

GRADUATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

April 7th, 2011

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the ASUC Senate Chamber.

Announcements

Capt. Margot Bennett, UCPD, reported on UC compliance with the Clery Act, which mandates a report on crime statistics.

Saira Hussain, Meditation and Reflection Space

Ms. Hussain asked for support of a petition to the Administration to have dedicated, 24/7 meditation and reflection space in the renovated Lower Sproul project. Until then, a meditation and reflection space will be instituted in the Tilden Room, 5th floor of MLK

Erin Gore, Associate Vice Chancellor, on Lower Sproul

Ms. Gore said the project has created a good community of dialogue between the GA and administrators to hear grad concerns. In response to a question, Ms. Gore said that by the end of this fiscal year there should be seed money in the endowment for Anthony Hall.

Upcoming Events

A graduate student survey was being conducted, available on the GA Web site, to shape the GA's Advocacy Agenda for next year.

Another survey will go out about what students want to see regarding in businesses in downtown Berkeley and on Telegraph, such as with later hours of operation. The City wants to use this as a way to influence policy.

The next meeting of the UCSA will be held at the Goldman School of Public Policy that weekend.

The Grad Social Club's boat cruise tickets are on sale. On Wednesday 500 tickets were sold, and 100 tickets remain.

Resolution Referral

The following Resolutions were referred to committee: 1104b, By-law Amendment to create a Grammar Officer and Grammar Committee; 1104c, Directed Action to Implement Online Funding Applications; 1104d, On Directed Action to Create a Communications Workgroup; 1104e, On Directed Action to Allow Funding of the Operational Excellence Communications Coordinator through June 30, 2011; 1104f, On an Epicurean Approach to Meetings and Events; 1104g, On Updating the GA Charter; 1104h, On a By-law Amendment to Specify Executive Board Quorum.

Elections of Officers and Representatives

The GA elected the following:

President, Bahar Navab
Assembly Affairs Vice President, Philippe Marchand
Campus Affairs Vice President, Elizabeth De La Torre
External Affairs Vice President, Alberto Ortega
Treasurer, Molly Epstein
Rules Chair, Adriana Mendoza
Fund Officer, Mike Sheen
Environmental Sustainability Officer, Jason Trager

The GA voted to hold Grad Council elections next month, and to take written statements only.

Contingency Funding Report

Approved the Funding Committee's report on Contingency Funding. The GA rejected the request of Bike It, You'll Like It, \$330 for a tandem bicycle; and approved requests from CNMAT, \$250 for honoraria and piano tuning for a concert; and from Info Management Student Association, \$66.

2011-2012 Funding Guide

The Funding Guide was distributed for review.

Resolutions

By unanimous voice-vote, the GA approved Resolution 1103f, On Directed Action to Establish Funding Rounds for the 2011-2012 Academic Year. The bill establishes a new calendar for funding rounds.

By unanimous voice-vote, the GA approved 1103d, On Budget Amendment to Fund Transition of Executive Assistant Position. The bill would fund the salary of the incoming Executive Assistant for the summer, \$1,200.

By unanimous involve, the GA approved 1104a, On Directed Action In Support of a City Ordinance Extending Hours of Operation for Businesses In the Telegraph Avenue Commercial District. The bill will inform the City Council on grad student sentiment.

The GA voted to table all remaining business until the May GA meeting, including: 1103c, Directed Action to Implement the Recommendations of the Outreach Workgroup Committee and Provisions of Its Mandate; 1102F, Budget Amendment and Directed Action Regarding the Berkeley Graduate Student Foundation; 1103A, By-law Amendment to Facilitate Communication; and 1103C, Directed Action to Implement Recommendations of the Outreach Workgroup and Provisions for Extension of Its Mandate.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

End Summary of the meeting

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-- Saira Hussain, Petition for Meditation/Reflection Space

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This regular meeting of the Graduate Assembly was called to order by Tiffany Ng at 5:30 p.m. in the ASUC Senate Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Capt. Margot Bennett, UCPD

Ms. Bennett said that Chief Celaya sends his regards, and couldn't attend because he was at a conference. The GA asked about the Clery Act and UCPD's compliance with it. Ms. Bennett said she brought a bunch of "Safety Counts" booklets that people could use as a reference. The Clery Act requires that any university that receives federal monies had to produce crime statistics, publish them in an annual security report, issue timely warnings to the population about specific crimes, and have a crime log available to the public.

Ms. Bennett said the UCPD is the reporting authority on the Cal campus, for crime stats on campus, at residence halls, at recognized non-affiliate locations, and on public areas adjacent to the campus. Clery requires the collection of crime data from the UCPD, from local police departments, and from Campus Security Authorities (CSAs), individuals or organizations to which students or employees might confide being victimized, such as advisors, coaches, nurses at the Tang Center, et. al. Every March the UCPD collects crime statistics from 155 CSAs and six local police departments that have jurisdiction where UC property is located. Statistics they collect are reported in three locations, in the annual student report booklet, "Safety Counts" and on the UCPD and Department of Education's Web sites.

Ms. Bennett said the UCPD goes beyond Clery guidelines and has a separate report on crimes occurring in public areas around the campus, a "box," from Virginia to Shattuck and from Dwight to Prospect. They also issue through a listserv timely warnings for crimes that occur on campus. People can go to the UCPD Web site and sign in for that. They also provide access to the UCPD's Daily Log.

Mr. Kline asked how many crimes actually end up getting reported, and how many weren't. Ms. Bennett said she didn't have a figure to project, but the national average for crimes of violence, particularly sexual assault, was 25%. But people could throw a dart to guess how many crimes aren't reported. They report unverified crimes that come from CSAs, for which there's no UCPD case report. Those numbers weren't really high. For crimes of violence and robberies, the police will know about them. This was a pretty close community. But for sexual assaults, they might hear about those through CSAs. Ms. Ng said she would like to thank her.

Saira Hussain, Petition for Reflection/Meditation Space

Saira Hussain introduced herself and said she's a first-year Law student at Boalt and was an undergrad at Cal. As they knew, Lower Sproul renovation was about to take place. One need of the campus community was a place for quiet reflection and meditation. In the works is a current meditation space, although

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the Administration has not agreed to make that a dedicated space. Students want the space to be 24/7, where people could unwind after a hard day and reflect and meditate. The Tilden Room, on the 5th floor of MLK, used to be the place where people could do that. But as the campus expanded in the 1970s and '80s, that space became a student space.

The Administration currently wants to have dedicated space for this usage in Lower Sproul, but only from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and this usage to then leave it open for other student group activities. A petition was out asking for dedicated space and a certain square footage. Ms. Hussain said she was hoping to distribute the petition to Delegates to pass on to their constituencies.

Mr. Niederhut asked how this would be different from a quiet library. Ms. Hussain said libraries have a different atmosphere. Students want the proposed space to be completely quiet, not just for study, but for reflection and meditation, things you wouldn't ordinarily see people do in a library. It would be a space where people could relax and unwind, and maybe even just to go to before a final exam.

Mr. Kline asked what percentage of overall interior square footage this space would take up in Lower Sproul. Ms. Hussain said she could look into that and get back to him. The petition asks for a dedicated 2,000-square-foot-space. Mr. Daal said the overall space of the renovation was something like 160,000 square feet.

Erin Gore, Associate Vice Chancellor, regarding Lower Sproul

Erin Gore introduced herself and said she was the Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Resource Planning, which made her the campus' chief financial officer. She was there to speak about Lower Sproul. The GA has given a lot of input into the project. And the Administration looks forward to seeing the petition on meditation space. They also look forward to seeing how the new potential space, versus using the Tilden Room for this purpose, would work for the GA.

Ms. Gore said that in going through the program phase, the GA has brought forward concerns, and she thought the project has created a good community of dialogue between the GA and administrators, to hear grad concerns. She would open to floor to anything people thought needed to be heard.

Mr. Marchand asked about the discussion for the endowment of Anthony Hall. Ms. Gore said that part of the agreement between the Lower Sproul Referendum and the campus was to set up an endowment for Anthony Hall. At the end of the year they hope to see what monies have not been spent in order to start the endowment. By the end of this fiscal year there should be seed money in, after which they could look at the overall plan and then how quickly this gets funded.

Mr. Mikulin asked if there's been any discussion about individual office space in Lower Sproul that students could reserve, with a landline, Internet access, and electrical outlets. This could be space where

students conduct conference calls and phone interviews for a job. Mr. Daal said there will be quiet, small meeting spaces.

Ms. Gore said the three representatives have provided a tremendous amount of representation for the GA.

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Upcoming Events

Ms. Love said she would like to remind everybody to take the graduate student survey that went out in the newsletter last week. It was also available on the GA Web site. It takes about ten minutes to complete. It was important to get as many responses as possible in order to shape the GA's Advocacy Agenda for next year and to make sure they have a good idea of what grads really care about. And if Delegates could forward it to their departments, that would be great.

A Delegate said another survey will go out at the end of April, working with the City Council to figure out what students want to see in downtown Berkeley and on Telegraph in terms of businesses, later hours of operation, etc. The City wants to use this as a way to influence policy. The ASUC and the GA will send out announcements about this.

A Delegate said the next meeting of the Statewide student government, the UCSA, will be held at Cal that weekend at the Goldman School of Public Policy. If people were interested in seeing how the UC Student Association operates, or they want information, they could contact him.

A Delegate said the Grad Social Club would like to announce that boat cruise tickets are on sale. They sold 500 on Wednesday and there are 100 tickets left. Delegates should let their constituents know about this. The remaining tickets will go fast. Ms. Ng said she would like to thank the GSC for organizing this event, and said it's been a lot of hard work. (Applause)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND THE MINUTES

Ms. Ng called for any modifications to the agenda.

Mr. Rabkin moved to add 1104h, On a By-law Amendment to Specify Executive Board Quorum, under agenda Resolution Referral. The motion was seconded by Mr. Apgar and passed with no objection.

A Delegate moved to fast track 1104a, extending hours of business on Telegraph, since the City might vote on it before the next GA meeting. It was so moved and seconded and passed unanimously by voice-vote.

Mr. Kline moved to hold GA elections after considering all Resolutions, since people wouldn't leave until after the elections. Mr. Rabkin said he didn't think the Resolutions were controversial and thought it made sense to do elections first, as a courtesy. A motion to call the question and end debate was made and seconded and passed with no objection. The motion to move elections to the last order of the day failed by voice-vote.

Mr. Daal said that from discussion in the Rules Committee, they wanted to once again table the BGSF bill, 1102f, to the last meeting. It was so moved and seconded. THE MOTION TO TABLE 1102f PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE, RESOLUTION ON BUDGET AMENDMENT AND DIRECTED ACTION REGARDING THE BERKELEY GRADUATE STUDENT FOUNDATION.

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Ms. Ng called for any other modifications, to the agenda, and seeing none, said the agenda was approved, as amended, with no objection.

Ms. Ng called for any emendations to the March 3 minutes. THE MINUTES TO THE MARCH 3, 2011 GA MEETING WERE APPROVED WITH NO OBJECTION.

RESOLUTION REFERRAL

1104b, By-law Amendment to create a Grammar Officer and Grammar Committee, to the Rules Committee

1104c, Directed Action to Implement Online Funding Applications, to the Communications, Funding, and Rules Committees

1104d, On Directed Action to Create a Communications Workgroup, to the Communications and Rules Committees

1104e, On Directed Action to Allow Funding of the Operational Excellence Communications Coordinator through June 30, 2011, to the Budget, Campus Affairs, and Rules Committees

1104f, On an Epicurean Approach to Meetings and Events, to the Budget, Environmental Sustainability, and Rules Committees

1104g, On Updating the GA Charter, to the Budget, Sustainability, and Rules Committees

1104h, On a By-law Amendment to Specify Executive Board Quorum, to the Rules Committee

Ms. Ng called for any objection to referral, and seeing none, said the Resolutions were referred to their respective committees.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. Ng said the first election will be for GA President. She asked Mr. Daal to give a description of the job.

Mr. Daal said the GA President is generally the public face of the GA. The position was in constant pursuit of external funding for the GA and for graduate students. They also ensure that promises made to the GA and the ASUC are kept, such as those in MOUs and the Commercial Activities Agreement. They maintain relationships with administrators and undergraduate leaders to ensure access and influence, when needed, earning and maintaining their trust. They speak on behalf of graduate students at events

Systemwide activities, and UCOP activities. They also serve on the Store Operations Board. The time commitment fluctuates. Based on the decrease in responsibility as a result of the new structure the GA put into place, it's between two to eight hours of meetings a day; and 30 minutes to two hours of e-mails and phone calls a day. The president doesn't actually sit on many committees and accomplishes things more through negotiation and small group, one-on-one meetings. Having that type of capability was crucial for the job.

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Ms. Ng called for any nominations. Ms. Polosukhina nominated Mr. Daal. Mr. Zachritz nominated Ms. Navab. Hearing no other nominations, Ms. Ng asked for statements from the candidates.

Miguel Daal said he highlighted his accomplishments in his report and there were also ongoing projects he wanted to work on as President. One was to deliver a Lower Sproul architectural plan that was inviting to graduate students in terms of spaces and policies, to ensure it was grad-friendly. He was also advising the SOB structure to promote greater accountability to students and greater respect from the campus. Another project was realignment of the ASUC Auxiliary and UCB administrative structure, in an OE initiative, that could have negative impacts on student government. He wanted to make sure that went well. He was also interested in protecting against unjust increases to the Professional Degree Fee, especially with no increase in services. Student Service Fee funding for student government is something else they're working on. He'd also like to get the Berkeley Graduate Student Foundation off the ground and he was working on the creation of a student leadership endowment for the ASUC and the GA to fund leadership positions of the ASUC and the GA. These are ongoing discussions.

Mr. Daal said new projects include the Rec Sports health and wellness referendum that is being slated for 2012. He also wanted to implement electronic document archives for the GA to improve institutional memory, which is a big problem. In addition, creation of student leadership. Those are the two new projects he wanted to focus on.

Mr. Daal said that accomplish many of these projects, he needed to have the influence of being President because they involve decision-making authority and the authority to speak for graduate students, as well as the authority to negotiate on their behalf. He was proud to present the list of accomplishments in the report he submitted. He would ask Delegates to vote for him because of his demonstrated ability to run the organization and to get things done. Those must be the basic expectations placed on the presidency. And there would be no hard feelings if they didn't want him as President any more.

Bahar Navab introduced herself and said some of them knew her from the Rules and Funding Committees. She's a first-year Ph.D. student in the Health Services and Policy Analysis doctoral program. There are three main themes she wanted to work on as their President. The first was responding to the fiscal crisis. They all know there have been budget cuts, and there will continue to be budget cuts; and student fees have been going up. So the question was what they could do on campus to complement the work they do externally. One big thing they could do was take advantage of the resources available to the GA, the especially to the President. There's a Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Student Services and Fees and the Operational Excellence Committee. At those meetings they could say that they realize there's limited funding and budget cuts, but could tell them where their priorities are as graduate students so they could talk about the limited funds that are available and make sure things that are important to them weren't cut.

Ms. Navab said the other thing they could do was to create economies of scale. The GA has the power to negotiate on behalf of grad students at large. There's a lot of software licensing that students are inter-

ested in, and journals that request GA funding, and if they negotiate with vendors to get discounts, that would save their student groups money and would serve the GA, as the body that funds those groups.

Ms. Navab said the second big thing she wanted to work on was targeted student services. The Delegates have responded repeatedly that health and mental health were two things that are really important to their constituents. She's worked with the Student Health Advisory Committee, as well as the Graduate Mental

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Health Advisory committee and was a Tang staffmember a few years ago. The Tang Center has tons of data on utilization of mental health services. She thought the problem was that they don't target students in the years they're most at risk. For a lot of Ph.D. students, that was around dissertation time. For Law students, that was around bar review time. She thought they could work with these Committees and the Tang Center to target mental health at the right time.

In terms of health services, there's a new UC-wide Student Health Insurance Plan. She'd made announcements about it at previous GA meetings. This was the first year under the program. It has dependent care, but it's very expensive, to the point where staff tell students not to use it. This was a really important year for the GA to get involved and say how they want the plan shaped for future years. And said they worked really hard to make sure grads next year have a seat at the decision-making table.

Ms. Navab said that in terms of GSRs and GSIs, they've heard repeatedly from GSIs that there's not a lot of academic support. And for GSRs, they don't have a union, so they don't get a lot of benefits, such as childcare or parental leave. Those are issues she wanted to work with on they have those benefits.

Ms. Navab said the last big thing she wanted to work on was to reinvigorate the GA. She thought there's been a lack of leadership development in the GA. The GA used to be a powerhouse of graduate students who were out there advocating and pushing for things. The UAW, the GSI union, for instance, came out of GA organizing, as did student health insurance. She thought the key to that was being proactive and not reactive to the Administration. It's like OE asking for input before policies are set. It's great to hear after things happen what GA Executive Officers have been working on. But she thought it was important to be involved in the decision making from the start. One thing she wanted to advocate was for the President to be the face of the GA, but not be the person deciding what to push for. That should be informed by feedback from the Delegates as well as from grad students. She really wanted to be there to push for whatever it is that was important to them.

Ms. Ng called for any questions.

Mr. Zachritz asked Mr. Daal what his commitment would be to the GA if he wasn't elected to the position. Mr. Daal said he would probably use the free time to focus on something else.

A Delegate said that Mr. Daal made a point previously about the institutional memory, and asked if Mr. Daal would be willing to help with the transition to a new President before he graduated. Mr. Daal said he would.

Ms. Williams said that Mr. Daal had a lot of irons in the fire, and from what Ms. Navab said, she wanted to add new things. She asked how Ms. Navab would manage her time and projects to really make that realistic. Ms. Navab said that she'll be a second-year student. She wouldn't neglect her academics, but she's been able to talk to her advisors about cutting back a little bit and doing a lot of independent study.

So that would free up her time a little bit. Secondly, the things she's outlined that she wanted to work on were really the things that were the main responsibilities of the President. It was being the face and advocating for things that students have already said they're interested in. Items on her platform were things that Delegates have already said are priorities for them. So it wasn't about her not doing the things that Mr. Daal was working on. Mr. Daal had some great projects he was working on, some of which were his own, like the RSF referendum that he wanted to run. She wasn't trying to ignore the work he's done. And she'd build on things that were actually core to the GA mission, like the MOU, Lower Sproul

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redevelopment, and OE. Those are things the President was supposed to be doing, and she'd make sure to put that at the forefront of what the President was doing.

Mr. Marchand said that regarding the RSF, the Delegates were asked a question in December, and two-thirds said they wanted a lower fee option rather than expanding the service, which was the option Mr. Daal has been pushing. And last month, Delegates were asked to rank services, and Rec Sports was one of the lowest priorities. He asked Mr. Daal if he would operate by grad student feedback. Mr. Daal said the Rec Sports referendum is something he'd consider a high priority. It will be focused as a mental health and wellness referendum. They're trying to get more mental health and therapy-type funding through this referendum. The actual components of the referendum have not been chosen yet. They're constructing a survey of all students, grads and undergrads, to figure out what the priority is for that. The aim was to make sure students are given what they're interested in. He'd like to distribute a sheet that shows possible components of the referendum, showing mental health and therapy-type funding, which are large areas of need for grad students.

Mr. Daal said he wanted to respond to a couple of things Ms. Navab said. Regarding the fiscal crisis and the Student Service Fee funding, that's in the order of \$32 million, and a little less than \$1 million was now accounted for. They are working on requests for that funding to go more toward graduate students and student government. Also, strategic sourcing for the GA as a means of saving money. This has been something they've worked on in years past. Last year they did a study on the all the things they purchased and they found that it was iffy whether they had enough buying power in order to get the strategic sourcing contracts that they desired.

Mr. Rabkin said the OE committee that Ms. Navab pointed out is co-chaired by a staffmember of his, Badr Albanna. The GA approved funding for the position a couple of months ago. So the GA was on top of the OE initiative. Ms. Navab asked if she could respond. Ms. Ng said she could be on the speakers' list.

Mr. Rabkin asked Mr. Daal what he'd say were the mistakes he's made that year as President, and what he'd do differently. Mr. Daal said he's noticed a rift growing in the inner workings of the GA, between the projects and Executive Board members. That's of the GA, something that begs to be addressed. He thought the structural revisions they approved might address that to some extent. But he hasn't done enough to correct that rift.

A Delegate asked what he'd do differently. Mr. Daal said that whole item with the retreat at the beginning of the year was a mistake.

Ms. Pannu moved to allow candidates 30 seconds to respond to statements made in answer to questions or to make any remarks, rather than have the candidates put on the speakers' list. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

Mr. Niederhut asked both candidates what they thought was the biggest challenge facing the GA that coming year, and what they planned to do about it.

Mr. Daal said he thought the biggest challenge was funding. They have an ongoing expansion of programmatic needs in terms of funding for projects and groups, but their budget is fixed. He was working really hard to get funding from external sources as well as to execute a large endowment through the

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Berkeley Graduate Student Foundation. Another issue was the overall support of the GA from the ASUC Auxiliary. Their primary support agent for student government is running out of money as well. He saw evidence of possible cuts in service given to the GA relative to the undergraduate students. So to defending resources coming from the Auxiliary is a major issue. And then the other challenge was the rift that he described before. He saw that as a challenge that needed to be fixed for the organization.

Ms. Navab said this might sound strange, but she thought the GA's biggest problem was its efficiency. "Efficient" meant making sure that they have everything they need when a bill got there and making sure grad students were involved in decisions made on campus. Part of the problem was funding and part was OE, which will not only impact funding but the structure of their staff and department. And sustainability was a big one, and was a place where students could have a lot of impact. She was glad the GA has a staffmember dedicated to that, but she really thought it should be the President at those meetings, as well as on the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Student Fees. To her, efficiency was about making sure that they are working quickly and powerfully to do the things that grad students really want to work on.

A Delegate said she got an e-mail from the department listserv addressing benefits decentralization, the first official news she's gotten about this. Apparently it's been implemented effective April 1, and they were just getting notification. She asked if both candidates could respond to the issue of how the GA might meaningfully address benefits decentralization.

Ms. Navab asked if the benefits she was talking about were being cut. Mr. Marchand said that all benefits which includes graduate student fee remission will be decentralized from department. The campus pays the budgets when a grad is employed as a GSI. The change was to centralize the funds that exist. And the burden of paying those benefits, including GSI fee remissions. Basically, departments will get a certain amount of money that might or might not go up.

Mr. Apgar said that Dean Cerny briefed the Grad Council on this point on Monday. Dean Cerny was very adamant to stress that there would be no change to benefits for grads. The only change was how the money traveled.

Ms. Ng asked the candidates for closing comments of 30 seconds. Mr. Daal said he thought he has a proven track record of success and of advancing the GA and the issues of graduate students. He would like to be President again. If they didn't want him again, that was fine, and there were no hard feelings.

Ms. Navab said that hopefully her experience on the GA speaks for itself. They've all seen that she wasn't afraid to speak up and take on issues that are important to all graduate students. She's done that work as a

Delegate and hoped to do it in a larger capacity representing grads' voices as GA President. She thought it was time to get some new leadership and some new leadership styles, try something new, and reinvigorate the campus.

Ms. Ng said she would like to thank the candidates. Delegates would hold a discussion off the record. She asked the candidates to leave the room for a discussion off the record and a vote.

After a discussion and a vote, Ms. Ng asked to have the candidates brought back into the room and said she would like to congratulate Ms. Navab for being elected GA President. (Applause)

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Ms. Ng said the next election was for Assembly Affairs Vice President. She asked Ms. Love to give a description of the position.

Ms. Love said the Assembly Affairs VP is a new position the GA just created with the new structure the GA approved. This person will manage all Assembly affairs, including outreach to departments; make sure there's representation from all departments on campus; and hold orientations for new Delegates, so people know what's going on when they come in here. They will also maintain communication and be the point person for all Delegates. Mr. Marchand said the position chairs Assembly meetings and was basically in charge of overseeing internal operations with the Business Office and the Rules and Funding chairs, things that were internal to the GA.

Ms. Ng called for nominations. Ms. Pannu nominated Mr. Marchand. Mr. Apgar nominated Ms. Ng. Ms. Ng said that since she was now a candidate, she would hand the chair over to Mr. Daal. With Mr. Daal chairing the meeting, A Delegate nominated Mr. Apgar, who respectfully declined. Seeing no other candidates, Mr. Daal asked the candidates for their statements.

Philippe Marchand said he's a third-year student in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management. He's also currently the GA's Internal Coordinator. In that position he's been working to help organize these meetings, sending Delegates all the materials. He coordinates the GA's structural review and leads the "Around the Campus in 80 Days Initiative," going to departments to make sure the GA truly represents grad needs. He believed the GA's ability to effect change on campus depends on a strong base and an active membership. In the same spirit, he wanted to run for Assembly Affairs VP. The first step to improve the organization was to empower Delegates. Last September he tried to create a Delegate guide to have basic information about the GA for all Delegates. But he wanted to add to that and have orientation sessions for new Delegates before the first GA meeting, so they know the basics and could fully participate from the outset. He also wanted to continue departmental outreach, targeting departments that haven't been active in the GA. He also wanted to talk to graduate student affairs officers. The Grad Division holds meetings for all GSAs on campus and the GA can take part in those conversations. Finally, he supported the creation of a communications workgroup. He wanted to see how they could better integrate their means of communication to have synergy between them. He wanted to secure the Web site as a great potential to be a center for events and issues related to graduate students and achieve that potential. He thought they made steps in bringing new people in that year and making this a more welcoming space. He really looked forward to continuing this work next year.

Tiffany Ng said that next year will hopefully be her fourth year of involvement with the GA. Her record as de facto chair of the Assembly hopefully spoke for itself. She ran last year for Rules Chair on the platform of making the meetings more efficient and comprehensible, and she's gotten a lot of positive feedback that they have indeed become so. There's more involvement, so the meetings have become longer. She's also gotten a lot of suggestions that she's tried to incorporate into the proceedings. Having served as Chair and as Rules Officer simultaneously, she knew Robert's Rules as well as the By-laws inside and out. She definitely understood the importance of teaching new Delegates about Robert's Rules and how to empower themselves through those rules. As Delegates may recall, she's given several orientations on Robert's Rules to make sure that people know how to use them. The new responsibilities of the AAVP to recruit new Delegates is something that began with an initiative of hers when she began an audit to try to get as many Delegates from different departments as possible. They plugged in Delegates from a bunch of departments that hadn't been represented for a long time, resulting in unprecedented large meetings for the first semester. As Delegate Assembly meeting organizer, she would make sure that all of the officers

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get their material in seven days in advance and would sure information got to Delegates well in advance of meetings so Delegates are informed. Finally, the AAVP meets regularly with the Rules, Funding, and Sustainability Chairs. She has served on all three of these Committees, or chaired them, so she knew what information needed to be communicated and what kind of support they need. She thought Mr. Marchand was an excellent candidate and thought he would be an excellent candidate for this position as well. She wanted to thank them.

Mr. Daal called for any questions for the candidates.

Mr. Rabkin asked both candidates if there was an additional office they'd be willing to fill if they weren't elected AAVP. Ms. Ng said she would be willing to run for Rules chair. Mr. Marchand said it would depend on what positions were open. He'll certainly be there next year and wanted to be involved. If he wasn't elected, he might apply to be on Ms. Ng's staff. He's served in various parts of the GA and would be comfortable in helping in any way he could next year.

A Delegate asked how comfortable he was with running Assembly meetings. Mr. Marchand said he knew rules of order and the GA's By-laws and structure, and organized GA structure review. He practiced that year his abilities as facilitator. The first GA meeting went really badly, and people in the GA met with people in the Law School, particularly Ms. Pannu and Mr. Sheen, and they brought things back to an amicable level. After a lot of internal debate, they came up with a proposal that rallied all of the Assembly behind it.

Ms. Navab asked how the candidates have been involved in "Around the Campus in 80 Days," and other recruitment and retention efforts. Ms. Ng said the last "Around the Campus" meeting she attended, with Mr. Marchand, was in Optometry. She's been involved in other efforts, such as serving on the Lower Sproul Program Committee and VP of the Berkeley Graduate Student Foundation. Although that was not a priority, she had a great passion for it and would love to take it up again.

Ms. Love said that Ms. Ng mentioned she applied for a fellowship and wouldn't learn about it until June or July, and if she got it, would leave the campus for some time. Ms. Ng said she has applied for an archival research fellowship that could possibly take her away for a couple of months in the spring. She won't know if she gets it until the end of June. If elected, she'd decide in June whether to immediately abdicate or serve in the Fall Semester.

Mr. Daal asked the candidates for final statements.

Ms. Ng said she's really enjoyed chairing the meetings and getting to know all of them, and making the proceedings as efficient as possible. She's also enjoyed bringing in people from around the campus, and thought it was really important that underrepresented departments start to have a voice in the GA and have access to GA funding.

Mr. Marchand said he's thought a lot about what he would run for in this election, and thought he's already been doing things that were like part of the position. And as for chairing the meeting, he was really excited about doing that, even though he knew it was a challenge with him in that English was his second language. He was really looking forward to getting better at it. He's interested in internal things like the GA's budget, rules, and internal operations. Next year will probably be his last year running for office, and he wanted to help whoever was elected as Rules and Funding Chairs, and as Treasurer, and to help create leadership for the GA's future.

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-- Campus Affairs Vice President
-- External Affairs Vice President

Mr. Daal asked the candidates to leave the room for a discussion off the record and a vote. After a discussion and a vote, Mr. Daal asked to have the candidates brought back and said he would like to congratulate Mr. Marchand for being elected Assembly Affairs Vice President. (Applause)

With Ms. Ng chairing the meeting, she said the next election is for Campus Affairs Vice President. She asked Ms. Love to describe the position.

Ms. Love said the Campus Affairs VP is mostly responsible for all on-campus advocacy and works with the Exec Board to develop a GA-wide Advocacy Agenda, which the Delegates vote on at the beginning of the year. The position meets with administrators to advocate on grad student concerns; appoints students to committee; communicates GA priorities to the representatives; communicates committee work to the Assembly; works with Project Coordinators in outreach; and conducts a campus-wide survey of all graduate students.

Ms. Ng called for nominations. Ms. Williams nominated Mr. Apgar, who respectfully declined. Ms. Navab nominated Ms. De La Torre. Mr. Rabkin asked if Ms. Love was leaving. Ms. Love said she was graduating. Mr. Samveg nominated Mr. Daal, who respectfully declined. A Delegate nominated Ms. Polosukhina, who respectfully declined. Seeing no other nominations, Ms. Ng asked Ms. De La Torre for a statement.

Elizabeth De La Torre said she's the current Project Coordinator Liaison. She thought the GA had so much potential. She was excited Ms. Navab won and has been discussing some things with her about how the GA can become a greater presence on campus. First, Ms. De La Torre said she thought committees could be run better. She's brainstormed on that with Ms. Love. There are 74 campus committees, and she thought dividing that up among a CAVP team, they could talk to the representatives and report issues to her that she needed to look at. Secondly, she's been going to some of the "Around the Campus" meetings and really enjoyed that, and seeing the different personalities of different departments. She's also been working with the projects, brainstorming ways to make them work more effectively so more grads can be helped by them. Mental health was another big thing and close to her heart. She hoped to

start working with the Tang Center so grads understand that it was for them. There are 30,000 undergrads, but grads use the Tang Center a lot more, and it should provide services specifically for grads.

Ms. Ng called for any questions. A Delegate asked about her commitments in the coming year. Ms. De La Torre she'll be working at a courthouse that summer, but wasn't on any other committees and left that open to be CAVP.

Seeing no other questions, Ms. Ng asked Ms. De La Torre to step outside for a discussion off the record and a vote. After a discussion and a vote, Ms. Ng asked Ms. De La Torre to be brought back mean and said she would like to congratulate Ms. De La Torre for being elected Campus Affairs Vice President. (Applause)

Ms. Ng the next election was for External Affairs Vice President. She asked Mr. Ortega to describe the position. Mr. Ortega said the position can cover anything beyond the boundary of the campus. The past

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few years the Office has been pretty engaged in City and federal advocacy, as well as with UCOP and Systemwide student organizations.

Ms. Ng called for nominations. A Delegate nominated Mr. Ortega. Ms. Love nominated Liz Mattiuzzi. Seeing no other nominations, Ms. Ng asked for candidates' statements.

Alberto Ortega said he appreciated the opportunity to represent them and all grads. He's been trying to work with them. A lot of what they do in External Affairs was difficult to measure, but was critical for ensuring all of the benefits that grads have. Some of the accomplishments he's had was to work with the Professional Degree Fee and ensure transparency. He's worked with the OP to make sure there's a process to see if all funds were being used adequately. He represented the GA in the Systemwide committee for the health insurance plan. He chaired the Systemwide committee for grad insurance at the UCSA and at the federal level in a student association. That past year he instituted a system where people in the office advocate on City, State, and federal levels. On the City level they're working on hours of business and to have future development and zoning consider grad students' needs. And on the national level, they're working on taxability of scholarships and grants. Also, the Administration has proposed eliminating subsidized student loans, and the EAVP has been working to ensure that doesn't happen. They're also working with international student issues and immigration policies. They've done quite a bit to build up relationships with administrators, on campus and off-campus. They've gotten quite a bit of support from the Chancellor and the Graduate Division to go to Washington, D.C. and the office helped write recommendations for federal language in a report by grad schools. He hoped to use the coming year to implement a lot of what was in place at that time.

Lizzy Mattiuzzi introduced herself and said she was a first-year in City and Regional Planning. She was a Berkeley undergraduate in Political Science. She had a strong passion for politics. She thought this was a critical moment to change things in State politics and fight for higher education. But that would require organization, commitment, and a united voice across the UC System. She worked with the GSI Union that year quite a bit and was excited to get more involved in the GA. If they send her to Sacramento, she'll make sure legislators know how valuable higher education is to the State, its citizens, and its economy. She's worked in Sacramento in State and City politics and has lobbied in DC. She could make the case for the students at all levels of government. What worked on lobbying trips was the power of per-

sonal stories. Her job has been to get folks there, explain how the process works, and facilitate. It wasn't about her telling people's stories, but creating a space to give examples of how budget cuts really affect students, and have those faces representative in legislators' offices. In the past, that approach has helped her to convince members of Congress to give better funding for green jobs programs. She thought they need to bring a diverse group of grad students to the table who could put faces to the problem. There are ways to get grads educated and more involved, such as teach-ins and postcard drives. She'd offer students a number of ways to get involved, depending on how much time they have. When people see that even small actions can create change, that builds up a belief in their ability to make bigger changes. She's talked to too many grad students across campus who know there are problems with higher education, but just didn't know how they could make their voice heard, either in the GA or in politics across the State. She thought it was time for that to change.

Ms. Mattiuzzi said she went to a lobby day in Sacramento a couple of weeks ago and only a small handful of Berkeley students were represented; and most of them were brought out by the Union. She thought the GA could do more to bring faces to the State Legislature. She thought the most critical issues in the coming year will be health care and the number of GSI positions. If the GA is organized and working

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with other groups across the State, they could really make their voices heard by the Administration and the Regents. She thought this was a time to bring fresh leadership to the GA and transition leadership before people were on the verge of graduating. She's in the first year of her program and planned to be around for a while and she would look forward to working with existing leadership to bring out fresh faces in coming years to continue to have a voice on campus and in the State.

Ms. Ng called for any questions.

A Delegate asked if Ms. Mattiuzzi served on the External Affairs Committee that year. Ms. Mattiuzzi said she's a first-year grad student and hasn't been on the Committee. But she felt she had the skills to lobby because she's done it before and has been on campus long enough to know how the bureaucracy worked and what changes needed to be made.

Mr. Zachritz asked Mr. Ortega how much of a role he'd play in transitioning if he wasn't elected. Mr. Ortega said he'd make sure everything he's done was laid out for the next person.

Mr. Kline asked both candidates how much money should be allocated to the EAVP office, keeping in mind that the GA's annual income was about \$415,000. Mr. Ortega said that with their level of engagement, their most expensive items are traveling to DC, \$5-6,000, and to Sacramento conferences, about \$3,000. Other travel involves going to UCSA Board meetings, half of which was covered by the OP and half by the GA, \$6,000. For a figure, perhaps the amount would be \$15,000 for events. And for the Office, under \$30,000. Ms. Mattiuzzi said Mr. Ortega being there next year would help as the new person learned the role so they could move the position forward and not just have one person stay in it until they graduate, and then be left without that budget knowledge.

Mr. Rabkin asked the candidates what their views were of disruptive student protest on campus and whether it was helpful to students or pernicious, and how much they wanted the GA involved in that. Last year they had a string of resolutions asking them to endorse things. Ms. Mattiuzzi said she was in favor of anything pernicious. She thought the GA did great work. It would be helpful if they were more coordinated would groups around campus such as the Union. She wouldn't advocate chaining themselves

to Wheeler, but there was room to do more work off-campus advocating such as on benefits decentralization and fighting budget cuts. It wasn't a matter of tactics, but deciding how engaged they'd be and on what issues.

Mr. Ortega said it was important to have a strong voice, but didn't think it's been well targeted over the past couple of years to the audience, the legislators, who make a lot of the decisions, and who control most of their funding. If they could have the numbers of people at Sacramento and at the OP that are at other activities, he thought they could make a difference. He wasn't sure they could make a difference pulling fire alarms.

Ms. Navab said that Mr. Ortega was involved in a lot of things. She asked his priorities and what he'd do to not get spread too thin. Mr. Ortega said having the support of three Legislative Directors has really helped that year. That coming year he really wanted to focus on federal advocacy, where there was a big risk for grads, with a lot of provisions in peril. He wanted to ensure that SAGE is institutionalized after the current leadership transitions out. The State doesn't suffer from a lack of attention by grads, given the UCSA and other State leadership.

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-- Treasurer

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Mr. Daal said Ms. Mattiuzzi seemed more focused on the State level, and Mr. Ortega more on the federal level. He asked about their outlook for State divestment in California higher education. Ms. Mattiuzzi said their main budget issues are controlled by the State of California. Changes are starting to happen, and State budgets can now be passed without a two-thirds majority. Other structural steps could be taken on how the State raises revenue and how it budgets for the University. But office also needs to affect all levels of government. Bus service between Berkeley and Oakland, for instance, affects grads. They need to look at multiple levels to make sure money is there in the future.

Ms. Ng asked for closing statements. Mr. Ortega said their major opportunities to make changes are at the City and federal levels. They receive as many federal dollars as State dollars. And there's a risk of losing research funding. In the City they have a lot of control. The Legislature can pass budgets, but it doesn't have the funding. Efforts there need to be targeted to ensure they get taxes extended that will soon lapse.

Ms. Mattiuzzi said she was dedicated and would make sure to pass the torch along after she's served her time; and she would hope Mr. Ortega would work with her on that.

Ms. Ng asked the candidates to please step outside for a discussion off the record and a vote. After a discussion and a vote, Ms. Ng asked to have the candidates brought in and said she would like to congratulate Mr. Ortega for being elected External Affairs Vice President. (Applause)

Ms. Ng said the next position up for consideration was Treasurer. Ms. Ng called for a description. Ms. Navab this is a new position they created in the restructure. They elevated the Budget Officer to be Treasurer, and to sit on the Exec Board as a non-voting member. The position monitors Assembly spending and advises the Delegates and Executives on how they're doing financially, and makes sure they don't overspend. This person would also play a role in the Berkeley Graduate Student Foundation and would also oversee the financial aspects of the projects.

Ms. Ng called for nominations. Ms. Navab nominated Ms. Epstein. Seeing no other nominations, she asked if Ms. Epstein would like to make a statement.

Molly Epstein said there's a learning curve with budgets. She'll make a presentation to show how the GA was spending for that year and what the budget would look like for next year. She didn't think people were going to like it. It will involve cuts because the GA had a larger budget this year than they'll have next year. She was willing to work with everyone so it's not as bad as it could be. Her e-mail and was written on the Board, and people could send her an e-mail about any project or group. She also has some cost-cutting initiatives that hopefully will be implemented over the coming year that involved working with vendors, negotiating with the ASUC, and increasing low-cost access to the resources they already have on campus. For instance, the Art Studio fees are exorbitant for grads who don't have well-funded department. And since grads are a smaller population than undergrads, they don't have a lot of negotiating power and need to work with undergrads more.

Ms. Epstein said she could send out a PowerPoint so she wouldn't have to take up people's time with a statement.

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Ms. Ng said asked Ms. Epstein to please step outside for a discussion off the record and a vote. After a discussion and a vote, Ms. Ng asked to have Ms. Epstein brought back in and said she would like to congratulate Ms. Epstein for being elected GA Treasurer. (Applause)

Ms. Ng said the next election was for Rules Officer. The position changed that year temporarily. The Rules Officer will not chair GA meetings and, in fact, was never meant to. Rather, the position was meant to sit by the chair's side, act as parliamentarian, keep the meeting on track, call for the orders of the day, call out when people were out of order, and to be consulted in questions about the By-laws. Without that position, the chair has had some difficulty in doing this function. So she would like to see the next person take up that position again. The position chairs the Committee, makes sure all Resolutions are reviewed, and ensures that the By-laws and Charter are up to date and in line with current practice. The position is also VP of the BGSF, unless someone else is elected. She called for nominations.

Ms. Navab nominated Ms. Mendoza. Ms. Polosukhina nominated Ms. Ng. Mr. Rabkin nominated Mr. Apgar, who respectfully declined. Seeing no other nominations, Ms. Ng said they would hear statements. Ms. Ng asked Mr. Daal to chair the meeting.

With Mr. Daal chairing the meeting, Adriana Mendoza introduced herself and said she's been a Delegate for a year, since September. She's been to every Delegate meeting. She part of the committee outreach presentation that was given a few meetings ago. She was interested in running for Rules Officer because she sometimes thought there was a disconnect between the Assembly and the By-laws, and there was always a problem of interpretation. It was important to make sure that the By-laws were accessible to the Delegates. She'd like to work with Mr. Marchand to make sure that Delegates weren't disoriented at the first meeting, and were comfortable with Robert's Rules of Order and the By-laws. Also, they've seen meetings go way over time, and a lot of that has been because of limitations of the By-laws. They impede the Assembly's ability to actually work on the things that matter, advocacy issues and representing gra-

duates. It was important that grad students were represented there, rather than worrying about the minute details of one word or another. She worked with the BGSF workgroup under the Rules Committee and spent countless hours with professors working on the analysis given to the Exec Board. She has also worked on by-laws and charters for non-profits. She was available at all times to help people understand their rules. She saw the Delegate Assembly as a place for advocacy and working for the students, and not as a place for having to bother with minute details.

Tiffany Ng said she ran for Rules Officer on the platform of making Delegate meetings more efficient. She also didn't want questions relating to the By-laws and Robert's Rules to impede their proceedings. As much as meetings can be productive, they can also be grueling. She had a Robert's Rules orientation at the beginning of the year and implemented a new system for people to text, Gchat, or twitter someone who was familiar with Robert's Rules and get their questions answered in real time. In the Spring Semester she gave a Robert's Rules re-orientation. The Rules Committee has been wonderful that year, the best Committee she's seen in years. They have Resolutions to update the By-laws and the Charter, which hasn't been updated since 2002. She would like to continue these efforts and make the meetings better for Delegates.

Mr. Daal called for any questions. A Delegate asked how far Ms. Mendoza was in her program. Adriana said she's a second-year at the Law School.

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Mr. Apgar asked Ms. Mendoza what she wanted to do to prevent Delegates from becoming confused. Ms. Mendoza said she'd like to work with the AAVP to ensure that Robert's Rules do not create unintelligible things, but actually were something Delegates could empower themselves with. At the first meeting she wanted to explain what the By-laws are and what the process is. She'd give a rundown at the first meeting to ensure that they're complied with. She's found that the Assembly sometimes has problems with word interpretation, when in reality, that should be the duty of the Rules Committee and the Rules Officer.

Mr. Kline asked Ms. Mendoza which GA committees she's been involved with. Ms. Mendoza said she serves on the External Affairs Committee. She hasn't been able to make most of those meetings. She's a Board member for four different organizations at the Law School, and a lot of those meetings came up at the last minute. With her third year coming up, she's lessened everything she was doing on the Law School and really wanted to focus on the GA.

Mr. Kohut said she mentioned a few times that she would be available at any time to help Graduate Assembly Delegates. She has classes and boards to sit on and asked what that actually meant. Ms. Mendoza said she was accessible through e-mail or through the phone.

Mr. Daal called for closing statements.

Ms. Ng said that for Ms. Mendoza platform of clearing up the By-laws has been a project of the Rules Committee for the past year. They've had a subcommittee go through the By-laws systematically and ensure that each phrase was clearly interpretable or was changed. They haven't concluded that, so Ms. Ng said that was a project she'd like to see to completion next year.

Ms. Mendoza said she thought it was very important to make By-laws accessible. Interpretation can be subjective. So it was important to restructure the By-laws to ensure there's only one interpretation. She hoped that whoever is Rules Chair, that they're objective and that they make sure that the Exec Board complies with the By-laws.

Mr. Daal asked the candidates to leave the room for a discussion off the record and a vote. After a discussion and a vote, Mr. Daal asked to have the candidates brought back in and said he would like to congratulate Ms. Mendoza for being elected Rules Chair. (Applause)

With Ms. Ng chairing the meeting, she said the next election was for the Funding Officer. She asked for a description. Ms. Williams said the primary responsibility was to run Funding Committee meetings. They go through applications for funding, and gently moderate the meetings so every member of the Committee is heard, and so funds get equitably distributed. The person then deals with the tremendous fallout of all the people who did not get funded, barraging their e-mail inbox with complaints and appeals. They person also had to give reports and deal with the Business Office. It's 10 to 12 hours of work of week and is a lot of fun. They have to be creative in providing food at the meetings, since they could only spend \$2.00 per person per meeting. They have to work with the Business Office to compile the Funding Report and then present it. They had to analyze finance figures and interview student groups for work on the appeals committee.

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Ms. Ng called for nominations. A Delegate nominated Mr. Sheen. Mr. Helu nominated Ms. Williams, who respectfully declined. Mr. Niederhut nominated Mr. Klein, who respectfully declined. A Delegate nominated Mr. Froehle. Ms. Ng said that seeing no other nominations, she would ask for statements.

Mike Sheen said that this was his first year in the GA. He was on the Rules Committee and was a member of a student group that received funding; so he's been a part of that process. He worked on funding procedures earlier that year and thought this position was an appropriate first step for him. He was thinking about three things for next year. The first was to make the funding rules and process more accessible to students and student groups. He'll work with the Funding Advisor and members of the Funding Committee to put together a better workshop at the beginning of the year. They really need to front load a lot of their work. He wanted to continue to work to make the rules clear to student groups. He also wanted to make the application process more accessible, including walking people through it. The application and the funding guide totaled something like 25 pages. Having the application be an online process and providing a walk-through at the beginning of the year would be helpful. Secondly, he wanted to increase transparency in the decision-making process. Preliminary questions in applications could be answered, and he'd be more than happy to take on that role. But the Committee should come up with an effective system where they all share that burden. Third, he wanted to streamline the Funding Committee's internal processes and get it to work quicker through the process. One idea was internal calendaring, for deadlines.

Brad Froehle said he's been at the GA for four years. He's chaired the Technology Committee, when it existed, and the Environmental Sustainability Committee, and most recently, the Communications Committee. One of the deliverables he was most proud of was the launch of their new Web site last fall. In that sense, he thought he was uniquely suited to push for putting funding applications online. He's submitted a Resolution that will be discussed in May to actually go forward and start working on that, and to

implement it over the summer. He agreed with almost everything his competitor has said regarding transparency. They need transparency, and an online system would help a lot. He disagreed with some things that were said, such as about the funding workshops. Mr. Froehle said he felt they were sort of a waste of time. He would rather see that done via video, a YouTube that people could sit through, and maybe answer a few questions at the end to verify that the video was watched, rather than wasting lots and lots of hours of staff time, which the Funding Advisor estimated to be 20 to 40 hours per semester. That was a lot of staff time explaining, over and over, how to fill out a form. Mr. Froehle said he thought they could work on efficiency.

Ms. Ng called for any questions for the candidates.

Mr. Kline asked the candidates if they could modify, update, and run the script. Mr. Sheen said the best he could do was html. As far as next year's Committee, he would strongly encourage that they change everything to a form that was accessible to members of the Committee. He wanted to allow the Committee to take on a greater role in the work product and to access documents. Mr. Froehle said he had no problem doing Python. He thought they should push an online system where people log in with their Cal ID.

Ms. Williams said it was very likely the GA won't have a Funding Advisor and there's been talk on how to accommodate that. She asked what the candidates' plans were. Mr. Froehle said the position hasn't been hired for a long time. It was continually "almost" there. It's something they'll have to deal with. There is an interim position. He thought a lot of the position's role could be automated.

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-- Environmental Sustainability Officer

Mr. Sheen said it would be great to train incoming Delegates next year on the funding process as well other things. The problem wasn't just getting information out, but people being confused on how to fill things out and having questions. He thought the beginning of the year would be a great time to encourage Delegates to understand the funding process so their organizations can access funds.

Ms. Mendoza said she was concerned about just having a YouTube video, since so many applications are denied by small, minute things, which could be clarified during funding workshops. Mr. Froehle said he wouldn't be comfortable having YouTube instruction without also having an online system, something that would check people's applications.

A Delegate said she was on the Funding Committee for a semester and questioned why the Committee was needed. She understood the need for a Funding Officer, but with an online system, didn't think they'd need a bunch of people in a room to finely detect errors. Mr. Froehle said the first reason was for a committee was for general oversight, and the Funding Committee was the eyes and ears with student groups. Also, they couldn't automatically change things, and that would be a lot of work.

Ms. Ng called for closing statements.

Mr. Sheen said he was very excited about this idea. He's talked to a number of people, including Mr. Marchand, about how they can more effectively communicate information to folks at the beginning and make sure student groups know what was going on with applications.

Mr. Froehle said that in the interests of time, they've heard enough from him, and he wanted to thank them for their consideration.

Ms. Ng asked the candidates to step outside for a discussion off the record and a vote. After a discussion and a vote, Ms. Ng asked to have the candidates brought back in and said she wanted to congratulate Mr. Sheen for being elected Budget Committee Chair. (Applause)

Ms. Ng said the next election would be for the Environmental Sustainability Officer. She called for a description. Mr. Zachritz said the position is very much what the person in the position makes of it, as well as Committee members. A lot of what's historically been done with the graduate Sustainability Committee has been coalition building, with municipalities, on campus, and with other student groups, to motivate on issues such as increased numbers of bike racks and to remodel recycling bins on campus so it's more easily understood what goes in there, which will roll out as early as possibly next year. They also bring plates to GA meetings and get a finger in every pot on campus in terms of making sure sustainability was prioritized. The position's responsibilities were largely determined by the people on the Committee. Also, just to make an announcement, there will be a big Sustainability Fair on April 29, from 1:00 to 4 p.m., in the Citrus Atrium.

Ms. Ng called for nominations. Mr. Zachritz nominated Mr. Trager. Ms. Williams nominated Mr. Zachritz, who respectfully declined.

Ms. Ng asked Mr. Trager for a statement. Jason Trager said he would like to thank everyone, especially Mr. Zachritz, who led him into coming there. Mr. Trager said he's spent the past ten months doing a

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whirlwind of sustainability that he was part drawn to and part drawn in. When he came in, he noticed there was no composting at the Grad Student Orientation. If anybody there was responsible for that, he would apologize. Next year they'll have composting at Eshleman. That was part of the Composting Alliance he helped to kick start, along with an undergrad he's been working with closely. That was one of his projects, to work more closely with the undergrad population, which has an influence on the campus and can help make the campus sustainable as time went on. Sustainability was about having the future with the same quality as the present, or better. He puts on events like the Sustainability Fair and worked closely with other organizations on campus.

Ms. Ng asked Mr. Trager to step outside for a discussion off the record and a vote. After a discussion and a vote, Ms. Ng asked to have Mr. Trager brought back into the room and said she would like to congratulate Mr. Trager for being elected Sustainability Chair.

Mr. Marchand said that two people wanted to run for the Grad Council who weren't present, and he moved to table elections of the Grad Council representatives until the May meeting, with the understanding that it would be the first item on the agenda, in order to allow more people to run. The motion was seconded.

Ms. Ng said that this was well past their scheduled meeting time, so people could not reasonably be expected to perhaps be there at 9 p.m. usual adjournment time. If people couldn't be present at the meeting next month, perhaps they could submit statements.

Ms. Pymer asked if they could elect some people that evening and leave spots open for next month. Ms. Ng asked how many people would be interested in running, and noted that there were quite a number of people.

Ms. Pannu moved to table election of Grad Council representatives until the May GA meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Navab. THE MOTION TO TABLE ELECTION OF GRADUATE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES UNTIL THE MAY GA MEETING PASSED BY HAND-VOTE. Ms. Ng said that candidates will be allowed to submit written statements.

A Delegate said that to be fair, perhaps all statements should be written. Ms. Ng said that motion should be made at that time. It was so moved and seconded. THE MOTION TO CONSIDER ONLY WRITTEN STATEMENTS FOR GRAD COUNCIL REPS PASSED BY VOICE-VOTE.

Ms. Ng said that concluded elections for next year. She wanted to thank the people who were elected. (Applause) Ms. Ng said she would also like to thank the people who served in positions that year. (Applause)

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Ms. Epstein said that given the time, she'd send out the report.

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Ms. Williams said a group, Bike It You'll Like It, bought a tandem bicycle after they were told not to make the purchase. It would cost a lot of money to ship it back, and the bicycle was already built. The primary opposition to not giving the group the \$330 out of Contingency for the bike is that any property purchased with GA money had to be property of the GA. The group dug a hole for itself and was insisting that the GA dig it out.

Ms. Navab said the Funding Committee didn't know how much would be left in the Contingency Fund, so the Committee didn't feel comfortable funding the amount. Ms. Williams said that Ms. Hsueh was on vacation, so it was difficult to get figures. Mr. Epstein said the GA requested and was still trying to get current figures from the Grad Division to get a sense of where the GA was.

Another group, CNMAT, wanted \$250 for honoraria and a pianist to give a concert and wanted piano tuning. The Funding Committee generally approved the request, with the requirement that the user's group get a quote from the Music Department on how much that would cost.

Ms. Pannu said the Information Management Student Association has a new Delegate that year and didn't know about funding, and asked for \$66 for the last meeting of the year.

Mr. Froehle moved to approve the Contingency Report, except for funding the bicycle request. The motion would fund Contingency requests for piano tuning, and the honorarium, and the request for final meeting of the student association. The motion was seconded. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUNDING COMMITTEE CONTINGENCY REPORT PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION, EXCLUDING THE REQUEST FROM THE BIKE GROUP.

2011-2012 Funding Guide

Ms. Navab said they submitted a new "2011-2012 Funding Guide" for Delegates to review. Some things were highlighted. While the Committee didn't have quorum, they made some recommendations. The main change was to recommend increasing GMER funding from \$500 to \$750.

Ms. Williams said that for the new funding round schedule, there are no overlaps. There are three funding rounds that will accommodate a greater breadth of the schedule.

Mr. Froehle asked people to please submit comments to Ms. Williams before the May GA meeting.

QUESTIONS ON WRITTEN OFFICERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Kline said that the By-laws state that Project Coordinators are hired for two years. If they have to hire new ones, the GA would have to create workgroups for that. He understood that no more than half

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the workgroup can consist of stipend-paid GA staff. Ms. De La Torre said that the Coordinator for The Berkeley Graduate was being hired at that time, and information was on the Web site. They'll send out a request to Delegates asking to join workgroups to select Project Coordinators.

Mr. Kline asked if the GA had to vote on members of workgroups who hire Project Coordinators. Ms. De La Torre said the Grad Social Club was being rehired. She could e-mail Ms. Ng and cc Mr. Kline. Ms. Ng said they'll consult on that separately.

Mr. Kehoe asked if they have quorum. Ms. Ng said that quorum was 25% plus one of the Delegate Assembly. She asked Delegates to raise their voting cards and said they had quorum.

RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Navab moved to go to 1103f. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by voice-vote.

The following Resolution 1103f, as amended on the floor, was authored by Apple Williams:

RESOLUTION ON DIRECTED ACTION TO ESTABLISH FUNDING ROUNDS FOR THE 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

WHEREAS, the most recent funding rounds demonstrate that the 2010-2011 Funding Summary was confusing to students. Some student groups were adversely affected by multiple and overlapping funding rounds. Simplifying and streamlining the funding round process will expand the funding round event timelines (to better accommodate Back-To-School, Winter Holiday, and Spring Commencement events), better serve the needs of students, facilitate the Business Office's procedures, and alleviate pressure on the Funding Committee; and

WHEREAS, By-law 4.15.4. requires the Funding Committee shall make recommendations to the Delegate Assembly on how to allocate the funds under the authority of the Graduate Assembly. The goal of such recommendations shall be to improve the quality of graduate student life by supporting individual graduate students, departmental activities, and graduate student groups; and

WHEREAS, By-law 2.3.2 calls for the Officers to take specific action as directed by the Delegate Assembly, the Executive Board, and/or the President provided that those actions are consistent with the Charter and By-laws. If the directed actions contradict each other, the action directed by the Delegate Assembly shall take precedence, followed by the action directed by the Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, By-law 4.13 requires Delegate approval of Funding Committee Procedures; and

WHEREAS, there is a gap in servicing student funding needs due to the summer break that cannot be efficiently addressed by requiring Delegate approval of the funding report following the summer holiday ("Round 1 Funding Report"), and

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RESOLUTION ON DIRECTED ACTION TO ESTABLISH FUNDING ROUNDS FOR THE 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the Business Office Manager, Funding Advisor, and Funding Chair estimate the service gap -- spanning from the start of the Fall Semester to the end of the event period covered by Round 1 -- can be closed by a Dedicated Contingency Fund of \$7,000.00. Said funds come out of the existing Funding Award Budget. This is not an additional budget request. This amount represents approximately one-third of Round 1 funding requests. This amount represents approximately 5% of the Funding Award Budget and 1.5% of the total Graduate Assembly Budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board be granted Directed Action to approve funding ONLY for the Round 1 Dedicated Contingency Fund of \$7000.00; thereby closing the gap. The majority (approximately two-thirds) of Round 1 funding requests will still be processed by the Funding Committee as per current procedure subject to Delegate approval of the Funding Report. Any unallocated Dedicated Contingency funds return to the Funding Award Budget available for Round 2, as per current procedure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2011-2012 funding round calendar be as follows:

FUNDING ROUND CALENDAR

| <u>Funding Round</u> | <u>Application Deadline</u> | <u>Event Timeline</u> | <u>Notification Date</u> | <u>Deadline for Reimbursements</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Aug. 25 | Sept. 9 - Feb. 2 | Sept. 8 | Feb. 29 |
| 2 | Jan. 19 | Feb. 3 - May 31 | Feb. 2 | June |
| Summer | | June-Aug. | Apply for Contingency in April | |
| New groups in the fall apply to Contingency if they miss Round 1 | | | | |

Ms. Navab said that based on feedback from the Business Office and students, there's a proposal to change funding rounds so there wouldn't be a lot of reason to decide each semester on whether to apply in round 1 or round 2, and try and figure out in which one they'd get more funding. So they wanted to have a more fair and balanced process.

The Funding Committee met and came up with an amendment which people thought better captured the needs of students, and the Rules Committee agreed with that amendment. It was an amendment by substitution.

Ms. Pannu moved to approve the Funding Committee's amendment. The motion was seconded.

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1103d, On Budget Amendment to Fund Transition of Executive Assistant Position

Mr. Kline said he was concerned that the dates couldn't be processed by the Business Office. Ms. Navab said they could be.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION OF THE TABLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE.

The question was called and debate closed. THE MOTION TO APPROVE 1103f AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE, RESOLUTION ON DIRECTED ACTION TO ESTABLISH FUNDING ROUNDS FOR THE 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Ms. Pannu moved to go to 1103d. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

The following Resolution, 1103d, was authored by Philippe Marchand:

RESOLUTION ON BUDGET AMENDMENT TO FUND TRANSITION OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT POSITION

WHEREAS, the Executive Assistant is a GA Work Study staff position (16-18 hours/week) whose main responsibility includes organizing the logistics of meetings and events, preparing Delegate Assembly and Executive Board meeting materials, and updating the GA Web site; and

WHEREAS, the current Executive Assistant, Lindsay Cast, will be leaving her position at the end of July 2011; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate transition and training of a new Executive Assistant for 2011-12, the Executive Board and the Business Office Manager have recommended a transitional period from March 15 to July 31 where the new Executive Assistant who would start at half the regular time (8-10 hours/week); and

WHEREAS, the expense of this transitional period, up to the end of our current financial year (June 30), is not budgeted;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that \$1,200 be transferred from General Contingency to the Business Office Front Desk Staff to allow the new Executive Assistant to work at half the regular time during the transition period (March 15 – June 30).

Mr. Marchand said that Jason Yiu is the incoming Executive Assistant, having been selected from many qualified applicants, to begin at the end of July. He has to be trained. Until the end of July, Ms. Cast would work full-time and Mr. Yiu would work half-time. Ms. Hsueh has estimated the amount needed at \$1,200. Mr. Marchand said this would only pay for Jason's salary for this period.

Seeing no further discussion, Ms. Ng said they would come to a vote. **THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1103d PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE, RESOLUTION ON BUDGET AMENDMENT TO FUND TRANSITION OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT POSITION.**

Ms. Ng said she would like to welcome Mr. Yiu. (Applause)

1104a, On Directed Action In Support of a City Ordinance Extending Hours of Operation for Businesses In the Telegraph Avenue Commercial District - 26 -

Mr. Froehle moved to consider 1104a. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

The following Resolution, 1104a, was authored by Clara Haskell Botstein and Alberto Ortega:

RESOLUTION ON DIRECTED ACTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITY ORDINANCE EXTENDING HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BUSINESSES IN THE TELEGRAPH AVENUE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, there is support among UC Berkeley graduate students for increasing hours of operation for businesses, including restaurants, bars, and cafes, in the Telegraph Avenue district so that students have places to go at night to study and for entertainment; and

WHEREAS, the Telegraph Avenue Commercial District is a prime location for UC Berkeley students to go given its proximity to campus;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Graduate Assembly express its written support for a City ordinance allowing businesses in the Telegraph Avenue Commercial District to extend hours of operation to 3:00 a.m.

Mr. Froehle said that the Resolution states that the GA supports the merchants of Telegraph Ave. in their efforts to get a City ordinance to extend hours of operation for businesses in the Telegraph commercial district. He thought students generally seem very supportive of this, undergrads and grads.

Seeing no other discussion, Ms. Ng said they would come to a vote. THE MOTION TO APPROVE 1104a, RESOLUTION ON DIRECTED ACTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITY ORDINANCE EXTENDING HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BUSINESSES IN THE TELEGRAPH AVENUE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE.

Ms. Pannu moved to table 1103c until the May GA meeting. The motion was seconded. THE MOTION TO TABLE 1103c UNTIL THE MAY MEETING PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION, DIRECTED ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OUTREACH WORKGROUP COMMITTEE AND PROVISIONS OF ITS MANDATE.

Mr. Froehle moved to table the rest of the agenda until the May meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellsworth. THE MOTION TO TABLE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA UNTIL THE MAY GA MEETING PASSED BY VOICE-VOTE:

1102F, BUDGET AMENDMENT AND DIRECTED ACTION REGARDING THE BERKELEY GRADUATE STUDENT FOUNDATION

1103A, BYLAW AMENDMENT TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION

1103C, DIRECTED ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OUTREACH WORKGROUP AND PROVISIONS FOR THE EXTENSION OF ITS MANDATE

This meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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