



**Associated Students Inc.
San Francisco State University
External Affairs Council
Minutes
January 31st, 2019**

Chair, **Garrick Wilhelm**, has called a meeting of the **External Affairs Council** on **Thursday, January 31st, 2019** at **2:00 pm - 4:00 pm** in **Delmy Rodriguez (T-152)** in the **Cesar Chavez Student Center**.

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:05pm

II. Roll Call

President - Present

VP of External Affairs - Present

VP of Facilities & Services - Present

Sophomore Representative - Tardy

Science & Engineering Representative - Present

RHA Representative - Present

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for January 31st, 2019

Moved by RHA Representative, Seconded by Science & Engineering Representative.

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve.

V. Announcements (2 minutes each). Please submit literature to Chair when meeting begins.

VP of Facilities & Services announced that the Mashouf Wellness Center is open to CSSA Students who are attending the February Plenary this semester at SFSU.

VI. Public Comment (2 minutes each). Must pertain to jurisdiction of Board. Please observe proper decorum. The board is not required to respond.

Monica DiLullo announced that she is the new **ERC Director**, and formally asks the council to move basic needs discussion to top of agenda as she needs to leave the meeting early and would like to discuss this Agenda item.

Motion to go out of the orders of the day for New Business Agenda item A at 2:07pm

Moved by **Science & Engineering Representative**. Seconded by **RHA Representative**.

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

VII. Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 89307 of the California Code for the purpose of to consider the appointment, employment, and evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of an employee.

No Closed Session

VIII. Old Business

a. NSLDC (Discussion Item) – VP External Affairs

The council will discuss preparation for NSLDC conference.

VP of External Affairs: Currently have 15 SFSU students who have been invited to attend this conference for free by us, though initially we wanted 40 students to attend and did not get that response. We are still waiting to hear which Board members would like to attend as well. Currently have heard from **RHA Representative, Sophomore Representative, VP of University Affairs** and **VP of External Affairs** for a total of 19 out of 40 available spots filled at NSLDC on Feb 8th & 9th. **RHA Representative** asked how people can apply if they are not on the AS Board of Directors? **VP of External Affairs** responded that

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applications are through a simple google form. **Science & Engineering Representative** asked if it was sent to all program heads? To which **VP of External Affairs** responded that it was, including all departments and department chairs and some other departments like Career Development. **RHA Representative** asked if it was also sent to RHA and if he could send it to them if not? **VP of External Affairs** responded that he could. They stated that currently 95 students coming from other campuses for this conference. Check-in will be at 4pm, with the conference taking place from 5pm-8pm. Stated a conference call with them and April from Meeting Services to ensure everything is set up, so facilities will be available and ready to go, as well as AS logos sent for their print materials. Everyone going is promised free t-shirts. **President** asked if he is attending? **VP of External Affairs** responded by asking if they had answered the calendar item and google form that was sent out to board members? **President** responded that he had but was confused over a mention of a welcome message for the conference. **VP of External Affairs** confirmed that **President** will still be delivering that. **Sophomore Representative** asked what campus members that they are familiar with are attending? **VP of External Affairs** responded that they are unsure, but is confident that we are ready to host this and that it should go smoothly.

b. February Plenary (Discussion/Action Item) – VP External Affairs

The council will approve plans for February Plenary.

VP of External Affairs announced that the CSSA Plenary will be Feb 15th, 16th, & 17th. Currently 11 campuses are registered to attend including CSSA and the Student Trustees, but they are still waiting on some campuses as the deadline is week before it. Stated he is sending a spreadsheet of attendees to Veronica Castillo, **Interim Sr. Director of Finance**, for invoices to be sent out. We were given authorization by Horace Montgomery, **Interim Executive Director**, to go forward with the expenses for this Plenary. Stated the main reason this topic is on this agenda is so Meeting Services knows we are spending the money for this so that we can take some action on this. **VP of External Affairs** asked **President** if marketing received a welcome packet? **President** responded that they received it today and will make it pretty for sending.

ERC Director left the room at 2:31pm.

VP of External Affairs mentioned many people from CSSA have asked for them to set-up or list types of nightlife events in the welcome packet. So far the plan is to meet at Fisherman's Wharf on Thursday via cable car. **Sophomore Representative** suggested the Exploratorium on as they have an 18+ After Dark event on Thursday evenings. **VP of Facilities & Services** reminded the committee to keep in mind that this particular Thursday is Valentine's Day for some. **President** asked if they are still having breakfast in Rigoberta Menchu Hall? **VP of External Affairs** responded that Civic Engagement will be there. Stated he originally suggested doing all meals at the Taqueria, yet there was a conflict as a Chamber of Commerce has booked that. Stated that Lunch on Saturday has that area reserved, so Rosa Parks A-C is reserved for Saturday Breakfast. **President** suggested the convenience of one meal spot for whole plenary. **VP of External Affairs** asked what meals will be for Sunday? **President** stated that Marco and the campus taqueria will be catering for the whole weekend. **VP of Facilities & Services** expressed distaste in food at other the other CSSA plenaries they have attended, and asked what they will be eating? **President** suggested a full spread for breakfast both days to the taqueria as opposed to the burritos they originally suggested. Were offered the traditional beans, rice, and meat spread for lunch on Saturday. Stated that Sunday will have To-Go Box lunches including Sandwich, Chips, Cookie, Fruit, and possibly Water. **VP of External Affairs** suggested no bottled water, and stated that they committed to having a coffee station available all day. **President** stated that it will be in Jack Adams Hall and supplied through Cafe 101. **VP of External Affairs** suggested an ice water station as the water refill fountains in the building are slow or broken. **RHA Representative & Science & Engineering Representative** suggested that they may be working now. **VP of External Affairs** stated that coffee should have compostable cups. Reviewed an SFSU goody-bag to go with every attendee including pens with highlighter attachments, office supply packs, and potentially an AS branded neoprene water bottle. **President** stated that neoprene AS water bottles have been ordered for this. **VP of External Affairs** asked the committee if there should be more SF memorabilia in the goody-bag? Stated they wanted to avoid things that will be thrown away. **Science & Engineering Representative** stated that trinkets and tourist type items, yet expressed that they may not be the most sustainable option. **VP of Facilities & Services** suggested that as a person from San Francisco, trinkets and tourist items from here do not interests him. **VP of External Affairs** suggested that the easiest thing to do

is would be to include Ghirardelli Chocolate Squares. **VP of Facilities & Services** suggested San Francisco equality stickers. The External Affairs Committee agreed with the suggestion in consensus.

Science & Engineering Representative left the room at 2:38pm.

VP of External Affairs will go shopping in Castro to try finding an SF themed sticker with rainbow colors. Stated that they are expecting 65-80 people to be attending, though around 150 water bottles were ordered to be safe. **VP of Facilities & Services** researched a sticker shown to the committee during the meeting. **Sophomore Representative** thanked those who are planning this and is expecting guests to love attending this. **VP of External Affairs** mentioned that the hotel is now fully booked for this, yet none of the hotels within a block of the one chosen are very expensive. Stated he hopes this keeps people together or close to each other. They also made sure to include local parking garages in the Welcome Packet as parking is a concern for many in San Francisco.

Science & Engineering Representative returned at 2:41pm.

VP of Facilities & Services stated that 80 count 3x3-inch stickers of the one suggested and shown are around \$105, & 100 count of those will be \$133.77 on Amazon. Asked if this is too much to spend? **VP of External Affairs** stated that it is not too much. **Science & Engineering Representative** suggested sending the design to marketing to see if they can work with it and potentially get it cheaper. **VP of External Affairs** stated some people will come in on Thursday, and most of them aren't staying in Sir Francis Drake, as some may be staying in Daly City with other campuses. Mentioned that they included an advisory notice in the welcome packet with information such as BART prices and access, to encourage guests to use public transit. The advisory notice also includes a cost comparisons for rideshare apps like Lyft & Uber to alleviate the pains some experience trying to drive in the city. **RHA Representative** suggested including information of a Transit App or the Muni Mobile App in the welcome packet as it is helpful. **VP of External Affairs** stated that parking passes were discussed and may be available for \$4 each. **President** stated that we can offer this but it's a difficult process at the moment, since campus will probably make AS pre-purchase them and there is no guarantee or count of how many will be driving. **VP of External Affairs** suggested that people aren't going to be too sad about \$8 parking per day for the weekend, and can likely be reimbursed. Stated that directions in the welcome packet will take them to the parking garage on campus, but the welcome packet does not include costs of parking on campus at all. Suggested that the **President** should be adding it. Stated that they need every board member to volunteer to help with at least one working shift for the plenary. **President** stated he has a spreadsheet being sent out for these shift sign ups. **Science & Engineering Representative** suggested that they didn't communicate this responsibility to Board of Directors well. **Sophomore Representative** agreed and stated that last year they were not forced to attend so it does not feel like an obligation to some who may have work conflicts. **VP of External Affairs** stated that a discussion of Board Responsibilities included supporting all AS events. Suggested that while attending or working, they should be asked to wear their AS apparel so they can be recognized. **VP of Facilities & Services** expressed distaste in a mandatory dress code, yet complied. **Science & Engineering Representative** suggested to tell the Board this is strongly encouraged. **President** stated that the plans of plenary and texts of this are being sent out between today and Monday. **VP of External Affairs** stated that on Friday, CSSA is doing Board of Trustee interviews in Delmy Rodriguez (T-152), with 13 interview panelists here from 8am-6pm, interviewing candidates from 9am-5pm with a green room next door for candidates to wait in. Stated that lunch is bought for panelists and **Sophomore Representative** will be their first interview. **VP of Facilities & Services** wished **Sophomore Representative** good luck on the interview. **VP of External Affairs** continued stating that downstairs in Rosa Parks D will have a Student Success Analytics Certificate Program. Stated that those people will be there all day Friday, including joining the interview panelists for lunch. Stated to attendees that Friday evening they will be initially be meeting up at Hamburger Mary's in the Castro. Continued to mention Saturday's dinner will be at the Golden Gate Taproom for All You Can Eat. **President** mentioned to make sure to have people here till at least 2pm on Sunday, due to people being kicked out too early at 1pm, in previous years. **VP of External Affairs** stated that meeting services was told to keep facilities open till 3pm.

Motion to provide all rooms needed for Friday, Saturday, & Sunday events of the CSSA Plenary, as well as the authorization for the payment of expenses to be offset by registration fees.

Moved by **Science & Engineering Representative**. Seconded by **RHA Representative**.

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

IX. New Business

a. Resolution for Transparency and Shared Governance for President Search (Discussion /Action Item) – VP External Affairs

The council will consider a resolution to increase the number of students on committees that are involved in selecting the next university president.

VP of External Affairs informs the committee on a policy Trustees made on the process for replacing a President of the University. This policy consists of having four Trustees form the “Trustees Committee on the Selection of the President,” to recommend candidates to them, and it varies for every campus. They put together an Advisory Committee consisting of 1 Academic Dean or Vice President, 2 Faculty Members, a President of another College, 1-2 community members, and only 1 student. No students on the actual selection committee unless a student trustee is chosen. The issue here is that students are underrepresented in this process. To make us feel involved, they invited students to an informative forum, however the forum takes place Tuesday 11am-1pm and was only announced to the student body today via email. **VP of External Affairs** joked that this disregard of the student voice makes people want to buy chalk. On top of this issue of underrepresentation, Academic Senates all over the CSU’s have been passing resolutions asking for change. In 2011, the Trustees changed the policy to make it up to the discretion of the Chancellor and the Chair of the Trustee’s Committee on the Selection of the President, to decide whether the finalists would be announced publicly and if any campus visits were scheduled. Any major positions on campus are usually filled with finalists visiting campus and having a public forum, but ever since policy changed, no announcements of these for Presidents have ever been made. In fact the entire process happens in airport hotels, and no one comes to campus or is known about. Closing this process from public view comes from executive search firms who use “research” to claim they find better candidates. These firms have a profit incentive, and are paid more if their candidate is selected. Since this Academic Senate decision, 3 resolutions passed in regards to this. Ours have written one that hasn’t passed. We wrote one for CSSA that didn’t make it to meeting, yet this becomes an advantage; allows us to argue in our resolution about our specific and unique campus climate. We can speak on our tumultuous relationship with administration and how the closed off process will make it difficult for any chosen candidate to have public support and success. Resolution has been shared with board and committee. Academic research in footnotes is very supportive of opinions presented. Review of Paragraphs: 1. Who AS is and what their status is, along with the fact they represent 29k students. 2. States AS mission that allows them to do this. 3. Importance of students as consumers, and the future prosperity of the Bay Area at stake. 4. The mission of SFSU, and why these missions align. 5. The President has to execute this mission, and there has been over 50 years of conflict with the administration. 6. The only legitimate power the University President has depends on acceptance of the campus community. Legitimate power comes from people you serve, related to process of selection. You won’t have confidence, trust, or acceptance in a closed process. 7. Reminds of the process change in 2011 and lack of campus visits or transparency. 8. Acknowledges the justification they’ve given for the closed process. 9. A closed process creates an atmosphere of distrust. 10. Acknowledges the one student on the selection committee compared to administrators, “accept what you get attitude.” 11. Acknowledges that the Chancellor and Chair can add students to the committee in the current policy, so none of the resolves require policy change and can be acted upon with the discretion of the Chancellor. **VP of External Affairs** goes over resolves: The first resolve asks for improved transparency and involvement of the student body. The second asks for the Chancellor to recognize the need for transparency and publicly announce campus visits for this search. The third asks for them to add two students to the advisory committee and a student or designee to the Trustees Committee on the Selection of the President. In conclusion it affirms support for the Academic Senate to pass a resolution. Asked the council for feedback. *President left the room at 2:58*

Science & Engineering Representative asked about a grammar correction in paragraph 3. **VP of Facilities & Services** asked about the phrase “only legitimate power” in paragraph 6. **VP of External Affairs** stated that all power of the position is useless without support. **RHA Representative** explained that students give them this power, it’s a specific term regarding legitimacy.

President returns at 3:05pm.

VP of External Affairs: Asked for any more changes? **President** mentioned he was interviewed by Golden Gate Express student paper about this resolution yesterday, mentioned to them that this will be worked on. Reminded council this will be discussed and can be approved at board meeting next week. **VP of External Affairs** stated that Luolo mentioned in her conversations with the Chancellor, he absolutely will not consider opening up this process, but our argument against this is strong.

Motion to approve the Resolution for Transparency and Shared Governance for President Search.
Moved **Science & Engineering Representative**. Seconded by **RHA Representative**.
Motion carries.

b. Resolution in Support of Students identifying as Transgender and other Gender and Sexual Identities (Discussion/Action Item) - VP External Affairs

The council will consider a resolution to support Trans students and to call for designation of SF State as a Safe Haven Campus for Gender and Sexual Minorities.

VP of External Affairs began speaking on the avoidance of terms like LGBTQ, Queer, and Trans unless he was speaking on specifically trans-people when drafting this. Stated they are specifically speaking on and supporting gender and sexual minorities, anyone other than the hegemonic or “straight.” When speaking on gender and sexual identities we are inclusive of the hegemonic identity so we are including all in this resolution.

Sophomore Representative left the room at 3:10pm

VP of External Affairs reviews the resolution beginning with authority of AS in recognizing this, followed by the importance of gender and sexual identity as a personal expression with more than just LGBTQ or Trans, with a big diversity of identities. Upon researching this realized there is a claim to human right of identity, so not allowing people to identify how they want to is a violation of their human rights. It is not a physical descriptor so it’s an unacceptable act of oppression to place an identity on someone when they have not expressed it. Stated the Bay Area is a place people come if they don’t fit in elsewhere, as well as the mission of SFSU and how it relates to this. Mentioned how SFSU is dedicated to social justice and how the Administration is sometimes unaware of this. Reaffirms AS has been in full support of these people as shown by programs provided to students, before going into the incident with the crime report and how students have felt about these reports misidentifying trans-students. States that campus did not respond correctly, therefore creating a hostile campus environment for them. The resolves listed support for trans-students and all students with practices that will help. Refers to the AS compliance coordinator, and campus pronoun policy, while mentioning that we can do a review of all of our policies to create more neutral language. Calls on existing Executive Director of Programs to create an action plan within one year to enhance the support for students who struggle with gender identity. Resolve also includes an ask from the QTRC to Executive Director of Operations & Facilities to begin the study and process required to change all bathrooms in the Student Center to gender neutral. **RHA Representative** asked how many bathrooms are in the Student Center? **VP of External Affairs** listed all bathrooms including the one gender-neutral one located on lower conference level. Continued with examples of how to go about this include re-signing, re-stalling, creating private urinals, removing walls between bathrooms and creating single person use restrooms. Mentioned the calls to action for staff to do these things but a study should be done for cost, yet this doesn’t cause actual action, just moves idea and process forward. The resolution also calls on President Wong to declare SFSU the first Queerencia Campus, impetus of another first from SFSU, starting a nationwide student movement, but it needs dedication from AS or it will be somewhat meaningless. **VP of Facilities & Services** asked if they may think this will harm enrollment. **VP of External Affairs** suggests people see the campus this way already and younger generations are more comfortable with queer people. This calls on President Wong to make policies so people are not mis-identified. Calls on Dr. Hong to use Title-IX process used for sex. Since there is pressure from the Trump administration to not allow gender used in Title-IX complaints, campus did not change their policy in response. Dr. Hong has asked us to add the words “to continue to” on line 51 as Luolo claims she already does this.

Motion to approve Resolution in Support of Students identifying as Transgender and other Gender and Sexual Identities with an amendment in last paragraph.

Moved by **Science & Engineering Representative**. Seconded by **VP of Facilities & Services**.

Motion passes.

VP of Facilities & Services left the room at 3:23pm.

c. **Action on Student Affairs response to trans students (Discussion/Action Item) - VP External Affairs**

The council will discuss action to take to improve relationship with Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

VP of External Affairs began mentioning that beyond this resolution, the Board should think of how to respond to Dr. Hong's treatment of the whole situation. The idea that trans-students appreciate our support but want an answer to problem presented by this situation, including Dr. Hong. A resolution has been started, but could not be presented without first getting a consensus from the Board and council members on how to act on this. Stated that the current relationship with Dr. Hong has been to use AS and members of the Board as her voice instead of recognizing them as the independent voice of students. Gave examples of her attempting to use influence against student interests due to her job duties, which include defending the school by knowing the policies in place. Students protested against President Wong, and Dr. Hong tried to pull AS on her side again in that instance. It is *expletive* unacceptable that she does this, so as a result of this, some student orgs do not want AS as involved in their issues even though we represent them and have a history of representing them. They don't see Associated Students as their voice. We need a resolution or action that shows students we are on their side as their independent voice, and also tells Dr. Hong and the Administration to back off.

VP of Facilities & Services returned at 3:26pm.

President left the room at 3:27pm.

RHA Representative suggested this could be a vote of no confidence. **Science & Engineering Representative** suggested that we still need a consensus from members of the board before placing it on a highly publicized agenda. **VP of External Affairs** agreed and suggested that a vote of no confidence is still a powerful statement as we will have a new University President after this semester and that gives them a very clear message. **Science & Engineering Representative** stated that also gives this message to the SFSU community about how AS truly feels.

President entered the room at 3:28pm.

VP of External Affairs this gives us a good footing, but doesn't need to be passed this early in the semester. Suggested that this begins the process that leads to what can happen at end of semester. Alternatively can pass a resolution stating that we are voice of students and ask for changes, and then do a vote of no confidence if change does not occur. We have options to bring about the outcome we want once the Board members decide what that is. Suggested it is easy to say we don't want Dr. Hong, but that's not necessarily an outcome. **Science & Engineering Representative** stated that we don't necessarily want to get rid of her, but want the students to trust us as their independent voice again. **VP of External Affairs** stated that the Golden Gate Express published an editorial stating that Dr. Hong tried to silence their voice as well, and since she's not only doing this to us, we have a real and major problem. Stated multiple groups are against Dr. Hong for this, but her primary job is not to support students, though many feel that is what her job should be. Her primary job is to know laws regarding SFSU and student affairs so that she may protect the University. Suggested that many also feel as though she is not going to fit in with new University President anyway, and will likely leave on her own accord, so AS action may not make a difference regarding her, but will definitely make a statement to administration and new faculty. Suggested a resolution stating how we've lost the confidence of students as their independent voice due to the incidents that have taken place. Suggested trying to reaffirm to students that we are their voice, and asked if the council would like to ask Dr. Hong to use us as her voice, or to stop at just asking for action, or to state to students where we are on the issues. **President** stated that he views this as two different things that can happen. While asking her to improve is one thing, and stating to her that we are independently for the students is another, he expressed that he sees how this gets complicated. **VP of External Affairs** suggested a letter drafted by the AS President and the Board that states how we feel unfairly usurped by her voice while also asking for specific changes. **President** suggested it be an open letter from the Board and Student Body which can be published in the Golden Gate Express. **VP of External Affairs** asked again if we

should do an open letter, a resolution, or both? **Science & Engineering Representative** stated that a call to action for Dr. Hong is the resolution, while an open letter could be reaffirming us as the independent voice of students. **President** suggested doing the opposite, with AS BOD listed as signee of the letter to Dr. Hong and the resolution affirming our voice to students. **VP of External Affairs** stated he has started a resolution and will be share this collaboratively. Much like the AS President choosing to leave, there will be staff in her office applauding us for this. Mentioned that SFSU also has a new Dean of Students coming in.

d. **CHES (Discussion/Action Item) – VP External Affairs**

The council will approve sending board members and students at large to CHES in March.

VP of External Affairs stated that CHES is March 10th-11th, following the March Plenary. Stated that **President**, **VP of Facilities & Services**, and **Sophomore Representative** will be driving up on Saturday to attend this. Stated that he will unfortunately not attend the Plenary as he is attending his daughter's wedding in Phoenix on Saturday, and will fly back to go to CHES in Sacramento on Sunday March 10th. Discussed the details of CHES; Hotel is the Grand Sheraton and were \$162 per night. Suggested they are investigating chartering a mini-bus dependent on how many people want to attend. Stated that they invited every board member to go yet only three have said they are going. Any student board members can go and some programs and program directors can go as well. We would pay for travel, accommodations, and meals. Suggested that the council does not need to take action for this money, as it would come from the out-of-state travel budget. They budgeted \$13,000-\$16,000; \$350 per person due to a drive the morning of and a 1 night stay.

President left the room at 3:39pm.

Science & Engineering Representative asked what time in the afternoon they will be returning Monday March 11th? **VP of External Affairs** mentioned that it would be sometime before 3:00pm. Stated that they are attending CHES to campaign for Financial Aid reform. Asked council for any discussion or suggestions of student directors to invite to this?

Motion to approve the use of Travel Funds for Board Members, Student Staff, and Civic Engagement Fellowships to register and participate in CHES.

Moved by **Science & Engineering Representative**. Seconded by **RHA Representative**.

Motion carries.

e. **Basic Needs Initiatives (Discussion/Action Item) – VP External Affairs**

The council will consider adding housing help to students as part of our efforts to help students with basic needs.

VP of Facilities & Services leaves room at 2:07pm

VP of External Affairs states that he recognizes that some students are homeless because they can't access housing, and not because they can't afford it. Suggested hiring student staff to be familiar with housing listings on behalf of students, as well as partnering with Residential Housing as they are scheduled to be hiring an Off Campus Housing coordinator to connect with landlords and property managers starting July 1st. These student staff members would be able to connect students with resources that Residential Housing has available. Health Promotion & Wellness is also hiring a case manager for students with basic needs issues, so these student staff would be a resource to them as well when they have students that end up homeless. **ERC Director** clarified if these are emergency housing units? **VP of External Affairs** responded that HPW should have resources for emergency housing, connections within the city, and also information on possible dorm units. Clarified that we are going to have a couple student staff to stay on top of listings.

VP of Facilities & Services enters room 2:09pm

Sophomore Representative enters room 2:09pm

ERC Director stated that most students still can't afford places to live. **VP of External Affairs** stated that in their outreach with homeless students it was actually shown that even with adequate resources, access remains an issue as most landlords pass students up in favor of people who are perceived to have more stable resources, such as tech and family workers. Mentioned a personal anecdote about rejected housing application because the competing applicant had one source of income that was three times higher than the rent, as opposed to their three sources of steady income. The unfortunate reality is that having an adequate

amount of money does not equate to student housing in San Francisco. Stated that they also want to work with the Mayor of San Francisco on a resolution that will incentivize housing opportunities for landlords to give units to students. **ERC Director** mentioned that who she spoke with in London Breed's Campaign was not aware of this. **VP of External Affairs** mentioned that they heard from one of their staffers who mentioned the potential for something like this, a partial tax credit for homeowners who rent to students. This is the first time we are hearing of this in a committee but it will continue to be spoken of in other committees. Stated that the goal of this is to have a complete program by Summer as that is when it's most needed. **ERC Director** mentioned that an hourly space rental startup, *Recharge*, is moving into the housing and residential units market, and suggested that it would be an interesting connection and opportunity to work with a Bay Area company that could use available units in Park Merced for SFSU Commuters from far away places that only need the space for part of the week. **VP of External Affairs** suggested that what is being set up here in comparison is a couple student staff whose primary goal is to help students access housing by overseeing housing ads and connecting with landlords. **ERC Director** asked if this would this overstep the work of HPW? **VP of External Affairs** suggested that this would be more of a partnership in tandem between Health Promotion & Wellness, Associated Students, and Residential Housing, since HPW doesn't have student staff like this, but has one manager that does similar work to this in other areas of need. **ERC Director** asked who would be managing these student staff and if there is a general structure planned? **VP of External Affairs** stated that this fits under our Basic Needs Initiative so these would be similar to our food pantry staff, under whoever is managing the program they work in. Stated that AED of Programs could place these workers wherever they are needed, but it can be discussed further. **ERC Director** expressed concern with the 'Basic Needs' title of this initiative since all of our programs deal with 'basic needs' in some form, listed examples such as the Food Recovery/Pantry and Project Rebound. **VP of External Affairs** suggested that this is needed because the only place we send students for help with housing is the internet, and forcing 6000 new students to scrub through housing opportunities online is daunting, especially for students from Southern California that don't know anything about the Bay Area. Student staff would regularly be looking to help these students find places easier. **ERC Director** expressed concern that student staff would be a middleman this way, and suggested that we should have them reach out to landlords with some type of agreement or guarantee. We need to send the message that if an SFSU student applies, they should feel safer in the competition with tech workers. **VP of External Affairs** stated that there will be more discussion on this and how it works, but it needs to be approved here and sent to other committees for that to happen. **ERC Director** approves of the idea, but expressed the need to work on structure and direction. Asked about attendance to Basic Needs Council? **VP of External Affairs** stated that they are unaware if they are attending but were told they were listed in the agenda so they may. **Sophomore Representative** expressed wishes to be recognized or represented there. **VP of External Affairs** stated that they could be recognized and represented there, then informed the council that there was formerly a housing office in Associated Students before electronic resources had taken over. Suggested that this is within the new realm of possibility for the organization but not entirely a new idea for Associated Students to have student staff help with finding housing. **RHA Representative** moved to go forward with the plans for a Basic Needs Initiative. **ERC Director** asked how they want to, and if this is a budget proposal? **VP of External Affairs** stated that AS has it in the current budget for more student staff members. **ERC Director** suggested including more of AS in the conversation as other areas need student staff as well. **VP of External Affairs** mentioned this is just a recommendation to move the idea forward to other committees and not a full proposal yet. **President** suggested referring this to Finance Committee to look at the budgets. **ERC Director** suggested waiting until the Basic Needs Council holds a meeting before any action takes place, especially if there's no rush as they can already afford it. Suggested that HPW needs to be heard out on what their needs are. **VP of External Affairs** clarified that this is one-time-use money from a grant they've received, so they'd need to figure out the budget anyway. These people may be a part of Associated Students staff but will work in Health Promotion & Wellness to fit a need that has been identified, yet this is just conversation and not action. Suggested that the Facilities & Services Council can look at how this will work, while the Finance Committee will look into where the money for this comes from.

VP of External Affairs moved to refer this item to both the Facilities & Services Council as well as the Finance Committee at 2:24pm
Moved by **Sophomore Representative**. Seconded by **RHA Representative**.
Motion carries.

VP of External Affairs moves to go back into the regular orders of day at 2:24pm
Moved by **RHA Representative**. Seconded by **Sophomore Representative**.
Motion carries.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:44pm
Moved by **VP of External Affairs**. Seconded by **Council**.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

Approved by: Garrick Wilhelm

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Respectfully submitted by: Bahram Sherwani

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