

SUA Meeting 10.13.2015

Assembly Members Present: Imari Reynolds (Cowell), Bryna Haugen (Cowell), Tyler Papp (Cowell), Daniel Bernstein (Stevenson), Gema Rodriguez (Stevenson), Kyra Brandt (Stevenson), August Valera (Crown), Tias Webster (Crown), Jane Loughboro (Crown), Lara Loesel (Merrill), Morgan Smith (Merrill), Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Tara Parcella (Kresge), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Suini Torres (Oakes), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Wayne Ledgister (Eight), Simba Khadder (Eight), Kaimana Carney (Eight), Rohit Dhar (Nine), Katherine Le (Nine), Anthony Gonzales (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Danny Milla (Ten), Vanessa Sadsad (Ten), Theresa Atanoa (APISA), Oscar Montiel (MEChA), **Alternate** Kathy Pimentel (SANAI), Art Motta (Organizing Director), Seamus Howard (Vice President of Academic Affairs), Sauli Colio (Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion), Guillermo Rogel (Vice President of External Affairs), Jabari Brown (Vice President of Internal Affairs), Julie Foster (President).

Assembly Members Absent: Lisa Washington (A/BSA), Lina Abdelsalam (A/BSA), Haedyn Christie (QSU), Miryiah Morrow (QSU), Jonathan Morales-Rocha (MEChA), Nazareth Velazco (SANAI),

Approval of the Agenda:

Tamra: **Motion to approve.**

Rohit: **Second.**

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

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

Rohit: **Motion to approve.**

Tamra: **Second.**

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

Announcements and Public Comment:

Sustainability Office: We have the cool campus challenge. It's a 10 week competition between all the UCs, you make an account and make a pledge to reduce your carbon footprint. The top performer from UC Santa Cruz will get solar charges, prizes like that, it's a UC system wide effort and we are in fourth place right now. I am here to get more people involved and really push for SUA to get the word out. It's over on December 10th.

UCSA: I'm the national coordinator of the Student Labor Action Project, joint of UCSA. There's a training coming up at Kresge, it's grassroots organizing training. You are here because you

want to create change and this is about how to make change on campus. You'll learn how to do power analysis and coalition building. It's done by students for the students. If you have any questions about this event this Friday through Sunday please feel free to contact me.

Suini: There's going to be a community reception for AAPI and allies and they are looking for orgs that want to table. The event is going to be on Friday from 5-8 at the MPR and there will be performances, please talk to me or if you're interested in tabling let me know.

Sauli: Please don't forget to submit your applications for the SOCC, and that deadline is this Friday. Please feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Kathy: Practical activism is happening Oct 24th and we are having really cool workshops and on Sunday there is a parade downtown so you should come check it out.

Seamus: One, there are still a lot of SUA internships available within the offices, so if you're interested please come talk to the officers and we can tell you about the opportunities. Academic Senate meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 at the Muwekma Ohlone Conference Room.

Old Business:

Community Agreements Proposals Revisited:

Bryna: We want to add one mic on star, since we thought that diva was not gender neutral.

Ray: I just wanted to make this an integral part of the meeting so we are starting from scratch. If you'd like to adopt some or all of these, you can make that motion too.

Art: **Move to adopt all the community agreements as presented.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Gema: **Objection.** I believe that **we should add no cell phone use during meetings.**

Art: **Move to amend to no laptops as well.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Simba: **Objection.** I'd rather type my notes than write them.

Tamra: Most of the things that are sent from the parliamentarian are able to be viewed on a laptop.

Bryna: In terms of disabilities, for some people, it is difficult to look at the screen from anywhere in the room, so removing devices like cell phone and laptops might be harmful.

Gema: I don't think that phones are equal to laptops because if you wanted to look at something on your phone that you could bring in your laptop and I think that phones are much more distracting.

Jackie: When we're talking about the purpose of the community agreements, it should be guidelines for people to be comfortable and I see how using technology could be harmful in a space like this. And I do believe that there are downsides but I think that it's more of a convenience than harmful to the space. Technology is a bit more of a gray area and maybe it could be addressed more on a case by case.

Eli: I just want to say that laptops and phones aren't the same thing and the statement that everyone has laptops is really classist because some people can't afford laptops.

Roxanna: As someone who lives off campus, it is easier to carry your phone around instead of your laptop.

Tias: I think fundamentally a laptop and a cell phone are both equally distracting and an amendment to be more focused during presentations might be in order.

Bryna: One of the community agreements is assume best intentions and I think that most of us are here because we feel passionate about what is happening in this room and technology may be helping us communicate with our colleges and with each other and if we assume best intentions there's nothing to distract us from that.

Simba: **Call to question.**

Lara: **Second.**

Vote to amend main motion:

Ray: **Motion fails.**

Imari: **Motion to adopt the community agreements.**

Simba: **Second.**

Vanessa: Objection, I have an amendment to the community agreements. Motion to amend the language of call in call out to include "that if an issue arises that the parliamentarian address the issue to the assembly."

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

August: It was brought up earlier but there is a typo on that agreement, so **I amend to add the word "not" in front of address in that sentence.**

Unknown: **Second.**

Vanessa: Reserve my right to make a **motion to insert “in the event an unsafe space is created it is the responsibility of the parliamentarian to educate the assembly to address these issues.”**

Unknown: **Second.**

Seamus: **Objection.** I think that is redundant.

Vanessa: I believe that the parliamentarian is someone who is not speaking from an argumentative place and I think that it is a valid concern to address to ask the parliamentarian to address these cultural issues. **Motion to extend time by 5 minutes.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Tamra: Doesn't point of personal privilege cover what you want to do?

Vanessa: Point of personal privilege is more about a certain personal incident but this amendment would be more educational to the space. We need to check the space in terms of how inclusive it is and acknowledge the diversity here.

Danny: There is a section of community agreements called “oops and ouch” so that might go along the lines of that.

Vanessa: I understand that, but for other things that can be addressed to the collective, that needs to be addressed by the parliamentarian.

Jackie: I feel like in the case that someone feels uncomfortable by something else that someone said, that maybe that person who was uncomfortable should state what they felt, and that may put some pressure on the person who felt uncomfortable, and I think that asking the parliamentarian to simply mediate the situation would be good.

Seamus: **Motion to add five minutes.**

Gema: **Second.**

Simba: I'm not sure if it's redundant or not, and I don't think it's hurting anything so I think we should just get to it.

Seamus: The role of parliamentarian is to be unbiased and to not form opinions on anything, so even if something is offensive to some people, they can't educate a “side” if something is wrong.

Julie: First, point of personal privilege means that something affects someone on a personal level and that is also not just to state that you feel uncomfortable or to educate, it's when you feel so uncomfortable that it stops you from participating in the conversation.

Sauli: From what I interpret, is that if someone feels so uncomfortable feels that they can't voice what they feel then the parliamentarian can mediate that and this is also a living document so we can always amend this later.

Imari: **Call to question.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Ray: The **amendment to the main motion to add new language to the subsection of "call in call out" fails.**

Kaimana: **Call to question.**

Jackie: **Second.**

In favor: **32** | Opposed: **0** | Abstentions: **2, adopted community agreements.**

Grassroots Organizing Training Sponsorship Deliberation:

Art: There was an item I left out of the budget last week when I presented. **I motion to add \$773.23 which is part of the package to pay for travel for our student trainers, and now the new amount \$2,243.**

Kyra: **Second.**

Imari: **Objection.** When we took this back to Cowell, we had a set amount and now that there is a price change, we'd have to take it back.

Jackie: Kresge Parliament was comfortable with funding the supplies and the training.

Simba: **Motion to table until after the budget presentation.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Art: **Objection.** The previous question can be resolved simply by the president or the parliamentarian.

Vanessa: Is there a way we could pull up the budget right now so we can just see it?

Seamus: Reserve my right to make a motion, there are two budgets, one that passed in spring which is an estimate, but our actual budget is not finalized yet. Our estimated carry-forward is around 80 thousand. **Call to question.**

Julie: **Objection.** There is a lot on the agenda before we get to the budget presentation so I'd rather present the budget first and then come back to this.

Julie: **Motion to amend so that the budget goes first.**

Katherine: **Second.**

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

Julie: We wanted to give you a view of what the budget looks like, so what happens in the spring time, we allocate money and approve the budget for the year. So to give you an idea, it comes from a campus wide student fee called Measure 8, which states that undergrads provide funding for campus wide events, rallies, and conferences and school events. This is a summary of the budget that was approved last year. The money allocated for student staff is \$116,100 and our advisor is \$75,000, dues/conferences/travel is \$72,000 and RSO funding is \$43,000 and Programming is \$11,196 and elections is \$6,400 and office and supplies is \$3,600. Last year's chair assumed no carry forward when estimating the budget because there was a large deficit.

We have an accumulated reserved for unanticipated future loss allocation. This is for any kind of emergency that SUA has to deal with. Our Measure 8 funds are around \$330,000 and our carry forward was supposed to be \$96,216.56 but there were a few charges that hadn't been closed out yet, and so as a result of those other charges, we are left with approximately \$92,000 and our summer budget of student fees is \$12,303, which all totals to \$434,303. That is an estimate. That is our budget, and we thought that we were going to have \$327,303 by the end of spring, and we actually have much more than that.

Our carry forward, out of that \$92,000, \$4,600 of that has to go to the reserve fund, our general fund is \$27,000 and our programming will be \$64,400. This is our new budget except that we now factor in the general, reserve and programming funds. Art's proposal for GROW was to come out of our carry forward.

August: Where did sponsorship funding go?

Julie: Last year they decided to cut it and they grouped it together with RSO funding.

Vanessa: I just want to keep in mind that the carry forward there was a stipulation that the carryforward could be used to fund specific items, per the discretion of the assembly.

Seamus: It is up to us, but I think it is a responsibility for the rest of the year to allocate it first. So I would allocate first and then take out money for funding requests.

Simba: Last year we made large cuts to the budget and we were trying to have more than expected. I would like to get back to an equilibrium first.

Grassroots Organizing Training Sponsorship Request Deliberation:

Simba: We talked about this in C8, and we loved the event, but we didn't like how it seemed so rushed, but one question we had was that lots of these things are being bought already, so we were wondering if those things had already been bought and where did the budget come from that?

Art: Just to make it clear, the sponsorship isn't about the logistics and details because that's already covered by our advisor. The question here is if the assembly believes that this training of being part of the direct process of activism, whether or not if this event is part of the programming that this space should be doing. It was presented as that this would be an SUA event and it doesn't just benefit us but it also benefits others who are both on and off campus. The flight was paid for with the package. That's why it's part of the cost for the package which includes the stipend for the trainers. We will have to pay back someone.

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

Bryna: **Second.**

Julie: I just wanted to clarify that last question that was asked, from my understanding we are getting invoiced for \$1,500 and the travel is reimbursement. I haven't signed off on POs for anything else. The organizing director has a programming budget, and that's what the original PO was for and the sponsorship request would have gone into that. Everything else we are getting invoiced for.

Gema: I feel like if we are going to sponsor this event that we should really understand the logistics of it, and I think that we should focus on the logistics.

Seamus: **Motion to add five minutes.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Imari: I just wanted to say that as SUA we are supposed to be transparent and to say to not care about logistics is not good, and we were told that it was going to be some \$1400 amount and to change that value seems like the reps would be going on personal opinion.

August: Reserve my right to make a motion, I think we can figure out the funding amount after we change the language, **call to question.**

Danny: **Second.**

In favor: **7** | Opposed: **10** | Abstentions: **15**, **motion fails.**

Suini: If we were to change the budget, we don't have to fully fund it right?

Ray: Right, we just voted to change the language and budget of the proposal.

Tamra: **Motion to fund \$1,470.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Vanessa: **Objection.** I am objecting because if and when we approve this entire event, any student or officer who wants to host a program that is at the benefit of our entire student body, we are essentially rejecting a student trainer from getting here and training our students.

Jackie: **Motion to extend by 5 minutes.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Gema: I don't think it would be negligent because it's already been paid for and our council has already agreed on an amount and it doesn't seem fair to the councils to change the total amount in the interest of time.

Simba: So there's this quote about "lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part." At College Eight we really liked the event but we didn't like how it was rushed. At College Eight we would give about half.

Vanessa: **Rescind objection.**

Jackie: **Objection.** I just want to reiterate that we should fund the training and the supplies which would be \$670. Also this is really rushed and I'm not entirely sure about the details about this. I would also like the assembly to think about this event as if it hadn't already been paid for.

Tamra: **Call to question.**

Seamus: **Second.**

August: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: **23** | Opposed: **10** | Abstentions: **5**, **call to question passes.**

Vote to fund \$1470:

In favor: **24** | Opposed: **9** | Abstentions: **4**, **funding \$1470.**

Officer Summer Reportbacks:

Julie: This summer the biggest task at the start of the summer was moving, and we have moved offices since the Student Union is being retrofitted right now. We had to pack up the office and move everything. I found a few resource binders and other binders that had useful information. I've been compiling those documents in the office. Another thing was the UCSA and USSA conferences but those conferences were a couple weeks long and we had two different delegations. I've been working on the constitution and the bylaws as well. There are quite a few errors in the constitution of grammar and typos so we will bring that to you soon. We've also been going through the bylaws and Seamus and I are trying to propose some edits before we

come to you all with it, and we are missing a few things of how the parliamentarian is appointed. I've also been working on the budget and meeting a lot with different departments on campus and the career center and they are interested in coming into the assembly to give presentations. Another big project I'm working on is a housing survey for all on campus to survey different off campus housing life and on campus life and with that data I'm working with UAW and the graduate student association and a town hall will be hosted around October 29th.

Jabari: I've been working on reformation on our sexual assault and hate bias forms, I met up with other internal affairs presidents and they are working on their 13 demands which lists what would happen if there was a sexual assault happening on campus and we are working on how we would incorporate that to our campus. I've also been working on various events that I'm looking to host on campus which is working with Oxfam with a hunger banquet to have that on campus and to work with St. Baldricks, which is a cancer foundation for children and we want to have students shave their heads and raise awareness for children with cancer.

Seamus: We had to move this summer and I've been decluttering. There was officer training as well and specifically how to edit the website and Julie and I have been working on editing the constitution. I met with Vice Chancellor Allison Galloway and we talked about our plans for the year and this is her last year. Some of my goals aligned with hers. She said that she would help me with a few of my goals. As Julie also said, we went over the constitutional bylaws, which are a mess and they are contradictory and they don't make sense sometimes. We've had a couple meetings about that and we have been focusing on a committee, which is the Student Academic Senate. We want to see how to bring the students together and we are meeting tomorrow and I've been compiling binders for all the representatives and encouraging them to apply for the SCOC committees. We had a meeting with the dean of students to talk about plans for the year. Also I've been helping with the SOCC transition. We've also been working to update the applications for that as well.

Sauli: So over the summer, in the beginning of July I attended an online diversity training with other folks from other campus units like the ethnic resource centers and so basically we are looking to create an online diversity training for all incoming frosh and transfer students. I was able to gather some folks to talk about their experiences as students on this campus and we made a video and that made it to the alcohol.edu portion, and throughout this year we want to make an accurate and personal diversity training for this campus. This is a great success to have gathered students who talked about their experiences. I was gone for the month of August and if you'd like to talk about that experience with me, you can do that. So two things, as stated in the bylaws any officers can cut their pay and reallocate money towards an SUA officer retreat and in that retreat we were able to address diversity and institutionalized racism. In September, I started planning the Student of Color Conference and I am also planning the Woman of Color Conference. I'm still looking for folks to participate. I also sit on the resource center advisor board and it's where all six resource centers try to collaborate and I'm also working with Guillermo on the UC Consent campaign and I'm also working on a cultural appropriation for this month.

Art: During the last few months, the external office and my office started work in mid-june when we attended a state wide coalition meeting and we had a board meeting in June where the student leaders come together to decide what the student voice will be on a state level. So as a state wide coalition we are able to provide students a chance to say what they want to the Board of Regents. Us as students we can play a role and determine how we want the university to function for us. In July we had our meeting at Berkeley where we got together and list out the problems that we face as students. Julie mentioned the Congress events for the UCSA and USSA at those conventions, students got together and created solutions to address these concerns so we will be working on a state and national level. Whatever issues we want to address as students (like tuition hikes) and we want to make sure these concerns are being addressed. We want the students in two years to properly address this. We have campaigns at the statewide level to end sexual violence on this campus and another campaign #howareyou because the average wait time for a student to see a counselor is 10.2 days. We are finding ways to address that.

Tamra: Jabari, what is happening with SCOC?

Jabari: Last year I called up the last year SCOC administrator and we have our first official meeting tomorrow and we had a general meeting today and we are looking to edit our bylaws under the constitution. We are looking to amend that during our SCOC meeting tomorrow.

Anthony: For Sauli, for the Women of Color Conference, could you give more information?

Sauli: I am gathering folks right now to come together and it is not open to just women of color but also to allies as well and we are coming together to see what the needs of women of color are on this campus and hopefully folks are really interested in that but right now we are still in the planning phase of that. If I have more information I will let y'all know. We will have the conference in spring and the host space hasn't been decided yet.

Anthony: Could you talk about the 13 demands?

Jabari: I could send you a copy of what they are working on right now, but I'm still in communication with her and how it would translate to our campus.

Kathy: There is a sexual assault prevention task force, and I think that there are some UCSC students there, I think you should do an open forum for students to express their concerns to be inclusive of other identities.

Tamra: You were talking about the housing situation, what is your end goal?

Julie: There's definitely no perfect goal in this situation and it's kind of a lose-lose for everyone, but I've been reading a lot of policy and right now we are sending out the survey to gather information. The town hall is really where I hope to see what direction to go in. A few end goals is the whole UC system as a whole is going to add an additional 20000 students for the next 4

years. I do want to show them how we can't sustain more students here. Another idea is to have a commuting school and more university housing off campus.

Student of Color Conference Funding Proposal

Sauli: I am very excited to take on delegating students to the Student of Color Conference. This is an annual conference put on by UCSA and is a critical space where students of color and allies come together and address issues of institutionalized oppression. This is very important because it gives students the space to make connections and talk about issues on campus. There are workshops as well as our own delegation meeting. We discuss what the issues on this campus are. So the goals of this conference is to give students to mobilize their communities. So this is the budget, registration is free because Berkeley decided that and transportation is a charter bus which will fit 50 students and we will be having 3 passenger vans. Also we will be staying at a hotel for two nights and that equivalent to \$8810.40. So This is important and I spent a lot of time looking for hotels to fit a hotel of 80 students and that was the cost of 8810 and I would like to stress that this is the most cost efficient I can make it. Last year's assembly allocated \$11,000 but \$3,000 was cut, so this year I am requesting \$3,557.04 from the carry forward to fund basically the hotel rooms because the current budget is able to cover the costs for transportations in the hotel rooms but not all of them.

Simba: I've heard really good things about this conference, where is it?

Sauli: It is hosted at Berkeley and November 6-8 deadline to apply is October 16th.

Suini: Why are we only taking 80 studnets?

Sauli: The student government put a cap for 85 students for each campus.

August: Could you elaborate on the selections process?

Sauli: I am reaching out to the big five resource centers to sit on the selections committee so that we are able to represent everyone and make sure that we can make a more responsible decision.

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

Kiana: **Second.**

Simba: If someone had their own place to stay and their own transportation what would they do?

Sauli: I think it's not fair to the other applicants, and if we accept someone who is willing to do that, I'm willing to work with them.

Kiana: Are the attendees responsible for feeding themselves?

Sauli: Two dinners because it is not provided by Berkeley.

Julie: The other thing about students going is that the SUA has to make sure that every driver is authorized so that would be another issue there because SUA might be liable there.

Suini: What time would the conference be?

Sauli: We would be leaving around 6 PM to let folks go home and pack up their things.

Kathy: How much are the meals that they have to pay and if a student can't pay is there a way to get a waiver?

Sauli: If a student is not able to pay for their meals, I am willing to work with them.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment:

Ray: Thanks everyone for coming out, I apologize for the slip ups in Robert's Rules but I do have an anonymous feedback site, so please look into that.

Julie: If anyone wants to invite me to their senate meetings this week to talk about the budget, I'm clear on Thursdays and Monday nights.