The Wednesday, May 02, 2007 regular weekly meeting of the Associated Students Council was held at 6:02pm, in the Price Center Ballroom A, Speaker Michelle Yetter presiding and Clerk Chris Terry being present.

The roll was called.
The following voting members were present: Ellen Almirol, Matthew Bright, Sarah Chang, John Cressey, Janine Dellomes, Ashwin Dighe, Fabianne Furman, Adam Gardner, Micah Jones, Kerry Kassam, Harry Khanna, Jessica Kim, Cindy Ly, Demetra Matin, Chelsea Maxwell, Conrad Ohashi, Daniel Palay, Long Pham, Erik Rodriguez-Palacios, Alan Roof, Adi Singer, Taylor Stuart, and Michelle Yetter.
The following non-voting members were present: Neetu Balram, Kari Gohd, Sydney Goldberg, Di Lam, Marco Murillo, Lindsay Root, and Marc Truex.
The following members were not present but excused: Erin Brodwin, Meghan Clair, and Heidi Laidemitt.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting were approved with corrections.

Matthew Bright, reporting on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Contracts, moved the approval of an amendment to Standing Rules, which was adopted as follows (Act 368):

Amendments to the Election Code (Standing Rules Title IX)

Chapter 1. General Elections
§1.3. Filing for Candidacy
(d) Candidate Forms. Candidates must submit the forms listed below in this subsection by the end of the filing period. Candidates may not falsify any information on the forms.
(4) Candidate Statement
(a) The candidate statement should be submitted online at http://as.ucsd.edu/elections/statements.
(b) Candidates for Officer positions are allowed up to 1500 non-white space typographical characters and candidates for Senator positions are allowed up to 500 non-white space typographical characters.

(5) Candidate Affiliation
(a) The candidate affiliation may be submitted online at the Associated Students website. If a candidate does not submit a candidate affiliation, the candidate affiliation shall be the slate name of the candidate, unless the candidate is not on a slate, in which case the candidate affiliation shall read “Independent.”
(b) Candidate affiliation shall be a maximum of 40 non-white space typographical characters; any additional characters shall be truncated.

§1.5. Mechanics of the Election
(c) Official Ballot. Both referenda questions and candidate elections for office may appear in a general election. The ballot rules regarding elections for office appear below in this subsection. The ballot rules for referenda appear elsewhere in the election rules.
(1) Immediately prior to the first candidate statement, the ballot should detail what it means to accept or decline voluntary spending limits, including the amounts of the spending limits.

(2) Candidates shall appear grouped by office in the order assigned at the Mandatory Candidates meeting.

(3) Next to each candidate’s name, the following shall appear:
   (a) a hyperlink to a new window with the Candidate Statement;
   (b) Candidate Affiliation;
   (c) The phrase “Accepted Voluntary Spending Limits” if the candidate has accepted voluntary spending limits or the phrase “Declined Voluntary Spending Limits” if the candidate has declined voluntary spending limits; and
   (d) Candidate picture if available.

(4) To vote for a candidate, voters should select the checkbox next to the name of the candidate. The number of candidates a voter may cast a vote for in any race is equal to the number of seats in that race. A voter’s candidate selections are not recorded until the voter completes the entire voting process.

(5) In races in which there is only one seat, an option for “Abstain” shall appear in addition to options for the candidates.

Chapter 4. Violations of the Election Code
§4.2. Violation Grievances
   (c) Decision
   (4) If a candidate or slate is found responsible of violating the election rules, the Election Committee may impose any appropriate sanction, up to and including disqualification as a candidate; however, for disqualification to be considered as a penalty, the complainant must demonstrate
      (a) willful or repeated violations malicious intent on the part of the accused; or
      (b) that the violation was so significant that it likely changed the outcome of the election in favor of the accused.

   (5) If a referendum proponent is found responsible of violating the election rules, the Election Committee may impose any appropriate sanction, up to and including disqualifying the referendum question; however, for disqualification to be considered as a penalty, the complainant must demonstrate
      (a) willful or repeated violations malicious intent on the part of the accused; or
      (b) that the violation was so significant that it likely changed the outcome of the election in favor of the accused.

Chapter 6. College Council Participation in an Associated Students Election
§6.3. Submission of College Election Data and Reconciling Conflict of Election Rules
   (c) All candidates running in College Council elections must submit candidate statements in the same manner as candidates for Associated Students elections in order for their candidate statement to appear on the ballot. Candidates for College Council elections are allowed up to 400 non-white space typographical characters in their candidate statements.
   (d) All candidates running in College Council elections may submit their Candidate Affiliation in the same manner as candidates for the Associated Students. If a candidate running in a College Council election does not submit their Candidate Affiliation, the Candidate Affiliation shall be blank.
Matthew Bright, reporting on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Contracts, additionally moved the approval of an amendment to the Special Rules of Order, which was adopted as follows (Act 369):

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER

Rule 4. Order of Business
(7) Special Orders

Before the Order of Business is published, the Speaker shall have the power to make any item that is not a bill a Special Order and, if necessary, set the time for the Special Order to be executed. The Speaker shall ask the Clerk to include the item under Special Orders in the Memorandum of the Order of Business circulated to members before the meeting.

John Cressey, reporting on behalf of the Committee on Finance, moved the approval of re-allocation of $9000.00 from Programming Nooners line item to Programming SunGod line item for SunGod 2007 (Act 370), allocation of $3000.00 from General Unallocated to SunGod line item for free water at SunGod 2007 (371), allocation of $400.00 from Stu Org Travel Unallocated to Asayake Taiko for 15th Annual Taiko Invitational to take place on 5/25 - 5/27/07 at Los Angeles, CA (Act 372), allocation of $2500.00 from SIORC Legislative Funds to Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers for SHPE Youth Engineering Innovation High School Conference to take place on 5/26/07 at UCSD (Act 373), and allocation of $400.00 from Stu Org Travel Unallocated to Pi Beta Phi for Pi Beta Phi Leadership Conference to take place on June 22 - 26, 2007 at Town & Country, MO (374), which were adopted.

The roll was called.
The following voting members were present: Ellen Almirol, Matthew Bright, Sarah Chang, John Cressey, Janine Dellomes, Ashwin Dighe, Fabianne Furman, Adam Gardner, Micah Jones, Kerry Kassam, Harry Khanna, Jessica Kim, Cindy Ly, Demetra Matin, Chelsea Maxwell, Conrad Ohashi, Daniel Palay, Long Pham, Erik Rodriguez-Palacios, Alan Roof, Adi Singer, Taylor Stuart, and Michelle Yetter.
The following non-voting members were present: Neetu Balram, Kari Gohd, Andrew Guichet, Sydney Goldberg, Kathy Lee, Marco Murillo, Luke Pulaski, Lindsay Root, Michael Shillington, and Marc Truex.
The following members were not present but excused: Erin Brodwin, Meghan Clair, and Heidi Laidemitt.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

Christopher Terry, Clerk

Harry Khanna, President