

SUA Meeting 2.16.2016

Assembly Members Present: Imari Reynolds (Cowell), **Alternate** Rick (Cowell), Tyler Papp (Cowell), Jeffrey Stoll (Stevenson), Gabriella Cory (Stevenson), August Valera (Crown), Tias Webster (Crown), Jane Loughboro (Crown), Lara Loesel (Merrill), Morgan Smith (Merrill), Bianca (B) Moncada-Martin (Merrill), Amanda Kazden (Porter), Eli Guzman- Martin (Porter), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Liza Mednikov (Kresge), Hana King (Kresge), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Suini Torres (Oakes), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Simba Khadder (Eight), **Alternate** Kaya Zepeda (Eight), Rohit Dhar (Nine), Dante Harootunian (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Danny Milla (Ten), Tama Semo (Ten), 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), Jabari Brown (Vice President of Internal Affairs), Julie Foster (President).

Assembly Members Absent: Bryna Haugen (Cowell), Daniel Bernstein (Stevenson), Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Katherine Le (Nine), Basheera Ali-El (A/BSA), Theresa Atanoa (APISA), Erica Green (SANAI), Guillermo Rogel (Vice President of External Affairs).

Approval of the Agenda:

Vanessa: **Motion to add 15 minutes funding request for national student power summit or discussion.**

Eli: **Second.**

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

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

Jeff: **Second.**

Art: **Objection. Motion to move new business to the end of funding requests.**

Tamra: **Second.**

Eli: **Objection.** It would be great to not have that at the end.

Tamra: I think that because of how it [SOFA] took so long last time, we should just get things together so that other people can present and leave.

Seamus: **Motion to move UCSC Bioneers Conference right after presentations.**

Tyler: **Second**

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

Seamus: **Call to question.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

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

Vote to put New Business after Funding Requests:

In favor: **5** | Opposed: **2** | Abstentions: **20**, **motion passes.**

Imari: **Call to question.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Vote to approve Agenda:

In favor: **27** | Opposed: **0** | Abstentions: **0**, **approved agenda.**

Approval of the Minutes:

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

Jeff: **Second.**

Lara: **Objection.** I was marked present but I was not present at the last meeting.

Tamra: **Call to question.**

Tyler: **Second.**

Vote to approve:

Suini: **Acclimation.**

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

Announcements and Public Comment:

Suini: Next Friday, Oakes, Eight and KZSC will be having a music festival from 4-7 and it is open to all UCSC students.

Seamus: This Thursday from 3-5 in the alumni room there will be a stakeholder meeting to decide what we want in a EVC, if you're interested, please give your opinions and that will shape how we find the next

Jabari: Feb 23rd, intern is holding an event from 5-6:30, it is a studying break in the Esselen Nation Conference Room. On 25th next week Thursday, Battle of the Balds will be happening in the Namaste Lounge from 2-5 PM, there will be pizza, snacks and head shaving. Lastly, on the

8th of March, my intern will be having another event from 4-6 in the Cervantes and Velazquez room as a study break.

Presentations:

Housing Office Presentation w/Sue Matthews

I am the associate vice chancellor for university housing. I work with university housing and college programs and our downtown community and the village as well as FSH and I work with employee housing as well and the bookstore. We wanted to talk about next year and what our plans are. We will also talk about the enrollment growth.

Dave Keller, Director of Housing Services (communities under the university and the services that support the colleges and overseeing student housing services).

So in Fall 2016, the new student enrollment is freshmen at 4,305 and we expect 97% to be housed. For transfer students, we house 50% of those and for visiting students, those targets are not available yet.

Most new students receive a two year housing guarantee and some student receive a four year guarantee, including EOP students who get a 4 year guarantee, international also get 4 year and military, regent scholars and the standard 2 year guarantee for the first year students. The priority housing application period is coming up, all continuing student are eligible to apply for housing for the following year. A big change is that in order to accommodate all of our guarantees, non-guaranteed students will be simply be placed on the waiting list.

We cannot predict when or what type of space may become a viable or how many nonguaranteed students we will be able to accommodate

In addition to considering university housing, nonguaranteed students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with resources available for off campus housing.

Kevin (Community Rentals Office): We are doing a lot of outreach right now for students to apply during the priority housing application and we want student sot be interested in the off campus community if they are not guaranteed housing. We have a community rentals page where students can look at unique housing opportunities. There's a renter's workshop training and it helps them know their tenant rights and how to find housing off campus and there are resources for how to put together a rental packet and you have all your materials ready. It shows the landlord you are serious about becoming their tenant. In March and April, the colleges will offer info sessions where knowledgeable staff will provide information about on and off campus housing. In April, the good neighbor initiative is hosting an off campus housing information fair for students to talk about local property managers about the rental market, and to learn more about what it means to be a good neighbor in the off campus community. Community rentals

staff will be in attendance to talk about conducting an effective off campus search. The site is very helpful for prepping students to start the renting process.

Expanded Dining Options:

We will be opening 6:30 am starting and late night dining at Cowell, and having breakfast start at 7 AM.

Drivers

We need more housing on campus and what we are trying to do is deliver more inventory to upper division students. Currently we have quite a few frosh and sophomores living on campus but not many upperclassmen. We are trying to do that in a manner that minimizes future rate increases. In other words, we have a plan to have small incremental increases going forward but not burden students with large rate increases year to year. We also have a requirement in our 2005 Long Range Development Plan to deliver more beds. We also have limits on how much we can borrow which is essentially the same thing as a credit card limit. Our current inventory is a little over 9000 beds, 5700 are in res halls and the rest are in apts. We are trying to increase the number of apartments on campus and we are targeting older students for the new beds. Our campus houses the largest percentage of students in the UC systems. The annual rate increase has been 3% or less for most years, and we are trying to keep that nice and steady at 3% or less.

The 2006 long range development plan requires that we deliver beds in proportion to enrollment. 2 beds have to come for every 3 students that are enrolled. It will take 3 years to implement that but now we are at a 2 year goal because of the new plan. It shows that we may have 19250 students by 2020-2021. We plan to have 10000 beds by 2023-24 or 1000 more by then.

If we need to renovate facilities to create more space, we need to remove beds for that, and that becomes a problem in itself. We have a limit on borrowing, and while 300 million seems a lot, it really isn't. We have facility needs and we have 2 million square feet that need renovations, including this building. We have 250 million set aside to renovate over the next few years. We started a planning process and we are looking at the west campus from FSH to north of the camper park. Last year a committee decided to renovate FSH and Kresge College. However, the cost of all those goals was much more than 300 million, it was three times that amount. So we developed a plan based on the limit of debt. We came up with this: to build new upper division beds, called Student Housing West and renovate Kresge housing. Student Housing West would be there to temporarily house the Kresge Students while Kresge was being renovated. At the same time, we are going through an assessment of FSH and trying to extend the lifespan of those existing facilities by renovating them and not borrowing money to do that. Student Housing West would deliver 500-600 beds and Kresge would have 100-250 new beds, and FSH would have up to 300 more beds. We would concentrate families with children near the play area and the beds for FSH would be repurposed for undergrad students. That would happen no earlier than 2019. This is all just a plan, we don't have any design documents or approval yet.

We are assessing FSH units right now and we are opening units, these were built in 1972 and there are things we need to reevaluate.

Suini: Are there any plans to renovate Oakes because those buildings are pretty old.

Yes we will be replacing furniture, floor and smaller items in the apartment. Those are easily approved because it is not that much capital. That will be happening this summer.

That was our planning process and President Napolitano just announced that quite a few more students will be coming to campus. Some higher ups came to campus to see what kind of issues the campuses are facing. These higher-ups had a plan to deliver inventory in a different manner than our campus has done it and by doing it via a private developer, the debt counts 3 times less for the same items being renovated. This could change everything regarding renovation with anything. It's not that it's a 3rd cheaper, it's just the amount that would come at 1/3rd. In addition there are potential pathways where UCOP is potentially going to use proceeds from retirement to invest in existing housing facilities for off campus and there are other plans to buy a facility off campus that would house students as well. We do have limitations for the beds off campus, we have 130 beds off campus right now and we could have 420 more. The financing trust structure is having a private entity coming in and building and running apartments on campus

Going forward then, those beds that will be on the west side of campus would not come on earlier than the year 2020. So the current challenge is how to get beds quicker than that. We are assessing some areas on campus, which is the college 11 site, and there are no plan to impact the camper park, and there are other sites on campus and the question is how to accommodate the optimal amount of students in a short amount of time. We were thinking of having a modular unit for the time being, similar to the buildings in the village. The plan would be to get between 300-600 beds somewhere on this site. [Near college 11 site] the real challenge is not the buying of the units, it is bringing infrastructure and utilities up to the site. Those costs will be in the 10 millions. Anywhere we do that on campus will be a significant investment. We are also looking off campus, but there is not a whole lot of land that is not developed of campus.

Really quickly, I did mention that we are going to renovate this building on June 15th and we will have seismic upgrades as well and having accessibility to the stage and we are planning to do a renovation at the crown res halls. We did me rill in 2015 and we had a plan to do this as a two phase project, where we would take down the upper quad beds which would get renovated over a 7 month period and we would move students accordingly, the problem was that it was going to take 310 beds offline and that became difficult with the enrollment increases. We would instead do it over a couple summers and have a higher cost. Most of these goals will be similar to Merrill, and we will be improving the student experience and improve bathrooms and undesirable space. We will also improve building security (including shower partitions). We are planning to change showers that only have curtains. We did 80 partitions in porter B and 30 in C9, we plan to polish

over c9 and c10 and porter A and Oakes. After that, we plan to go to c8, Crown, Cowell, and Stevenson.

Kiana: So, starting next year, housing on campus is priority to students who are second year and part of the guaranteed category. So if you were past your second year and you prefer to live on campus, would you be placed on the waiting list?

Housing: You would need to apply during the priority application, but they wouldn't participate in the initial room selection. We have 5000 students with guarantees and we have 4300 spaces. Non-guaranteed students must form coalitions with guaranteed students, who will be able to participate in room selection.

Eli: If an EOP student lives off campus for one year, do they lose the guarantee?

Housing: Yes they do, and once the guarantee has been offered and been declined, the student no longer has the guarantee. We wonder if we should continue with the guarantees. Every one of those questions has a myriad of concerns and problems. How will that impact a student's want to come to UCSC in the first place? We are maxing out all of our available space. We are looking for places to build new areas on campus.

Suini: You were talking about the drivers, are you going to try to have more cars available for student to rent or talking to metro to see if they can expand? (2) What happens to beds that are emptied throughout the school year, will those beds be utilized?

Housing: TAPS falls under a different area. As we are looking at expanding, there are conversations of expanding parking availability. I know METRO is in conversation about decreasing service levels. (2) We have a number of groups that come in a rent out space, and that revenue helps to keep our own costs low. We have summer session which will be at Merrill and we have housing at the village for our smith society students and for student workers who are here over the summer.

Imari: Do you foresee having enough housing for students who have guarantees?

Housing: We have 260 more beds which will be added to our existing beds. We believe, based on continuing guarantee, that we will have the space to meet the guarantees. I will tell you we will have something come fall. For a student to feel comfortable, I know that that is really anxiety provoking and we are trying to be as transparent as possible. The real message is that if you aren't a guarantee student and you want to live on campus, you should run a parallel pathway as well.

Seamus: So you said that UCOP suggested creating housing that is from a private company? Is that on or off campus?

Housing: On campus. It becomes privatized and they just take care of it. It could be west campus and it could be Kresge.

Jabari: It seems like y'all are moving towards the west side of campus and it seems like you might have to go towards the forest, how are you going to deal with potential protesters.

Housing: That also factors into the equation.

Simba: You said that you're getting 210 beds, and you're going to be kicking a lot of students out. (1) Does that mean you're downsizing rooms and (2) There are many student living on couches, are you implying that the renter's workshop is going to be enough to have them find a place to live?

Housing: It's 260, and there are more students coming. This is based on last year's enrollment, and the students won't have the 2 year guarantee anymore. The renter's workshop, I can't crystal ball and say how the housing situation is for off campus, but we just try to assist the student the best we can.

August: You stated that many of these items are more planned and not concrete solutions, but based on previous plans, what would you say is the concreteness of the things that this will go as planned.

Housing: Prior to our visit from the Office of the President, it seems that our plans will be good in the bounds of the 300 million. It seems that Kresge and the west side renovations will be okay. However we are looking at the possibility of a third party and we have to be able to deliver the beds asap.

B: Motion to extend by 10 minutes.

Jackie: **Second.**

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

Sauli: Do you talk to the city of SC in terms of being able to address the issue of housing and I know that one of the things I've personally faced is having trouble with landlords, so is there a possibility of having more support for students instead of just an online workshop.

Housing: Yes we are in communication with the city manager and staff. They also have a need for workforce housing. There may be a way to partner on a purchase. With respect to other resources of community rentals, if you contact the community rentals, and you have a landlord that is violating tenant rights, they can help you with that.

Kiana: For students who aren't guaranteed who may have to live off campus next year, if they can't find housing, how will you assist those students.

Housing: Through financial aid and their loan packaging if it is a resources issue of on or off campus.

Eli: This is echoing what people want in terms of more students going off campus. The situation off campus is also really bad and there have been a lot of couch surfing the last few months even at my place. I think that something that needs to be looked at is talking to the financial aid office and getting more financial aid off campus, because rent has skyrocketed in the past few months. Rent off campus is so expensive and financial aid doesn't cover most of off campus. a conversation of off campus needs to be had with METRO to extend their services. After a certain time, I can't get home from campus.

Housing: What might help is having someone from financial aid and to form a partnership with them.

Hana: I know that you all are thinking of going private, have you thought of talking with the architect or having a new architect?

Housing: We are wondering if there is a way of having suites for freshman that wouldn't be a full scale apartment. We will be starting constituent feedback as well.

Jabari: What does housing pay for and what does the budget look like?

Housing: We are a self-supporting auxiliary; we don't get help from the state or campus. Revenue comes through our conferences and room and board revenue comes to pay for operations and reserve money for new projects.

Tyler: I know that one of the big problems is that many students can't afford to pay for housing on their own, but what is a student supposed to do if financial aid only covers the school year. I now that I've talked to people before on how people are supposed to pay for an entire summer's rent on their own.

Housing: That is more of an individual choice and definitely subletting is the best solution for that.

Simba: From what all you've said is that we are paying more every year and we are trying to get more beds so we are getting less. With the private company, can you borrow more, and do you think the current plan is sustainable?

Housing: I don't believe that it is sustainable and I don't think that it is good for our students. I wanted more single beds and I wanted to remove some triples and return more lounges. I'm definitely with you, it is a difficult situation that we are trying to make the best of. I'm committed to keeping the rate saver program when we actually needed to find more students to fill the beds.

Tamra: **Motion to add 3 minutes.**

Rick: **Second.**

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

Rick: The guaranteed housing, there is only 2 years for their housing and they are already disadvantaged. It would be better if we had workshops earlier because leases start in March or April.

Unknown: the most concrete version of the concrete plan, I'm wondering if there's anything that more up to date with current developments and if there are any changes.

Housing: The LRDP is finalized. There was a 2008 agreement that finalized legal terms with the city. We are starting a new process for the long range plan. West campus housing study is a doc online as well.

Real Food Calculator Presentation

Our job on campus is to assess food sustainability to help fight for ecologically sound food options to be brought in the DH. We work for food justice.

This month my team and I are having a regional strategy retreat, this will start on the 19th until the 22nd. This is for UCSC leaders and for CSU and CC leaders. The retreat will bring urgency and skills for student to fight for food equality. We will be leading a non-violent action with other UC groups to try and convince Sam Farr who is a house rep to vote no on the Trans pacific partnership. This trade deal will impact 40% of the global economy and it will have negative repercussions and it will hurt the local economy and it will increase GMOs and challenge rights for farmers to save seeds. It will decrease access to medicine and it will challenge internet access. We need to sway Sam Farr's vote. If any of you are interested in participating, please feel free to fill out information on the sheet and thank you so much for your time.

This Trans pacific partnership is going to compromise our future. It will mobilize the whole US economy to benefit a few corporations. The action is this retreat at Kresge and parts of the farm. There will be workshops and talks. It is \$35 for the retreat for provided food.

Funding Requests

UCSC Bioneers Funding Request

Bioneers is a national association dedicated to the promotion of environmental and social justice there is an annual conference in fall to talk about pressing environmental and social justice issues. We have a partnership with Bioneers where we sent 100 UCSC affiliates and alumni who are able to go the conference in Marin and have that experience. What this conference is bringing that experience to campus. This is our first time doing it and we hope to have a better event this coming spring. This will be on the weekend of Earth day. A few things that the conference will have are a keynote presentations at Kresge town hall and participatory events. There will be food

vendors and music performers from UCSC. We will have scholars and activists and we want a diverse range of people on board. There will be UCSC students, staff and faculty. We will have an opportunity for students to be speakers themselves. Last year we had a huge audience of Santa Cruz community members and they got really excited about the work that we were doing. It is a free and open to the public event.

Some of the topics that we will cover during the conference are food and climate justice and social and environmental justice and sustainable community. Our first goal is to start planning the conference much earlier and we have established a solid student planning committee and we basically just discussed committees that deal with the logistics of the conference. We want to host 30 student leaders and workshops and we want to reach out to more campus organizations. We see potential in these groups to see how Bioneers could be more engaging. We want to have a more diverse and inclusive space. We want to have Kresge college shine as the venue as well. This is taking place on Apr 23rd and 24th and we will be using Kresge Town Hall as well as various Kresge classrooms to do workshops. We also want to reach out to the off campus community as well. We want to bridge the work of students together and the conference is a great place to bring activists to our community to see what we are doing on campus. Ultimately this conference will affect a lot of students and we want to leave students feeling inspired. We want to host 200 students and community members. Last year we had 150 at peak times. We are going to be outreaching for the event and most of it is free outreach through newspapers and radio stations but some of it requires funding, including banners and murals on the barn. Our media team did this last year and we were able to put YouTube videos on our channel. We want to represent a diverse range of perspectives. We are trying to get scholarly researchers to come to UCSC as well as our community activists and our community organizers. We also have students leading workshops. We want to hire a graphic recorder to represent ideas at the conference which can then be shared as a story on our page.

We are requesting **\$5150 from SUA** and we have secured \$2640 already. We have funds secured from guest speakers and from Kresge Reslife. We are looking for donations for food for breakfast and we are working with the sustainability office as well. We are also going to take all the compost and food scraps to the food pile.

Jackie: I went to this last year and I had a really great time. A lot of people came to kresge. Have you considered going to the college senates for funding?

Bioneers: Yes, Oakes reached out to us and we wanted to see how much funding we could achieve first and then move forward for that. We also applied for measure 43 but we didn't get anything from them. We will continue to reach out.

Lara: Can you explain how accessible this event will be for students with disabilities?

Bioneers: Kresge is one of the most hard to access, but there were people with disabilities at our last conference and making sure that we have a contact number on all of our outreach and we can make sure that is a point of that.

Simba: **Motion to add 15 minutes at the end for west fest funding request before SOFA**

Rick: **Second.**

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

Old Business

Evening with Jennicet Deliberation

Amount Requested: \$1000

Tamra: **Motion to fully fund out of general.**

Tyler: **Second.**

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

Sponsorship Deliberation from OPERS

PE fee and renewed Student Life Facilities Fee, adding \$30.

Simba: The PE one, from what I read, it is straight forward and it is clear what people are voting for. For the \$30 one, I'm very opposed because it is not very clear or straightforward and most of the money will be going towards admin and we are paying towards salary, which is twice as much money that is going to be going towards us. It's being pitched as if it's going to the gym but it's not really going to us.

Eli: First, this was brought back to porter and people were pretty chill about it, but I personally don't like this referenda, but I think that we as the SUA should sponsor it so that it can be on the ballot. I think that we should sponsor it and have it as a referenda.

Seamus: I do think that we should put both of these and I hear what people are saying how one of the referenda is a bit convoluted and it sort of it, but there are students on campus who might want to see this passed, and that is not an endorsement from me, but I think that we should seriously consider putting these both on the ballot. SFAC has come out and supported putting these both on campus elections because it's really the students' decision and giving them the option to decide is the best.

Rohit: This was brought back to our senate and most if not all of us were against both sponsorships, and at least for the classes, that for OPERS to fund them, apparently the classes do require their own fee. We felt that people could vote on this but we didn't like them.

August: Personally I am against the OPERS Student Life Fee because it doesn't include return to aid and the SUGB referenda, both of them have been grandfathered.

Imari: I don't think it's up to us about what referenda is going on there and I have confidence in the students to vote on the referenda in an informed manner.

B: At MSG, they were kind of indifferent and I am an advocate for putting them both on the ballot.

Sauli: I just wanted to give a bit of feedback as to what the student life fee for OPERS is, and I recommend you all looking through the fees that you are paying. The Student Life facility fee was passed and it was a referendum to pay for the debt of the student center building and other athletic facilities. So it's \$30 per student per quarter a year and so it's a bit of money and it is 450000 per quarter, and approximately a percentage of that \$9.50 of the \$30 fee goes to SUGB and another percentage goes towards paying debt. And another percentage goes towards reserve and the rest goes 70% to OPERS and 30% to SUGB.

Art: I think that what our duty here is that we should sponsor this to be on the ballot and this can be easily done, to just have it in writing. Some folks are confused because a resolution from the SUA is required. So there is a different process for creating a resolution but to say that SUA endorses this.

Suini: **Motion to sponsor both of these referenda.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Simba: **Objection. Motion to split the referendums.**

Jeffrey: **Second.**

Seamus: **Objection.** I don't think that we should split them.

Imari: **Call to question.**

Suini: **Second.**

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

Vote to split motion:

In favor: **11** | Opposed: **9** | Abstentions: **8, splitting the motion.**

Physical Education Fee (Amendment to Measure 32)

Suini: **Call to question.**

Tyler: **Second.**

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

Vote to adopt PE Fee:

Suini: **Call for acclimation.**

Dante: **Objection.**

In favor: **20** | Opposed: **7** | Abstentions: **3, endorsing PE Fee.**

Student Life Facilities Fee

Tamra: **Call to question.**

Tyler: **Second.**

Simba: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: **13** | Opposed: **10** | Abstentions: **4, call to question fails.**

Simba: In a nutshell, every referenda has to pay 33% of student fees back to financial aid so that student can have more financial aid. Some bills that very old that get grandfathered in. You really had to be here to know that there was no return to aid. Their argument for no return to aid was just “oh more money for us”. There are other ways for them to get the money and that’s the reason that we are here, to make sure that this is a good referenda. Again, like last year, OPERS had a lot of tables to try to get people to vote for their measure, even going as far to make up rumors of the gym closing.

Jackie: **Motion to add 5 minutes.**

Tama: **Second.**

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

B: **Call to question.**

Tamra: **Second**

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

Vote to sponsor:

In favor: **12** opposed: **11** abstentions: **5, fee is not endorsed.**

Deliberation for Office of Registrar Fee

Seamus: While I am more cautious of paying more student fees, it sounds reasonable and I would support this and it seems like at least from what I've heard, people generally support this.

Simba: Have they changed this to be a fee per quarter?

Tamra: **Motion to table until Julie is here.**

Rohit: **Second.**

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

National Student Power Summit Discussion (15 Minutes)

Vanessa: Wanted to bring to the attention of the assembly that two board members from UCSC couldn't attend this delegation even though there was a line item that would be delegated towards board members and 2000 for non-board members. This is a funding request. I would ask some feedback from SUA because this was an SUA budget item. I would like to hear the feedback from SUA regarding their decision on this line item to make sure that board members were there to represent their school. These board members are a major part of the planning and steering committee as well. a lot of our coalition groups will also be in attendance and be in consultation. If we could go around and gauge every SUA member here to see how we can remedy this. The amount that is requested would be up to the assembly.

Simba: How much would be needed to ensure that the students could go?

Vanessa: Registration fees for USSA, \$200, hotel, ideally if we have the board members couch surf with the other board members, that could alleviate funds from SC. It would probably be \$400 each for flights and ideally it should be around \$2000 to get them there.

Seamus: I guess my first question is how many people are going on this conference and (2) how were these people selected and was that the proper way?

Vanessa: What I'm aware of from USSA staff is that there are 7 students from SC attending but that doesn't include two board members from SC.

Tamra: Are there any board members that you know of that are going on this trip? Also just from a treasurer standpoint, we didn't want just board members could go, it didn't guarantee that all board members could go. This sounds like a problem with Guillermo for how people were selected.

Vanessa: The two latter would be myself and Jordan Howzell and the third is Art Motta our Organizing Director. Regardless of the selection process, and more on behalf of the two board members who are working diligently to attend this summit that is unveiling its new framework for the org and to uplift movements, which includes black lives matter and queer and trans lives matter and we are trying to bring coalitions together across the country. We would like to be part of this process.

Sauli: I saw that there was a large outreach for people to apply, and I know that folks did apply for this. To keep transparency with the assembly, I bought my own ticket to go to the conference.

Eli: So USSA is for lobbying on a national level, my question is what have the board members done to bring these campaigns from the national level to this campus because as a queer student of color I have not heard about USSA's movements on this campus outside of this campus. How are y'all bringing these things onto our campus and if you're not, then why are we funding you go to this conference.

Vanessa: The larger campaigns are reflected in more national levels. I can speak for myself, because of the direction that USSA is going towards, my struggle with figuring out how to bring USSA on campus is to uplift and how the caucus spaces themselves and assist the campus. I reached out to QSU and a couple other groups and interacted with people online, sharing and surveying folks on what they would like on a larger caucus and how they would like to be interacted with. I talk to others on how we can bring students together. For me, it has been a slow process about how we can uplift movements. To be frank, I've seen other ways of going to this delegation, working that out of pocket and registering as a two person delegation is difficult.

Imari: I think it's important to hear from Gandhi in this situation since he was the only one in the delegation that was on the selection committee. **Motion to table this to next week.**

B: Second.

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

West Fest

Simba: I am here on behalf of Oakes, Eight and KZSC which is hosting a music and arts festival of different student groups. I am here to **ask for \$2500** for food at the event. We are trying to provide free food for students. We don't want anyone to feel like they can't come. Currently, C8 have both put in \$750 for a grand total of \$1500. Only \$600 would go towards food right now, we need lights and generator for the lights. If we don't get the money, the event would still happen, and we maybe wouldn't have real food and we may have to make people pay or have snacks instead.

Seamus: Since you know that we are getting very close to depleting our general fund. Have you gone to the other senates?

Simba: We were just going to SUA and we would give SUA a shout out as well. The money could come from programming as well.

Eli: I don't like that it's called West Fest and Porter and Kresge are on the West Side and they are not included.

Simba: This was really last minute and a huge sprint from the beginning

B: How do you plan on rallying the people for this event?

Simba: KZSC is bringing in artists (musically and physically). We have people downtown asking for sponsorship and we have a Facebook event and we are flyering as much as we can.

August: To what extent are you flyering?

Ray: We are flyering at the bus stops and placing the posters around C8 and Oakes but we are going to be passing out flyers in high traffic areas.

Imari: I wish you all came to us earlier because we don't have that much time to vote on it.

Simba: Right now we have Costco pizza. Also there will be cotton candy and popcorn.

Eli: Going off of what Imari said, Porter won't be meeting this week because of the senate retreat.

Motion to suspend the bylaw that says that it is required to have a week of deliberation until the following week.

B: **Second.**

Tamra: **Objection.** That's a really good point how y'all won't be able to go back, we can discuss this at the senate mixer.

Jackie: I agree with Tamra, I think that suspending the bylaws should only be used in very specific situations.

Eli: **Rescind my motion.**

Imari: I don't agree with doing it at the senate retreat, from what I heard there was only 20 minutes of extra talking, this was late, and I don't agree with talking about this at the retreat. Last year's senate retreat there were 10 people who showed up.

Danny: Have you tried to fundraise outside of the SUA or C8?

Simba: We have people going downtown to get discounted prices on food, but from my understanding, the discounts aren't very strong.

B: Reserve my right to make a motion, I don't see an issue with suspending the bylaws, **motion to suspend the portion of the bylaws that would require us to wait a week for deliberation.**

Eli: **Second.**

Seamus: **Objection.** If we are pitting between doing it now and Thursday, I could propose to fund from my line item.

Tamra: We can fund this out of Seamus' pot of money and we can just rearrange line items.

Elaine: I would also be down to move money from my Fall pay for this.

August: I'm highly against suspending the bylaws because some senates don't have the opportunity to meet up.

Eli: From my experience in student organizing, for events to have food, you need to do a purchase order and doesn't that need to be a week in advance?

Tyler: What I'm confused on with taking it out of Seamus' fund, why aren't we taking it directly out of other funds?

Tamra: Because people aren't down to suspend the bylaws.

B: When it comes to Seamus' pot of money, I would suggest a straw poll to see if people are down to fund out of his line item. **Call to question.**

Tyler: **Second.**

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

Vote to suspend the bylaws that require a week of deliberation before voting:

In favor: **13** | Opposed: **6** | Abstentions: **6**, **motion passes, we will be suspending that bylaw.**

B: Motion to fully fund from general fund and programming.

Rohit: **Second.**

August: **Objection.** It's a lot of money for food.

B: **Motion to add 2 minutes.**

Rohit: **Second.**

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

Jackie: I agree with what Imari said earlier, that lack of time management shouldn't be our problem. I think that \$2500 is a lot of money and I think that this should be fully thought out.

August: I have some concerns that we may be biased because it's Simba and Ray presenting this. This is quite a bit of money. I like the idea of this event, but it doesn't seem like there wasn't much planning for this event. I don't think it's in the interest of the entire university since you also seem to be flyer-ing around Oakes and Eight.

Rohit: **Motion to add 5 minutes.**

Seamus: **Second.**

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

Tyler: When it was brought up that the general fund is almost depleted, is that for the whole year?

Tamra: Yes, all the funds that we have left are for the rest of the year.

Tyler: I think we should fund, but not that much.

Unknown: **Call to question.**

B: **Second.**

Unknown: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: **9** | Opposed: **4** | Abstentions: **10**, **call to question passes.**

Vote to fund out of general and programming:

In favor: **3** opposed: **12** abstentions: **4**, **motion fails.**

Eli: I think that we didn't talk about funding this in partiality. **I motion to table this until after SOFA.**

Unknown: **Second.**

Imari: **Objection.** People are abstaining because they haven't talked to their colleges.

Eli: **Call to question.**

Danny: **Second.**

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

Vote to move West Fest discussion after SOFA:

In favor: **17** opposed: **1** Abstentions: **4**, **tabled.**

New Business

SOFA Deliberations

Tamra: with SOFA, we ended up staying on point with the budget, with \$23.16 coming out of Seamus' line item just so that we didn't have to discuss it any longer. The only thing that we didn't have a consensus on was the UCSC Surfing Club because they have strict gender roles and they don't have much diversity. In the SOFA bylaws it asks if the club promotes diversity on campus. And we also funded the Sailing Team \$0.

Seamus: I personally don't think these are controversial. Does anyone think that any of these are controversial in particular?

Lara: I don't find any of them controversial, could we read them out loud?

Vanessa: SO the Student Environmental Conference isn't valid, and those students are supporting the Toolkit program and they are supporting another White House rep and they aren't presenting a workshop and they haven't submitted with anything from the power summit.

Jabari: Over the summer, students developed a student agency model toolkit. This will be used on a national level to support different campuses around the US and how this can better students across the nation. The toolkit has been adopted in businesses and those that are going to put bits and pieces into the workspace. This is to benefit students on a nationwide level.

Ray: [Reads SOFA Recommendations]

Eli: Regarding the Holi festival, with conversations with Indian students on campus, they feel like it is cultural appropriation. I'm not saying that we shouldn't fund this but I'm saying that through these conversations makes me feel iffy about funding this.

Imari: I still don't get what the toolkit is. I feel like our money could be better spent.

Jabari: With that festival, they will be having workshops to educate people on what is going to be happening and give them a background on the traditions of it. The toolkit focuses on what students can be helped with at their school and it is a breakdown on what policy is implemented at the schools and how it is helping students. It also shows the different services that are offered from student fees.

Vanessa: From my understanding, it looks like the tools that they use here focus on what is on campus and so a lot of off campus students haven't been involved in this. RSOs via SOAR and SOMECA have been using it and sharing it with other folks and showing different successes of the program.

Suini: Motion to accept all SOFA recommendations as is.

Seamus: Second.

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

West Fest Discussion

Elaine: I just got approval from Julie to take out \$400 out of my leftover Fall Pay and \$400 out of my Winter Pay to help pay for West Fest. We don't really need \$2500 for the event. That way we only have to ask SUA for about \$200-\$400.

Seamus: I don't think that you should be taking money out of your pay because if you work more in Spring or Winter, then you could get that money back.

Eli: I agree with what Seamus is saying and I think that we should take care of the future. I think that this event will be great for the west side of campus and there aren't very many events that happen on the west side of campus and as a Porter student, I think this is a really great event.

Motion to fund \$1500, zeroing out general and pulling out from programming.

Danny: **Second.**

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

Adjournment