

SUA Meeting 10.27.2015.

**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), Brett Jorgenson (Crown), Lara Loesel (Merrill), Morgan Smith (Merrill), Bianca (B) Moncada –Martin (Merrill), Amanda Kazden (Porter), Eli Guzman-Martin (Porter), Jackie Roger (Kresge), **Alternate** Liza Mednikov (Kresge), Tara Parcella (Kresge), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Suini Torres (Oakes), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Simba Khadder (Eight), Kaimana Carney (Eight), Rohit Dhar (Nine), **Alternate** Dante (Nine), Anthony Gonzales (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Danny Milla (Ten), **Alternate** Lola (APISA), Vanessa Sadsad (QSU), Oscar Montiel (MEChA), Erica Green (SANAI), Art Motta (Organizing Director), Seamus Howard (Vice President of Academic Affairs), Sauli Colio (Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion), Jabari Brown (Vice President of Internal Affairs), Julie Foster (President).

**Assembly Members Absent:** Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Wayne Ledgister (Eight), Katherine Le (Nine), Lisa Washington (A/BSA), Lina Abdelsalam (A/BSA), Theresa Atanoa (APISA), Guillermo Rogel (Vice President of External Affairs).

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Art: **Move to table presentation for committee on admissions and financial aid.**

B: **Second.**

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

Art: **Move to add 15 minutes for presentations for Fund the UC before new business.**

Julie: **Second.**

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

Tamra: **Motion to approve.**

Daniel: **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:**

Julie: SOFA is happening tomorrow at 5:30, we are not allocating funding, we are just going over the constitution where it talks about SOFA and to make sure that everyone is on the same page. One sofa rep from each college should be coming.

Jabari: I'm working with St. Baldrick's and they are asking me if we want to help raise money for the cancer foundations. If you want to help out come see me, they are having a competition between universities to shave their heads and donate to support cancer. This week SCOC is having a meeting, location TBD.

Kyra: Where is the SOFA meeting?

Julie: It's in the Muwekma Conference Room above the bookstore.

Tamra: For SCOC, please go back to your spaces and encourage them to apply for committees because those are paid and we have a lot of open spots.

Seamus: General reminder, some internships are still open and you should apply to them, and talk to us please.

B: Merrill is putting on The Hills Have Eyes dance party at the Merrill cultural center.

Suini: Oakes senate is hosting a dance on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> and we have been working hard for that. It will be at the OLC and we have a DJ, please come out, it's open to everyone and it's free.

### **Fund the UC Presentation**

Art: As Organizing Director I have a role in the statewide level representing UCSC. So what is Fund the UC? It is a statewide standing campaign to advocate for increased sustainable revenue for higher education in California. So why fund the UC? The University of California needs a long term funding solution. Last year students fought to stop a tuition hike and it will take much more to fight back against tuition increases in two years. The state has divested from the UC which threatens the stability, accessibility and equality of our UC. From master plan to no plan. Pat Brown signed the master plan for higher education in California, which stated that all residents who applied to UC and who were qualified should be accepted into UCs. Reagan cut funding for higher education. We shifted to a tuition based funding model and called the national guard to crush student protests. Another root of the problem is Prop 13, which was passed in 1978, which froze property taxes to help homeowners for 1978, but also applied to commercial property. Large commercial properties rarely transfer ownership and as a result, the large corporations are paying property tax from 1978. How is higher education under attack? The affordability, accessibility and quality of education are all being affected by this. Our campus has been affected by high rising tuition, with impacted classes, lack of housing and the cut of student services. We are enrolling more students than we can physically handle. This is throughout all

the UC system. Some students are living in their cars or in the woods. You hear about referenda that students try to pass, those are for services that have been cut. So we can talk about state divestment in higher education. In 1980, the state was investing \$24,0000 and now in 2014, they are investing about \$10,000 in each of us. Meanwhile, student fees have tripled in the last 10 years and the average student loan debt is about \$30,000. Here at UCSC, 64% of undergrads receive any type of grant either from the school or from the federal government. Most Pell grants are about \$4,500, and 62% of undergrads rely on federal aid to even attend a higher education institution. This goes back to the issue of the UC vs the state legislature. The UCOP has been at complete odds with the state legislature in Sacramento. In Jan 2015, the UC president and governor brown launched this advisory committee which was essentially a “committee of two” to talk about how to fund the UC. So we’re going to be changing the conversation with coalitions and across the state by educating students on what the issues are and lobbying elected officials. We want to shift how public and policy makers approach funding education, and show them that it is an investment in the future of California. Every year, the UCSA holds a student lobby conference which shows students how to talk to elected officials. In about two weeks, we will have 100 campuses across the nation who will unite the student movement. We are demanding that college be tuition-free, we are calling for the cancelling of all student loan debt and a \$15 minimum wage for all campus workers. Next week we will share more information on how you can get involved.

### **New Business:**

#### Presidential Budget Discussion:

Julie: We wanted to clarify the standing rule that was stated last week. The standing rule that we talked about last week was “motion to add a standing rule that if there is sufficient carryforward that we will restore the line items that were just cut”.

Kai: So that standing rule was for the SOCC and the SLC?

Julie: That’s what I adjusted to, but that’s not what everyone agreed on.

Tyler: Has the budget changed at all from last week?

Art: The point that Julie brought up, that seems like it should be a different conversation which is separate from the budget discussion. With the standing rule, during the last officer meeting, there was confusion and we reached out to the person who made that motion.

Ray: We reached out to the person who made this motion, and she stated that she meant all the line items that had been cut to be rid of the deficit.

Seamus: First, since we’ve already gotten rid of the standing rule, if somebody did want to change the budget, they could make motions right now. So the standing rule that Louise

mentioned was that she was trying to say that all the stuff that was cut should be replenished. However, just keep in mind that we have gotten rid of the standing rule.

Julie: What I just read to you all, I explained to you what I thought that it meant and I just wanted to be clear that since this is so confusing, I just wanted to make sure that last week when we struck the standing rule, that we knew what we were striking. In my opinion, there should be amendments now and those should be taken back to the space.

Simba: Is there a list of things that was cut in general that we could see?

Julie: I don't think that everything was cut because of the tight budget. I don't have the list of things that were cut.

B: Last year since we kept bringing back the budget, and so we ended up just making an ad hoc committee to work on it so that we could streamline the process. And we made a small presentation on what we changed and it made for less time spent as a whole assembly.

Vanessa: Reserve my right to make a motion, I think that there is value in B's point and it would be best for a group of students to work with the president on this, and have a more advisory role.  
**I motion to that the president lead an ad hoc committee with assembly members to review the budget and bring a proposal to the assembly.**

Ramneet: **Second.**

Tamra: **Objection.**

Tias: **Motion to have any student be allowed on the committee.**

Lara: **Second.**

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

Tamra: **Call to question.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Art: **Objection.**

*Vote to vote: (2/3rds)*

In favor: **19** | Opposed: **7** | Abstentions: **9**, **call to question passes.**

*Vote on main motion:*

In favor: **29** | Opposed: **2** | Abstentions: **5**, **motion passes.**

Art: I don't think that it was clear of the intent to create an ad hoc committee. I don't think it really addressed the question at hand.

Kai: I wanted to talk about the budget for a little bit, I had an idea to move some funding that was increased in officer programming to either RSO funding or the general fund. There seems to have been no increase in RSOs and given that we are student voice, student power and student action, it seems like it would be better to put that money into a more collective area.

B: My intention for the ad hoc committee was to go thoroughly through the previous budget and the extra funds and a new budget, and for the president to mediate the meeting.

August: I thought the ad hoc committee would create their own proposal on the budget, whether that would be modifying the president's suggestion or to move other things around. Also, RSOs weren't replenished because I don't remember cutting much from RSOs, and we cut programming and conferences as well. I believe last year we changed RSO funding to refer to any student association on campus. In addition, sponsorship is zeroed out because it was included in RSOs.

Simba: About RSO's, we cut sponsorship and instead we opened up RSOs to everyone, so technically we did cut RSOs because there is a bigger pool of people to cater to, and for officer pay, that is their own jurisdiction. I also feel like it would be useful to have a larger pool to fund.

Daniel: **Motion to extend time by 10 minutes.**

Rohit: **Second.**

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

Sauli: From last week, what I understood when Julie was presenting, the SUA programming was more for a general fund for anyone in the assembly to host events. As SUA we are supposed to be hosting student action, student voice, and we are supposed to be mobilizing students and one way of that is through events. I think that \$3000 is a good amount and just to bring up a speaker is a lot of money and I just want you all to reflect that if we want to have good events, we have to have that money available to us. If we make it really clear what line items people have access to, I think that that would be best.

Eli: When the budget was cut last year, and the RSO budget was expanded to include all student organizations, did we add more money to RSOs or did we just cut sponsorship?

Simba: Reserve my right to make a motion, given the fact that most events come to SUA for funding, I think that we should focus our surplus towards the students and having the diversity to fund other student bodies and niches would be much more beneficial and we can always come to ourselves for funding. The officers should have their own for their own events, and the officer funding is more than last year, **motion to cut \$500 from each officer programming and split that equally into Fall, Winter and Spring RSOs.**

Rohit: **Second.**

August: **Objection.** I don't feel like modifying the proposal will do anything since we're going to have an ad hoc committee and personally I think we should cut more.

Kai: In transferring some of the funds from officer programming to the RSO programming, we could help much more student groups.

Julie: There is also \$35,000 in general fund that can still be allocated out.

Art: We just passed a motion to take it to the ad hoc committee and let the ad hoc committee decide for themselves. That's something we can talk about once the ad hoc committee presents.

Seamus: I think that even though we are going to have a budget committee, we are still in discussion so motions still go and if people wanted to have some basis for the committee to work on then that is okay.

Ramneet: **Call to question.**

Tyler: **Second.**

Daniel: **Objection.**

*Vote to vote (2/3rds)*

In favor: **17** | Opposed: **8** | Abstentions: **10**, **call to question passes.**

*Vote on main motion*

In favor: **14** | Opposed: **10** | Abstentions: **13**, **motion passes**, cutting \$500 from officer programming and put that equally into the RSOs.

Vanessa: **Motion to extend time by 10 minutes.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Suini: **Objection.**

*Vote to extend time*

In favor: **13** | Opposed: **17** | Abstentions: **7**, **motion fails.**

Constitutional Edit Deliberation

August: **Motion to approve all edits as presented.**

Rohit: **Second.**

August: **Rescind my motion.**

Tamra: **Motion to approve all edits as presented.**

Katherine: **Second.**

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

**Resolutions:**

Beach Flats Community Garden:

Daniel: **Motion to reconsider the motion to extend time for the budget discussion.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Simba: **Objection.** I think people want to talk about this.

Tamra: I think that we need to bring up the budget, and people wanted to talk about it and we still haven't answered Eli's question.

Simba: **Call to question.**

Rohit: **Second.**

August: **Objection.**

*Vote to vote: (2/3rds)*

In favor: **29** | Opposed: **1** | Abstentions: **3**, **call to question passes.**

*Vote on reconsider extension of time*

In favor: **18** | Opposed: **10** | Abstentions: **7**, **reconsider motion.**

Seamus: **Second.**

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

**Budget proposal:**

Tamra: So the question about sponsorship, when it was zeroed out, it wasn't redistributed to the RSOs, it was just gone.

August: So yes, putting more money into RSOs and taking that from officer programming. We have the budget ad hoc committee to bring back another proposal, I would suggest that the assembly hold off on changing Julie's proposal since it's going to be changed anyway.

Daniel: Under section of presidential travel, what does that \$2000 entail?

Simba: In terms of the standing rule stuff, I would like to have an explicit list of things that were cut.

Julie: Presidential travel has been cut over the years and has been reinstated last year, it covers travel expenses for UCOP and Council of President meetings. Occasionally it's a hotel and a car for getting to Oakland and for in case there is any travel that comes up.

Tamra: To add onto that, under Shaz, it was \$5000 and it has been cut down to \$2000, which is pretty reasonable.

Simba: **I motion to table this discussion until next meeting.**

August: **Second.**

Julie: **Objection.** I just wanted to say a few things about the ad hoc committee, and I don't think that the ad hoc committee would have met by then, so we'd be tabling this until the week after next.

Simba: **Motion to amend to table for two weeks.**

B: **Second.**

Julie: **Objection.** I would still like to explain what is happening with the ad hoc committee.

Vanessa: I think that the president should schedule and mediate the meeting. Last year the chair told everyone to go back to their constituencies.

Julie: **Motion to amend the amendment to the motion to only table until after the president has talked about the ad hoc committee.**

Rohit: **Second.**

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

*Secondary amendment – tabling for two weeks*

Eli: **Second.**

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

*Main motion – amended to tabling budget discussion for two weeks*

Daniel: **Second.**

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

Julie: If anyone wants to devote time to the ad hoc committee, please let me know, and I will prioritize that time to the people who want to be there. Hopefully it will happen by next Tuesday, and we will be discussing everything and come in with a very clear proposal. I will send this email out to the SUA list.

**Resolutions:**

Beach Flats Community Garden

Eli: we took this back to our porter senate space and everyone was in agreement. **Motion to adopt this resolution.**

Lara: **Second.**

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

B: **Motion to adjourn.**

Katherine: **Second.**

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