month.

Ms. LePak asked when the Assembly would vote on a By-law amendment to change the meeting time. Mr. Daal said that if a motion was made that evening, they could vote on it in November. But the meeting time wouldn't change, and the question was whether or not to table consideration of the Resolution.

Ms. LePak asked if there's ever been another occurrence where they changed the time to vote for a certain segment of students. Mr. Daal said this would be the first time. Mr. Armstrong said it was highly unusual.

Mr. Kramer asked how many Law School students they were talking about. Mr. Daal said there's one Delegate for every 100 students and the Law School had 800 students. The Law School had eight

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Delegates and eight Alternates. Mr. Kramer asked if there were eight Law School Delegates present. A Delegate said there were, as well as eight Alternates.

Mr. Kramer asked about the total number of filled seats the GA had. Mr. Daal said the total number was difficult to determine. Mr. Froehle said that last year there were about 100. Mr. Kramer said the Resolution applied to all departments. The GA couldn't assure that all departments were present for every vote, so he thought they should just vote next month.

Mr. Rabkin asked if there was a provision in the By-laws for remote or proxy voting. Mr. Daal said there is no proxy voting. Mr. Rabkin asked about pre-registered votes. Mr. Armstrong said there was no provision for that.

Mr. Daal said they were out of time for further discussion, unless a motion to extend speaking time was approved. Otherwise they'd immediately vote. Ms. LePak moved to extend speaking time by five minutes. The motion was seconded and passed by voice-vote.

A Delegate said the GA doesn't hold meetings during the Winter Break and asked why they should hold a meeting when the Law School wasn't holding classes. It would be like establishing a meeting during Spring Break. It wasn't as though Law students were choosing not to attend, but they didn't have classes.

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

Mr. Daal said the motion was to postpone until November the discussion and the vote on Resolution 0809a. The bill would still be referred to committee that evening, and committees would have two months to consider it.

Ms. LePak asked if only eight Law students would vote on the motion. Mr. Daal said he believed it was actually nine, given the formula for determining the number of Delegates per department.

The motion passed by hand-vote 31-5-0 to postpone discussion and a vote until the November meeting of the Resolution on a By-law Amendment to Promote Fairness and Transparency in Funding Allocations, Resolution, #0809a. Mr. Daal said the GA would discuss and vote on it at the November meeting.

Mr. Daal said they were out of time and he would entertain a motion for an extension. Mr. Rabkin moved to extend by two minutes. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

Mr. Daal said the other By-law submitted in that agenda, By-law Amendment to Promote Accountability and Effectiveness for Action Agenda Items, #0809b, would be referred the Rules Committee, the Campus Affairs Committee, and the External Affairs Committee.

Approval of Graduate Events Funding, Round 2

Mr. Daal said they need to approve Grad Events funding, Round 2 allocations. The packet was distributed.

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Mr. Froehle moved to approve. The motion was seconded. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUNDING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GRAD EVENTS FUNDING, ROUND 2, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE.

Mr. Daal said that concluded their first meeting, and they only ended a little late.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and passed unanimously by voice-vote.

Mr. Daal said everybody was invited back to Anthony Hall for cookies and beer.

This meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

Steven I. Litwak
Recording Secretary