

SUA Meeting 1/26/2016

Assembly Members Present: Imari Reynolds (Cowell), Bryna Haugen (Cowell), Tyler Papp (Cowell), Jeffrey Stoll (Stevenson), **Alternate** Brett Jorgenson (Crown), Tias Webster (Crown), Jane Loughboro (Crown), Lara Loesel (Merrill), Morgan Smith (Merrill), Bianca (B) Moncada-Martin (Merrill), Amanda Kazden (Porter), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Liza Mednikov (Kresge), Maxine (Kresge), Tamra Owens (Oakes), **Alternate** Jonas Hernando (Oakes), Simba Khadder (Eight), **Alternate** Noah Thoron (Eight), Katherine Le (Nine), Dante Harootunian (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Danny Milla (Ten), Tama Semo (Ten), Theresa Atanoa (APISA), Vanessa Sadsad (QSU), Gilbert Paredes (MEChA), Erica Green (SANAI), Seamus Howard (Vice President of Academic Affairs), Julie Foster (President).

Assembly Members Absent: Daniel Bernstein (Stevenson), Gabriella (Stevenson), August Valera (Crown), Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Eli Guzman- Martin (Porter), Suini Torres (Oakes), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Rohit Dhar (Nine), Basheera Ali-El (A/BSA), Art Motta (Organizing Director), Sauli Colio (Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion), Guillermo Rogel (Vice President of External Affairs), Jabari Brown (Vice President of Internal Affairs).

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Jeff: **Second.**

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

Approval of the Minutes:

Tamra: **Motion to approve.**

Jeff: **Second.**

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

Announcement and Public Comment:

Tamra: One of the girls, the one's body who was found... We worked on a project together and it is crazy who the people you see could be gone the next day. I think that we need to be more kind to each other because we don't know when the last time we'll see them.

Julie: Shireen's burial is tomorrow in Los Gatos and it is open to students.

Moment of silence for the two who were lost at Bonny Doon.

Tamra: SCOC is having their first sister college event, it will be at Oakes and Eight, it will be 5:30 to 8 PM catering from Taqueria Santa Cruz. Get there and learn about the committees!

Seamus: The Office of Academic Affairs just put out the CLASS survey. Please take the survey and tell your friends to do so as well.

Julie: I'm looking for a student who is involved in the Arts Department who would like to sit on the committee for the appointment for the Dean of the Arts Department. I am also looking for a couple of students to be part of the student wellness committee.

Presentations:

CLASS Survey:

We just put out the class survey and we already have about 600 responses. At this point, I'll let Tias take it away.

Tias: The CLASS survey is an incredibly important snapshot of what students are facing as problems in their higher education career. Last year we had about 1600 participants, this year we are looking for 2000. We want to see how the enrollment system is operating for students. So part one is the state of academic affairs. Currently this is how things are looking for students. We start off with a time where students enroll in classes. As a whole the system is blocked up. There isn't a lot of space and not everyone is where they want to go. People crash classes and try to get into classes that they want. Hopefully at the end, people shuffle enough to find the classes that they want. More than 1 in 3 students enroll in a class they intend to drop. 25% of students will try to crash to get over this issue. So in the next few weeks after enrollment, many are successful in getting the class that they want to crash. Crashers drop unfavorable classes and for others to grab the classes they want. Finally we find that a couple weeks into the quarter, students are in the classes that they wanted to take. Still, less than that are students who at least fulfill their major or GE requirements. Most people are getting where they need to be.

Q: What is the problem with this?

A: Because the wait listing system and the system for getting people into their desired schedules.

Students take up spaces that other students need it more. This happens more often than expected. The online system doesn't really fix those blockages. Crashing is something that the system is leaning on right now. People don't have access to Ecommons and they are not in a good place academically. As a result, we find that only 64% of students feel that they are on the way to graduate. Most aren't just taking an extra quarter, but an extra year. How do we fix this? We want to increase availability of classes, but we simply don't have the physical space. Instead we want to focus on getting people in the places they want to be in the first place. Almost 84.6% of students who took the survey felt that the class sizes weren't good for their education. We need to increase efficiency as a short term solution. We want to fix the online system. As a result we want to look forward and form groups in the SAS. For now you all can figure out what the issues are. This year you all got an email about it today. Please take the survey.

Funding Requests:

CAC Funding Request:

We are with Colleges Against Cancer. We run Relay for Life which is a 24 hour event. It educates you about cancer and how to prevent it and it helps us fundraise for ACS. This affects everyone and with our event, it allows us to form a community of people who know what it's like to be affected by cancer or not be affected by cancer. Whether you've been affected or not, we just want to bring people together. There is entertainment and food for this event. The money that we fundraise, \$20,000 a year, all goes to ACS. We are aiming \$25,000 for this year and this would allow us to be on par with other larger campuses. We want the award for Santa Cruz. All our money goes to ACS programs. Some of these programs give families a place to stay when they are going out of state for treatment. 24 hours a day they provide transport as well. Also a lot of this money goes to researchers on this campus. We are asking for \$3,000.

Seamus: How many people does a team make?

CAC: At least 10, but it could be 2 or 10 or 20, or a whole organization. We just want more people to sign up so we don't have a minimum or maximum.

Old Business:

Deliberation for College Nine and Ten Garden Funding Request

Requested: \$4000

B: Merrill was very much in favor of this and we thought it was a great idea.

Dante: As someone from College 9, I think it's great and it looks great.

Jeff: If we do fund them perhaps we could add the stipulation that it be open to all colleges and that they outreach to other places.

Ramneet: C10 was in favor of this and it is going to be outside the Rec Lounge and we are ready to see something exciting.

Noah: C8 had some concerns. We were worried since that this was a small garden club and we were worried that it would collapse through a lack of population and we were worried about the investment.

Tama: We know that it is a more hands on experience, and we have had issues with keeping the garden but there are many students who have been pushing for this for the last five years. There were some questions regarding the viability of the garden, but it will sure happen. It is time to finish this project and the president has exhausted all the funding bodies.

Danny: The president also received funding last year from the sustainability center. But since this was more internal structure, they weren't going to fund it.

Simba: So in College Eight we liked the idea of this, and we felt weird that it was at C9/C10. And while they talk about how funding resources have been exhausted, they haven't gone to the colleges.

Dante: Partial response, the garden has come to us and C9 had a relatively small budget and we are ADA accessible on campus. **Motion to fully fund.**

B: Second.

Simba: **Objection.** College Eight wanted to fund more around \$1000. They haven't gone to the colleges. I do want to check in with the treasurer as well so that we can find where the money is coming from and how much.

Seamus: I think this is a really good cause, and before there was a motion I wanted to do a straw poll. It seems that people are for this I just want to see.

Tamra: I think that fully funding this is okay because the garden will provide food for students and I think that that is important. Not all colleges have the luxury of having a garden and I think that that should be rewarded.

Danny: They did also come to College Ten Senate and our funding budget is kind of small so we couldn't provide as much money as possible. It is a long term investment and we can grow food there and it can be used to benefit the student population.

Julie: Just so you all know, SOFA applications are out and we only have 4 applications as of right now.

Vanessa: Reserve my right to make a motion. Without a doubt, food is something that we want to work for on this campus, ensuring that our students are properly fed and have access to this food. However, I think that something to keep in mind is to recognize where it's coming out of our budget. Something that we do is just note that when we are funding something, just to keep in mind where it is coming from. **Motion to limit stack.**

Tamra: Second.

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

Noah: I was under the impression that they weren't intending to just use it for food, but they also wanted to showcase local plants and they said that our goal isn't to grow 3 tons of squarlic.

Tamra: Vanessa brought up a good point. SOUP has \$4,400 and we probably shouldn't take money out of that because we still have SOFA. We should keep in mind that we just spent

almost 3 grand to send students to CHEFS and this is something that will actually impact our campus.

Simba: So we have a motion, do we even know where that money is coming from? **Motion to amend that the money come out of General Fund.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Bryna: **Objection.** I think that this came out in Cowell Senate, but the purpose of having a budget is to know when we go over, so that we know better where the money is allocated. I think this should come out of a line item that is looking kind of low.

Julie: I agree, I think it should come out of SOUP and we should deplete that and then move to another line item.

Vanessa: I think it's best that in the event anyone wants money that we should figure out where the money is coming from.

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

Rick: **Second.**

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

Rick: I think it is okay to go over when you are trying to find events and I think that it is okay to go overboard so that we know how to allocate the money next year.

Jackie: A lot of people thought about the point that they didn't go to the other colleges, so I wonder how you all would feel about funding them \$3500 and then stipulating that they get the rest from the senates.

Ramneet: **Call to question.**

Tyler: **Second.**

Simba: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: **20** | Opposed: **5** | Abstentions: **3**

Vote on secondary amendment (to take funding out of general fund):

In favor: **0** | Opposed: **24** | Abstentions: **3**

Vote to fully fund C9/C10 Garden:

In favor: **21** Opposed: **4** Abstentions: **3**, **fully funded C9/C10 Garden.**

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

Unknown: **Second.**

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

Katherine: **Motion to have funding come out of SOUP.**

Dante: **Second.**

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

Deliberation for Bone Marrow Drive

Bryna: This event is a bone marrow drive and they have 400-500 people show up and they save lives. Our students have the opportunity to save people from death. I don't think that there is a downside to this and to having our name on this. I think that \$1320 is a perfect amount and we should fund them fully.

Imari: **Motion to fully fund Bone Marrow Drive out of General Fund.**

Tyler: **Second.**

Julie: **Objection.** The staff came into our space to ask for funding. She did say that she would go to the colleges and she said that it would be fine if we didn't fund her. I think that we should wait until we see what other funding from colleges that she can get.

Bryna: I see the logic behind tabling and having the SUA name on events like this and I think it is good to see what we have achieved.

Simba: **Motion to amend to zero out sponsorship and take the rest out of general fund.**

Seamus: **Second.**

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

Bryna: Is there a way to show that we wanted to sponsor more from SOUP so that we can add more next year?

Julie: **Motion to table this for 4 weeks.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Seamus: **Objection.** I think we should fund them. I understand that this isn't student run but we do have students who will be participating.

Vanessa: **Call to question.**

Imari: **Second.**

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

Vote to table for 4 weeks:

In favor: **8** | Opposed: **12** | Abstentions: **7, tabling fails.**

Imari: **Call to question.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Vote to fully fund \$1,320 by zeroing out SOUP and taking the rest from General Fund:

In favor: **18** | Opposed: **2** | Abstentions: **6, fully funded.**

Adjournment