

SUA MEETING 3.1.2016

Assembly Members Present: Imari Reynolds (Cowell), **Alternate** Rick Takeuchi (Cowell), Daniel Bernstein (Stevenson), Jeffrey Stoll (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), **Alternate** Maxine Jimenez (Kresge), Hana King (Kresge), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Suini Torres (Oakes), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Simba Khadder (Eight), Sarah Cligher (Eight), Kaya Zepeda (Eight), Rohit Dhar (Nine), Katherine Le (Nine), Dante Harootunian (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Danny Milla (Ten), Tama Semo (Ten), Vanessa Sadsad (QSU), 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), Tyler Papp (Cowell), Gabriella Cory (Stevenson), Bianca (B) Moncada-Martin (Merrill), Liza Mednikov (Kresge), Basheera Ali-El (A/BSA), Theresa Atanoa (APISA), Gilbert Paredes (MEChA), Erica Green (SANAI), Art Motta (Organizing Director), Guillermo Rogel (Vice President of External Affairs).

Approval of the Agenda:

Sauli: **Motion to add SUGB referenda before OPERS referenda for 20 minutes.**

Rick: **Second.**

Unknown: **Objection.** OPERS isn't presenting tonight.

Tamra: **Motion to remove OPERS presentation.**

Rohit: **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 the Minutes:

Tamra: **Motion to approve minutes.**

Katherine: **Second.**

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

Announcements and Public Comment:

Seamus: Allison Galloway is having office hours tomorrow 230-330 in McHenry café, come talk to her about problems on campus. This is a really great opportunity to speak to her.

Eli: The application for queer trans people of color conference is out, and once I send an email you all can send it throughout your spaces, the deadline is March 12, midnight.

Rohit: on March 4th, at Namaste lounge, the 9/10 sister college night will be going on, admission is free and we will be showing Tangled.

Vanessa: There's been a lot of talk about accessibility and representation for reaching out to our local officials and coming out of this weekend event, I've been in constant and consistent talks with Mark Stone and Bill Wanning and I will be coordinating with these offices to bring them onto campus so that students can talk to them. So if anyone is interested, let me know.

August: This Friday from 9:30 PM – 1 AM, Crown/Merrill will be holding their annual semi-formal, \$5 for tickets and the revenue will go towards charity. I'll be there serving light refreshments, come through!

Tamra: This Sunday, C4 is going to be happening at the OLC from 6:30-9 PM. We will be having dinner catered from Zoccolis and it is free.

Jabari: My office is having a study break event in Cervantes Velazquez room and please come check that out.

Sauli: The WOCC is set for May 22 and I highly recommend that if you want to get involved to email me!

Julie: **Motion to add 10 minutes after restorative justice program to talk about elections commission.**

Suini: **Second.**

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

Presentations:

Restorative Justice Program

Vicki: The restorative justice program is to bring people together to have a dialogue when there is conflict and when someone has caused harm to someone else, which can be through a variety of mediums. The process is very powerful because it gives people the opportunity to sit face to face after an incident to talk about their experience and the impacts then and now and to open a conversation around something that is going on either once or continuously. As people talk more, they start to understand where everyone is coming from, and all participants work together to

make a better environment for each other. For example, some items are conflict with roommates, anything under that, conflict amongst student groups and student orgs. It could be on a dorm, in a floor, one on one, or in a larger group. It could be something that was written on a wall and that was offensive. If a student violates a university policy and a report gets written up and that goes to student conduct, I work with student conduct and the people there may decide that instead of normal university sanctions, to offer a restorative justice program instead. Of course there may still be sanctions from the university but also this program as well. We already have on campus a conflict resolution program on campus which is focused on staff and faculty, but this program is to help support students.

What are some of the benefits?

If someone likes to play loud music late into the night and the people living with them have said to not play music and they aren't getting past it, it may be solved by an RA or CRE, but sometimes things don't change. What my job is to talk with each student and see if they would be willing to come to a dialogue and it is always voluntary. So if both people are willing, we bring them to have a conversation in which they both get to share their experience. I set it up to be safe and encouraging of dialogue. They also talk about what they need from each other. In a situation where one person has caused harm to another and they don't understand the impact, it is very helpful for the person who has been harmed to sit down and explain what they are feeling. We can also bring in support people and bring people in to have a dialogue to share in a larger community space. If there is a student organization that is having trouble reaching a goal because of group conflict, we can also help and facilitate a conversation. If there is a student who needs help with communication skills, we can offer those services too. We also have anger management skills and I also can work with students on that as well.

Kiana: The type of issues you're dealing with; are those geared towards more minor issues between roommates and friends, or is it between people who have microaggressions towards others.

Vicki: It's all of the above, and depending on the nature of it, it may have to go through another office before I can work with it. My hope is to address as many situations as possible.

Seamus: This is a program that was in operation as well, what was it used for last year?

Vicki: I wasn't here last year, and I'm from housing. I work closely with housing and student conduct. The only thing I know that is happening with restorative justice is [another supervisor's] class. I wanted to ask for more ideas for how we can outreach to students.

Daniel: Maybe next year when spaces like a college government, like before they begin to meet you can come to those spaces and give them a pre-training.

Simba: What is your relationship with CAPS?

Vicki: CAPS would help students who need counseling and I'm looking at a situation where a student has a conflict with another student and maybe there is an anger issue that they are controlling. I'm not a therapist or counselor, but I am more helping with communication skills. I'm going to pass around flyers and if you know a student who needs help with conflict and they could benefit from this, feel free to have them contact me directly.

Simba: I see how you're different from CAPS but how many people can you accommodate and how are you different from CRE/RA?

Vicki: RA/CRE are trained to handle these situations, but if the situation is too big, then they can contact me for support. My plan is to train staff and students to facilitate so that other students can help to facilitate these conversations. UCSC is very cutting edge in this way so it's very exciting that we have this as a growing movement here.

Elections Commission

Julie: Next week we will be hiring our elections commissioners and we have elections for our SUA officers soon in May. At the same time, there are referenda going around. SUA appoints two people to run the elections. The elections commissioner holds up our bylaws and campus policy. The elections commission does outreach as well. Associate elections commission represents the assembly and helps the elections commissioner. Next week the process for that will be taking place and we will interview the elections commissioner and the associate elections commissioner. After Thursday 11:59 PM I will close the ER listing. Elections commission gets paid \$1000 for a pretty intense job and associate elections commission gets paid \$800. I'm going to send you all a google form and if you have questions you want to ask, I can consolidate a list of questions that we want to ask. We can do the interviews after that. Also if an assembly wants to be part of the elections commission, it is advised that they step down from their position but it does not explicitly say that in the bylaws.

Resolutions:

SUGB Referenda

Sauli: Just a quick update, if y'all recall from last week, we were still in negotiation about the language including the administrator and we actually won and we don't have to include that in our referenda language. The statement just follows that SUGB will follow normal campus review policies.

[Reads referenda]

Eli: Two things, I think that it would be good to have it on the referenda to define what sunset means and it also uses the acronym SLFF and it doesn't introduce what SLFF refers to.

August: What would this referendum do? You're asking for sponsorship but it also sounds like you're asking for endorsement since it asks for the SUA to vote in favor of the referenda.

Sauli: We are just asking for support right now and we cannot ask for endorsements, at least not yet.

Tama: Just a minor correction, the Filipino Student Association, not the Filipino Student Alliance.

Daniel: What happens if we pass this?

Sauli: It would keep the same buildings open and operating just as they have been operating.

Daniel: What happens if we don't pass this? What does sunset mean?

Sauli: Sunset means that the fee stops or ends particularly here in fall 2017. If the fee doesn't pass, we have another year to put it on the spring ballot. We don't want to wait however and we want to be timely with students. It also maintains the functionality of the student spaces.

Julie: I just wanted to clarify, that sponsor at this stage means to put it on the ballot. The other thing is that this is a resolution and these suggestions can be amendments. Next week we vote on it and if you all want to change things, they have to be amended now.

Simba: I know last time we had retrofitting last time but I remember hearing that we had \$600000 in reserves for the building, is that true?

Sauli: The reserves that the SLFF has generated is 3 million.

Simba: Does the fee need to be that much then if the money is going to sit around?

Sauli: That is the current fee right now and if you look at the third whereas, \$.20 of the fee goes into reserves, but the way that we drafted there referenda, back in Fall, SUGB voted to split from OPERS and that that also meant that we wanted to split the current reserve 60/40, 40 for SUGB. When you look at the dollar amount for reserves and maintenance is \$6.70. The amount that we are using for reserve is about \$2.

Daniel: You said that when a sunset goes away, but if we don't have the fee, wouldn't there be a way to keep the buildings running? Should students not elect to pay for this fee, wouldn't the school find a way to continue those buildings' functionality?

Sauli: If the fee doesn't pass, since these are buildings paid for by students, there wouldn't be money to be allocated towards them but there may be a fight for admin to pay for these buildings, but we wouldn't be able to govern these buildings the way that we govern them now. I'm also passing around a petition right now.