

SUA Minutes 10.6.2015

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Ray: Is there any discussion on the agenda?

Tamra: **Motion to approve.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **agenda is approved.**

**Reading of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

Suini: **Motion to approve.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **minutes are approved.**

**Announcement and Public Comments**

Guillermo: Office of External Affairs will be having a meeting at 8PM at the SUA office where we will be discussing internship position and the campaigns that we will be working on this year and if you're interested in any of these opportunities come out.

Sauli: Now accepting applications for Student of Color Conference, so please apply to that, and my office hours are Wednesdays 2-3 PM.

Suini: Tomorrow is an APISA mixer 7-9 PM above the bookstore, it's a great place to network and meet some new people around campus, there will be food provided and if you have any questions, please come talk to me.

Julie: SUA was asked by the reaccreditation system to offer some representatives to talk to staff to talk about reaccreditation and that our education is good enough for the UC system, that will happen next week Wednesday at 12. I'll be sending out an email soon.

Lisa: At C10 MPR, ABSA, will be talking about black lives matter movement, next Tuesday, starts at 6:30, open to all of the community.

Vanessa: Next Tuesday the college democrats at 6 PM will host a space at Merrill at the Baobab Lounge to host the presidential debates, there will be refreshments provided.

Unknown: Tuesday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> is CALPIRG's kick off meeting, Oct 15<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a press conference downtown Santa Cruz at 11:30.

Seamus: All of us are officers and resources to the assembly, my office hours are MWF from 930-1030 AM. Please stop by and talk about anything with me and I am also open to appointments.

Art: Welcome to the space again, I've been working with the officers to update our website and now that we have our reps appointed we will get those updated as well. We also have a calendar on the website and keep these events updated. Please send us any events that you may have so we can post those.

Homayun: I'm the SUA advisor and I'm in the trailer with the officers, and I am a resource to all of you and I'd love to get to know all of you, so come on by and welcome.

### **New Business**

#### **Community Agreement Proposals:**

Ray: We wanted to start up from scratch this time, are there any proposals for community agreements?

Julie: The officers put together a proposal so we could brainstorm off of that, so please suggest changes or new rules.

Ray: We can open up discussion for all of you to comment, and if you'd like to adopt these agreements, just say "motion to adopt" and if there's language to amend, just say "motion to amend".

Art: These community agreements, this set is a compilation that has been used in the last couple years. This year we have a few agreements that actually have explanations attached to them so that those who are new to the space understand better. Community agreements are agreements that we ask participants to follow. We can always change this throughout the quarter. [Reads initial community agreements]. The officers spent time on this over two meetings to have an extensive list of community agreements. We can work from this document or not include any of these at all. This is up to us to decide which community agreements we want for the rest of the year.

Jackie: The one part that talked about addressing calling people in, I thought that the wording was a bit confusing. Was it supposed to be "best to not address in front of everyone"?

Art: Yes that's correct, it should be that. It would be best to confront the situation in private at a more personal level because that might be perceived as public shaming.

Miriyah: When we talk about avoiding gender language, another form of gender language, is to not address girls and boys or ladies and gentlemen, and I also wanted to talk about the "calling people, not out" but if someone says something wrong, it may be important to correct them gently.

Seamus: Correct me if I'm wrong, but don't we have to motion to approve these first?

Ray: If people want to approve certain parts of this or change certain parts you can do that do.

Guillermo: I think the one of no false accusations is good, but like I'm not going to say that "Ray you're corrupt" and if you know its false, don't do that because this is a space where we are all working towards the same goal.

Corbin: **Motion to amend the language of call people in, to "if you feel that it is important to educate the assembly on a mistake that was made, it is important to take an educative tone rather than an attacking tone.**

Ray: Is there a second? Seeing none, **motion fails.**

Tamra: **Motion to adopt all the community agreements.**

Bryna: **Second.**

Seamus: **Objection.** I think that we should have some time to add more because this has been made by the officers and it might be good to have more input.

Kyra: I just wanted to take a moment of use of technology because while it can be advantageous, please use it respectfully, so when there is a presentation, please pay attention to them instead of doing homework or when using social media. We are all here to serve our communities.

Julie: We can change things later, but if you'd like to propose things now, you can do it.

Tamra: Is it possible to adopt for now and at the next meeting, when we have the reps here, to put it on the agenda again, could we bring it back to our spaces?

Ray: Yes absolutely, since this is a living document.

Suini: **Motion to table until next week.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **community agreements have been tabled until next week.**

Grassroots Organizing Training Sponsorship request:

Art: I'm bringing this sponsorship request to the assembly to have our first organizing training of the year, this will be happening next week Oct 16-18 and it will be a three day training at Kresge College. You will learn the essentials of grassroots organizing and it will teach students how to be more strategic and it will be a training that will focus on exercises, training and skills and concepts that will help us increase the effectiveness of our students for their organizations., these tools have not been shared with the SUA in the past and I wanted to make sure that us as students had these tools for the rest of the year. No matter what group you're in that you have the same training. Also students will learn how to build and maintain their organizations and learn how to win victories on campus. One of the recent wins last year was the reaction of the students against the tuition increases. The UC board of regents wanted to increase our tuition and coalitions were formed. We addressed it in multiple ways, some people chose to block entrances to campus, others, the highway. We won in a small way, but it was a win regardless. During this weekend, if you are a participant, you will learn how to increase student membership. I'm asking for the assembly to provide **\$1470** for this training. The training itself costs \$2000 since we as the SUA are a member of the USSA, which is a nationwide advocacy organization that advocates for student issues at a national level. We will be paying for two student trainers, one from Berkeley and one from Oregon, the facilities are free of cost, and \$800 for 50 people over the course of three days, and also for some supplies, like writing material, and easel pads and markers. We are trying to make this as cost effective as possible. This would likely come from the carryforward line item in this budget.

Corbin: I see that you have listed watercolor markers? That sounds kind of expensive when it doesn't need to be.

Art: Yeah it's just the regular markers and \$70 for supplies and the easel pads are about \$55 dollars.

August: Does your office have programming funding for which you would normally use for events like this?

Art: Yes all of the officers have money they can use for committees or for their own events, since this is an entire SUA event.

August: Are there other costs here that you are funding from your own budget?

Art: Yes the transportation of the trainers will be coming from volunteers to pick up people and supplies.

Seamus: **Motion to extend time by 5 minutes.**

Kaimana: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Seamus: For the assembly's knowledge what is the carry forward amount?

Julie: Carry forward is what was left in last year's budget, and I don't have the exact amount, and that a certain percentage has to go to reserve funds. We have about 90k in our carry forward.

Jackie: So what is the purpose of the money given to the other officers?

Julie: It's for programming under their office so it can be put under his office.

Art: Each of the officers does oversee a committee and there wasn't really officer programming in the past and in recent years it was about \$2000 dollars and in the past, SUA has merged the officer budget with the committee budget. I think each of the officers have about \$1800 dollars for the year to do both programming and use that money for the whole year. That is why I am bringing this to the assembly so that we as a whole SUA can host this training. There is an online application for folks who are interested in the training.

Tamra: **Motion to extend time by 2 minutes.**

Imari: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Guillermo: So we do have \$1800 for programming and from experience from programming, we planned a conference in the spring and it was about \$1400. So we can either have one large event or several small ones. I highly encourage you all to go to this training if you're trying to organize on any campaign really.

Imari: if SUA doesn't pay for this, will it still happen?

Art: Yes it would just come from my budget. But later I would probably come forward to the assembly for more money for more events.

Tamra: For the 50 people, how are those people being selected? Will there be even amounts of people from each college attending?

Art: It will depend on the applicants and if we have a larger number, then we can figure it out. What it comes down to is who can commit for all three days. Some folks may be from other organizations.

**Closing Remarks and Adjournment:**

Ray: Thank you everyone who came out today, it was the first meeting. Next week we will have a cheat sheet for Robert's Rules and if you have any feedback for me please feel free to contact me at [suaparli@ucsc.edu](mailto:suaparli@ucsc.edu).

Tamra: **Motion to adjourn.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **meeting is adjourned**