

SUA Meeting 1.19.2016

Assembly Members Present: Imari Reynolds (Cowell), Bryna Haugen (Cowell), Tyler Papp (Cowell), Jeffrey Stoll (Stevenson), **Alternate** Gabriella (Stevenson), August Valera (Crown), Tias Webster (Crown), Jane Loughboro (Crown), Lara Loesel (Merrill), Morgan Smith (Merrill), **Alternate** Karina (Merrill), Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Amanda Kazden (Porter), Eli Guzman-Martin (Porter), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Liza Mednikov (Kresge), Maxine (Kresge), Tamra Owens (Oakes), **Alternate** Ray (Oakes), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Simba Khadder (Eight), **Alternate** Kaya Zepeda (Eight), **Alternate** Noah Thoron (Eight), Rohit Dhar (Nine), Katherine Le (Nine), Dante (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Danny Milla (Ten), Tama Semo (Ten), Basheera Ali-El (A/BSA), **Alternate** Lolo (APISA), Vanessa Sadsad (QSU), Gilbert Paredes (MEChA), 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: Daniel Bernstein (Stevenson), Bianca (B) Moncada-Martin (Merrill), Suini Torres (Oakes), Theresa Atanoa (APISA), Erica Green (SANAI),

Approval of the Agenda

Julie: **Motion to add 10 minutes after UCSC bone marrow registration presentation for safety committee bring back.**

Rohit: **Second.**

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

Tamra: **Motion to approve.**

Danny: **Second.**

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

Approval of the Minutes

Tamra: **Motion to approve the minutes.**

Katherine: **Second.**

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

Announcements and Public Comment:

Ray: This Friday there will be a dance at the OLC, please come with your IDs.

Guillermo: On the 26th, I was planning an event for the SUA to host at the Merrill Cultural Center from 6-8 and right now it is more at the external affairs office thing but I would like to extend the offer for others to help and I would like you all to take part in this to talk about what we are doing in SUA. It is definitely worth it to be on the team.

Matt (CALPIRG): CALPIRG's Winter 2016 kick off meeting is tomorrow 7 pm at Social Sciences 1 Rm. 271. We will be talking about our campaigns and we have former council man don lane speaking there, we will also be having food so come through.

Sauli: We are having our first diversity commission discussion tomorrow from 5:30-6:30 at the Muwekma Ohlone conference room. This first meeting will be closed and the next meetings will be open to others. We will be having weekly Women of Color planning meetings at the Esselen conference room, we would like you all to be a part of this, and I'm also planning a caucus space for underrepresented students to speak on issues and how we can make the space better hopefully set for Jan 24th.

Jabari: SCOC is having several sister college events, specifically for Eight and Oakes, and there will be other sister college events and MLK convocation is happening in February, which is happening in February.

Eli: Tomorrow at the Cantu is the quarterly mixer, tomorrow at 7 PM the doors will be closing at 11 and there will be spaces for people to come together. I'm also putting together a call out to queer artists of color, because there's going to be an art show, so if you know any queer artists of color that would be /interested, please let me know.

Seamus: My office is putting out the CLASS survey and you will be getting an email soon about it. If you could take that and spread it around with your friends, it is a really valuable survey and it is a good way to talk about the academic problems on campus. Imari and I were talking and coming from the discussion from last quarter for us to be more relevant, we plan to form a programs committee.

August: This week Crown/Merrill will be hosting the First Annual Professional Developmental conference, which will be this Saturday and will be starting at 9:30 am. There will be a lot of career center workshops so this is the opportunity to attend all the workshops that will help you grab a job after you graduate and it will be happening in this room.

Guillermo: Two announcements: office hours are Monday 12-130. Wednesdays at 8 PM is Lobby Corps and this week we will be going over the campaigns and how you can get involved in these lobby visits and we will be releasing application for Washington DC soon. If you get accepted into the conference you will be going to training and I will be giving you all updates for committees for planning the budget. They are trying to shorten classes by 5 minutes and increase passing period to make more time for classes for students.

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

Tama: **Second.**

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

Ray (Oakes): there will be a Santa Cruz Trans clothing exchange Jan 29 – 30 5-8 PM and 2-5 PM, (respectively) if you know anyone who needs clothes or who can drop off clothes, let them know.

Tamra: With the sister college events, mine is happening on 5-8 PM on Jan 29th and we will be having Santa Cruz Taqueria catering.

Presentations

UCSC Bone Marrow Registration Event

[Starts with video] I have been arranging a bone marrow donor registration event for the past 5 years and this will be our 6th year. I'm here to dispel some myths about bone marrow registration. We have registered about 300 people per year and we have saved someone's life every year. The event is registering people; we aren't taking people's bone marrow. You have to be over 18 and you can't have diseases that are transmittable via bone marrow. Most people can't find a match in their family. We need more and more people in the registry of diverse backgrounds to match people of diverse backgrounds to help others. You simply stay on the registry and you may not event get a call. This is actually a cure for cancer, not treatment. Bone marrow is simply taken from the donor and injected into the recipient. Their DNA becomes overridden and they don't have cancer anymore because they don't have the same blood anymore. For the donor it is not an excruciating process. It used to be a surgical procedure but it does not hurt anymore. For people who do donate, they are able to have the surgery with anesthesia. What we are doing is just registering people to be bone marrow donors. We work with DKMS and they are international. DKMS asks questions in a non-discriminatory way and meets UCSC's non-discriminatory policies. It is very important to register and you are all an important and diverse population. The budget is a bit different. 1350 is the total, most of which is advertising and postcards and we have Sammy the slug running around and two banners as well. We also have 500 for t-shirts. We also table in the quarry plaza and we tell them about the event. We have about 100 students volunteering and last year mostly were represented in students from colleges who were sponsoring the event.

Bryna: I know that the new FDA regulations have to do with how sexually active you are, does that hurt anyone in general?

The question is about HIV, not about who anyone has slept with. We are also doing advocacy this year and we have also done an online petition for the FDA rules.

Guillermo: Are you gathering support from others?

We didn't ask SUA last year but we do go around to other colleges and organizations. We do tons of outreach as well. even if you all don't fund us anything, It was still worth it for me to come here. We just want to spread the word about this.

Imari: Is the total budget for the entire event 1350?

Yes but we are also asking other bodies for funding. You can also register online on your laptop and they will send you a kit in the mail.

Safety Committee Bring-back

Elaine: A few weeks ago I brought the Safety committee to you all, and I told you all we'd be meeting to discuss what we could do about this. We've met twice since then and we've started to draft a resolution. At this point, City on a Hill has contacted me and they want to know what SUA is planning on doing if there is any action and I wanted to bring this back to the assembly. If any of you were patrolling the official group on Facebook, we sent out a poll last week asking people if they would like the kiosk guards returned. From there we had 20% of people who didn't want the guards returned and 80% who did. Some ideas that we were thinking of were bringing the roaming police officers from on campus onto the base instead, and so the poll that we sent out was mostly information gathering, we haven't decided anything and this is why I'm here presenting because I want some student opinion here.

Bryna: So just out of curiosity, how many people did the facebook poll?

Imari: I'll look it up.

Ray: Were there any other ideas besides bringing back the roaming police to the kiosk booths?

Elaine: Well as of right now we were hoping to ask for the most that we could, we didn't want to settle for less. We are going to try to ask for police officers at the kiosk booth, if not, then we'll ask for security officers, then CSOs, and then maybe ask for cameras.

Julie: We also considered having cameras record the cars come in and out, 24/7 but we were sure that there would be major implications.

Unknown: What are the duties of the people who work the kiosks?

Elaine: The people who work the kiosks are stationed there past 8 and they check ID for cars who are coming in and out of the campus. I'm not quite sure about the policies for visitors after 8 PM because I never had visitors at that time, but if anyone wants to talk about that, please get on stack. However, one thing I did want to talk about is that I've been reading a lot of the Facebook comments and how easy it was to bypass the guards, and if we were to reinstate the kiosk program that we would want to go over training and policies again and rules for letting people in.

I'm not sure how true this is but I've heard that someone was able to get in with a graham cracker and that's just not okay.

Lara: Have you considered the safety implications of placing more police officers on our campus especially for marginalized students?

Elaine: Yeah definitely and as Julie was saying earlier, running license plate numbers for some students could be very anxiety inducing and so that's why we were trying to steer away from cameras.

Guillermo: In terms of visitors, you would just have to call the kiosk and tell them to expect a type of car.

Imari: To reply to Lara, moving roaming police officers seemed like a better use of time to the kiosk booths and to the base of campus. It wasn't like hiring more police as much as repositioning instead.

Vanessa: So my only suggestion would be to ask if anyone who attends the meeting are in collaboration with any of the other eight UCs or CSUs. And while I see the legality issues of this program, I want to see the ups and downs as well that we would be instituting here, so it would be nice to talk to other campuses to see how their systems are working. And if there's something that they're doing that doesn't work, then maybe we can learn from them.

Ray: Have the emergency blue light phones been brought up?

Elaine: Well we actually have been going through police logs, and we were trying to retrieve the police logs from the last 4 years to see how well the kiosk program was doing, but unfortunately it wasn't the information we were looking for. We did see a couple blue light calls that were in the police logs but those were mainly hang-ups.

Rohit: Have you or anyone had a chance to talk or have a conversation with anyone with the police department?

Elaine: Next week we are planning on having another meeting, and I'm going to be sending out a doodle poll and if you're now more interested, in the safety committee meeting, please come to me afterwards so I can put you on the email list. We were thinking of inviting the Chief of Police to come talk to us about possible new policies or what we could do about the situation.

Simba: So from my understanding, this is coming up because of the Oakes incident. I feel like this is also useful in another way, which is, for example, how many times have you looked at the official group and seen a stolen bike or anything stolen? It's not that people just steal one bike, people are stealing them in mass amounts and having kiosk guards there would deter this type of crime. Another thing I was going to mention is, did you mention the police chief's email?

Elaine: Oh right, so one of the College Eight advisors who I was talking with in the beginning of the year emailed the chief of police stating her worries for the west side of campus and she asked him if we could get the kiosk program returned because she felt that it would deter crimes like this, and the chief of police replied with a very strong “no it would not have deterred anything. So honestly that is one of the reasons that I am upset is because the chief of police doesn’t think that the kiosk service wouldn’t have done anything.

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

Jeffrey: **Second.**

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

Guillermo: If this does happen and we do have a resolution, I think that we should have a statement with that resolution so that if CHP does do an article on this, it’s not misconstrued as SUA wants more cops, but rather SUA wants the safety of its students. There has to be a little bit of damage control for this. In terms of the effectiveness of the kiosk program when I was a freshmen it wasn’t that effective but I think it was a deterrent. I’ve asked if we can get cameras in the West and East remote parking lots but there wasn’t much that could be done, and we do have an issue with theft on campus, so I think there does have to be damage control and think about the headline in the committee.

Seamus: What would be more effective? Would it be better to have a policeman at the gate? Which is the committee leaning towards and why?

Elaine: I hope I’m not over-generalizing the committee, so stop me if I do, as of right now, I was under the impression that the thing we were looking for would be police officers since that would be the maximum security we could get because we’d want to ask for as much as we could.

Simba: So I’m curious to ask you all, when was the last time that you heard of a roaming cop doing anything beneficial other than bullying students? I feel like putting them at the entrances would be the best use of them at this point. My question is, what do you want us to decide here at this discussion?

Elaine: the purpose of this was to ask what kind of topics I should bring up to City on a Hill and what I was going to do is just keep it factual and keep it where we’re at. I also was wondering if the assembly had anything in particular they wanted me to represent there. I just want to hear if anyone has any suggestions for anything.

Bryna: Really quickly, like I know this probably wasn’t an issue a couple years ago, but Uber is really popular these days and when it comes to students who need Uber to get around, we should think about how could we streamline that process of drivers getting in and out of campus.

Vanessa: So as a student myself, I would suggest to continue this process slower and possibly continue to talk to other organizations and other admin so that we can get a larger group behind this. I would also suggest class raps as well. We also need to consider students who are visiting the campus, we wouldn't want them to feel unwelcome on our campus, or students who are thinking of applying here as well as our Santa Cruz community.

Imari: So kind of weird, the poll has just disappeared from the Facebook page, I don't know if the police have anything to do with this, but last time I checked, there were about 400 students who voted.

Ray: I think that it would be beneficial to also talk to the police of the city of Santa Cruz as well since the kidnapping started off campus.

Guillermo: Be very attentive with your words and make sure that you don't say anything that makes this idea seem like it is set in stone but that we are just tossing around a couple ideas as of right now.

Tama: I would just like to say that the fact of the matter is that there are incidents of crime on campus and even before coming to UCSC, our school has had a reputation of being a dangerous campus, not only because of a lack of cameras but also because of the rates of crimes here, like burglary, and aggravated assault. I think that doing something about it is better than doing nothing about it. Our school has very little safety here. In some aspects it is good that we don't have cameras on campus, but in others it's bad. I really don't feel safe knowing that people are capable of kidnapping people and bringing them onto campus to rob them. I hope something can be done about this.

Sauli: First of all I'd like to thank your efforts. However I think we may be getting a little ahead of ourselves, and I think that we need to build coalitions not just within SUA because if we go up to the police department that we want them to relocate to the kiosks, I'm not sure how serious they'll take us. We have to be able to look at the politics behind this system and look at the power dynamics. Unfortunately I don't think that the police department is going to listen to us and we may receive a bit of backlash from them.

Basheera: I was wondering if the committee is focusing on visitors or overall campus climate.

Elaine: In the beginning the committee was focused on strangers, however, we started looking at crime stats and what has been happening on campus in the last few years, and while we started to shift our focus, but we are still working on visitors. However if we can incorporate some safety protocol on campus we will do it as well.

Funding Requests:

College Nine and Ten Garden:

I am from the C9/C10 garden club and I am asking for \$4,000. We have been looking to have a space on campus and we have been able to fund a portion of the garden. I have raised \$13,000 as of right now and I am as of right now still short on money. The irrigation will be \$15,000. The fence and the shed and finish need \$1500, along with miscellaneous items. The College 9/10 garden club will be the only garden on campus that will be compliant with the American Disability act. I've also already applied for the campus sustainability fund. They funded us \$9,000 last year and they said that they will not fund any more infrastructure projects.

Imari: How many students are involved in this?

Garden: 45

Ray: Are you asking \$4000 from SUA or from others as well?

Garden: Just SUA.

Katherine: What are your miscellaneous fees?

Garden: Contingency fees, which is 10% of \$13000. The school is contracted for \$15000 and they put a contingency fee for the contractors to do the work. The club is not an agricultural club and will incorporate global perspectives and cultural themes. The point of this garden is to get people involved.

Kaya: What plans does the club have to outreach to other students?

Garden: The garden has not had the best publicity especially because of waning membership. We have held the associated class for the past 4 years. The garden may not have the best membership record but it also has the greatest membership potential.

Bryna: Is the gardening club sponsored by all colleges so is everyone open to join?

Garden: Yes, just last week we had a couple non-affiliates of C9/C10 come in and ask to help. The goal of campus is to have a garden at every college.

Ray: Is the \$4000 only for infrastructure?

Garden: Yes, the garden costs \$17,000 and right now I have \$13,000 we have everything pretty much ready to go except for the irrigation. The council has denied us funding because they want to focus on student staffing and not infrastructure.

Tamra: When does your club meet?

Garden: Wednesday 5:30 pm at the community room. We get \$50/meal a week and we have an average attendance of 10.

Old Business

HACK UCSC:

Seamus: I was very impressed with this proposal and I have heard a great lot from HACK UCSC and I think they have taken efforts to increase diversity in the club/organization. It seems like it is a really great organization for people who are passionate about programming.

Simba: Our diversity went up and we have constantly been improving and we have more people of color as well.

Tamra: **Motion to fully fund.**

Tyler: **Second.**

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

Seamus: **Motion to take this money out of sponsorship.**

Bryna: **Second.**

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