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THE FALL 2008 QUARTERLY REPORT

The Constitution of the Associated Students, University of California, Davis (ASUCD) charters the External Affairs Commission (EAC) and charges it with the broad mission of working with external bodies so as to safeguard and promote the welfare of our association's members. Pursuant to the ASUCD Bylaws, Chapter 2, §203(A)(1), I give this quarterly report on the commission entrusted to my leadership. This report outlines how EAC—as a whole commission and as individuals—carried out its mission and also outlines the projects planned for the upcoming Winter Quarter.

THE FALL 2008 COMMISSION ENDEAVORS

The Fall Quarter served as an a smooth period for new commissioners to understand the structure of ASUCD, as well as a smooth period for all members to slowly get back into the mode of school. For the first ten weeks of the academic calendar: any projects of the commission as a whole were done jointly with the city and the university; many commissioners were involved with this year's historic elections; and our commission continued its principle duties to advise the Senate.

Joint City-ASUCD Activities

On behalf of ASUCD, the Office of City and County Affairs and the External Affairs Commission worked with UC Davis and the City of Davis to plan and participate in the annual Davis Neighbors Night Out. This has only been the third 'Neighbors Night Out, but—like last year--the number of parties and overall participants has slowly increase. Similar to last year, an ASUCD delegation visited various parties. Seeing as how we eat their food, this year External Affairs gave the host a small plate of cookies and a thank you care with the text of our Principles of One Community. An addendum to the report provides results from a survey givens to hosts.

Individual Work of Members

This year, many commission members participated in campaigns for the varying issues brought to the election ballot. Seeing as how commissioners—myself included—participated in many campaign issues, I intentionally slowed the workload of this commission. I do, however, believe that the individual work of our commissioners is still important. Though members were not acting in the capacity of their commission, they are still role models of this Association and show the public that our student government strongly participates in local, state, and national politics. Many members of our local community have expressed gratitude at our student's high level of involvement.

Commission Recommendations and Other Business

The commission introduced and made recommendations on varying resolutions; I wish to express my gratitude to members for their breadth of discussion. Commissioners did not just simply pass legislation on to the Senate; rather, they looked at resolutions from varying angles and together with the public, gave fruitful discussion. Also, I'm pleased in the diversity of

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public attendance in our commission meetings. The opinions and discussion from constituent students, residents of the city, and members of the university's administration contributed to a well-rounded understanding of various topics discussed in our meetings.

I believe commission members did grow and learn this quarter. The commission decided that a pair of commissioners would attend the regular meetings of the City Council. Members also decided to self-regulate how we would accomplish projects. I originally structured the commission where commissioners were split into small groups, each working on an individual project; respecting their input, we will now be establishing deciding what projects to accomplish each quarter and putting forth all our individual resources.

Lastly, the commission has adopted a new commission seal and logo after comments by students and city officials that our previous design looked like an atom. The new design keeps certain elements and maintains symbolism found in the previous design. I have attached an addendum to this report explaining the meaning of our seal and logo.

Self-Evaluation and Personal Testament

I conclude my briefing of the Fall Quarter by commenting on my minimal involvement towards the end of the quarter. Around the end of November, I did not take good care of myself and my minor illness grew extremely worse—I was forced to go to the hospital in December. During this time, my commissioners should much leadership and maturity while helping me with my duties. I'd like to thank Commissioner H. Cummings for aiding me in any last minute appointments or meetings. Also, I am extremely and most grateful to Vice Chair D. Percoco for acting in my place. I am truly impressed by her leadership during my hiatus.

THE WINTER 2009 COMMISSION PLANS

On the concluding days of January 2008, I was confirmed as the Chair of External Affairs and joined a much different-looking Senate Table. As I reach a full year of service, I begin this quarter with a renewed sense of purpose for my office and our commission.

Establish Commission Officers

In an effort to provide support to the presiding officer of the commission and to decentralize the decision-making process, pursuant to the ASUCD Constitution, Art. 2, §12(2), the commission will establish and provide duties to two officers: the commission vice chair and the commission clerk.

Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall carry out the following responsibilities in addition to the duties enumerated in the ASUCD Bylaws. The Vice Chair shall: coordinate and assist the Chair in sending communications to its members and members of the Senate; serve as the Chair's primary advisor; coordinate the agenda for weekly meetings; manage the members serving as representatives and designees in internal or external bodies; and function on the Chair's behalf when needed.

Clerk. The Clerk shall record and submit minutes of the commission's weekly minutes; archive the commission's records; mark and submit changes to SGAO; and coordinate the recording of commission awards or recognitions given.

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These officers will not only assist in the efficiency of our commission, but will also provide some type of continuance as membership will changes in our group.

Charter a Student-Community Relations Award

External Affairs believes part of our mission includes recognizing and promulgating the outstanding relations of our students with the city-community. This quarter, the commission and the City of Davis will charter a lifetime society to honor and recognize individuals whose work promote student-city relations.

Plan the Joint City Council-Senate Meeting

The commission will coordinate the annual joint meeting between the Davis City Council and the ASUCD Senate. As a part of the planning process, the commission will gather topic for discussion from the president, the vice president, the Senate, and the city council. Commission members should work closely with the ASUCD Office of City and County Affairs, the UCD Office of Local Government Relations, the Davis City Manager, and the Davis City Clerk.

Commission a History of Our Community

For the past century, the university's students play an intrinsic role in the development of the Davis community. In honor of UC Davis' centennial anniversary, our commission will work with the City of Davis and the UC Davis Department of History to chronicle the history of our community, focusing on the involvement of students.

University Archives

Within the Peter J. Shields Library, all departments can donate materials and records for preservation in the University Archives. This quarter, EAC will work with the university's archivist to establish the amount of ASUCD material given to the library, other than the Picnic Day archives, and to establish a process by which ASUCD may submit material for preservation.

Personal Growth as a Leader

This quarter I hope to grow as a leader, improving on my skills as a delegator. Delegating work will require me to rely upon the trust in my peers and will require me to improve upon the clarity of my instruction. In the end, I know that this skill will help us as the team, us as the commission, and us as the Association.

I respectfully SUBMIT the External Affairs Fall 2008 Quarterly Report on January 8, 2009,

Cheers everyone,

/s/

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External Affairs Commission Chair

REPORT ADDENDUM:

- ❖ *2008 Davis Neighbors Night Out Survey Results*
- ❖ *About the Commission Seal and Logo*