

SUA 3/8/2016

Assembly Members Present: Imari Reynolds (Cowell), **Alternate** Rick Takechi (Cowell), Tyler Papp (Cowell), **Alternate** Colin Hortman (Stevenson), Jeffrey Stoll (Stevenson), Gabriella Cory (Stevenson), August Valera (Crown), Tias Webster (Crown), Jane Loughboro (Crown), Lara Loesel (Merrill), Morgan Smith (Merrill), **Alternate** Joanna (Porter), **Alternate** Amy (Porter), Eli Guzman- Martin (Porter), Jackie Roger (Kresge), **Alternate** Maxine Jimenez (Kresge), Hana King (Kresge), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Suini Torres (Oakes), **Alternate** Ray Decadiz (Oakes), Simba Khadder (Eight), Sarah Cligher (Eight), Kaya Zepeda (Eight), Rohit Dhar (Nine), Dante Harootunian (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Danny Milla (Ten), Tama Semo (Ten), Basheera Ali-El (A/BSA), **Alternate** Sally (APISA), Vanessa Sadsad (QSU), **Alternate** Jhordy Gongora (MEChA), Erica Green (SANAI), 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: Bryna Haugen (Cowell), Daniel Bernstein (Stevenson), Bianca (B) Moncada-Martin (Merrill), Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Amanda Kazden (Porter), Liza Mednikov (Kresge), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Katherine Le (Nine), Theresa Atanoa (APISA), Gilbert Paredes (MEChA), Art Motta (Organizing Director).

Approval of the Agenda:

Tamra: **Motion to have elections commission business put at the end.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

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

Colin: **Motion to add 15 minutes in resolution section to present a resolution on multigendered bedrooms.**

Lara: **Second.**

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

Seamus: **Motion to add funding request from CoC to new business right above elections commission for 10 minutes.**

Rick: **Second.**

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

Tamra: **Motion to approve.**

Colin: **Second.**

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

Approval of the Minutes:

Colin: **Motion to approve.**

Tamra: **Second.**

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

Announcements and Public Comment:

Seamus: My office of AA just had one of our events to give out free testing supplies, donuts and coffee. We are doing that tomorrow too from 11-3 at S&E.

Suini: This Sunday, Oakes Senate is hosting the bigger one, a 24 hours event which is a self care activity.

Tamra: On Sunday we had C4 and it was pretty cool and there are many committee positions open, and one position open is for admissions and financial aid and it usually doesn't have openings very often.

Presentations:

Office of Congressman Sam Farr

We have an opportunity for an internship for in our district office in SC. A district office does more important work. Probably half of our work is focused on community outreach and support of community partners and community stakeholders. As congressman Farr is liaison with UCSC, I have the pleasure of learning about how our office contributes to our university and how we can be of assistance. The congressman has contributed millions of dollars for items such as the farming fellowship down at the organic farm and we are here to support the cities, the community and the groups in the district and anything that is related to federal government that people need help with can come to us for help and another part of it is constituent casework. As the military and veterans aid for Sam Farr, I assist veterans who are struggling to transition coming home from serving the military and trying to attend college and get a job here. I am here to make sure they get the benefits that they deserve to be successful in the community. I also help members of the military who have been mistreated or to just help them get their benefits. I am also the SC rep and I am the liaison to the community. The internship that we are offering is an opportunity to be a part of all of that. Many internships can be admin work and as someone who started as an intern, we in the SC office worked hard to make sure that it is an experience and opportunity that really builds students professional skills. If you're interested in learning how the federal government works, it's an excellent opportunity to do that. The interns in our office assist with casework and community outreach and our interns this year are invited to all the events that we have in the district. Our district goes from SLO county line and ends up here

at the university. I work with veterans through the bureaucracy and help them establish their daily lives again. Our interns are involved in every aspect of the office.

The type of work that we do in the office varies from assisting people with their citizenship, which we've had all over the district. We help older folk with their social security benefits and advocate for individuals who are victims of identity theft. We do our job as the oversight authority.

Danny: How many hours does an intern work?

Office of Sam Farr: We ask our interns to commit to 6-8 hours a week. We have two staffers in SC and we take about two interns per season. It is about two shifts a week 3-4 hours. We are very flexible when those hours are, morning or evening or afternoon. Your first job is to be a student. Applications are rolling and we are looking to bring in interns now. We will be looking to hire people for interview in mid to late May. In our applications we ask for a cover letter, resume and a short writing sample. Vanessa and Dante have my contact info as well.

Resolutions:

Multi-gendered Bedrooms:

Colin: A housing coordinator brought up this issue of students wanting to live together because of their different genders and I wrote a resolution based on that. I sent out the survey last night and I asked on the survey if people would support a gender neutral housing on campus. They could only vote once and edit their response. However, throughout the course of today, there are 82% in favor and I think that by sending it to the Stevenson residents and the chairs I thought it would be pretty representative of the school's population.

[Reads resolution]

Jackie: I think that gender neutral housing may be an option in Kresge, so I was thinking that maybe it would be worthwhile to talk to someone in housing there so that they can advocate for it as well.

Eli: I have a couple things, the first thing is that when the questionnaire was first sent out I found it really problematic because it didn't talk about transphobia on this campus and there have been a lot of steps in the trans community to offer trans housing. And this resolution is still problematic and transphobic and I don't feel comfortable supporting this resolution and I think that these issues shouldn't be focused on yet when there's still a lot of work to be done in the trans community.

Colin: I just wanted to apologize for any problematic resolution and that's why I presented here today so that we could work together and make something that wasn't problematic.

Vanessa: I commend you and Stevenson for working on this to make sure that students are feeling safer and I would just recommend that you continue this base and create a collective message towards admin and housing. I'd also recommend that you go to the ethnic orgs.

Rick: There may be some problem with the triple or double situations since the doubles are now triples and it may be a problem if there are 3 LGBT people and sometimes it is difficult for people to consent to live together.

Simba: From my understanding you wanted this to pass today?

Colin I just wanted to present this today so that we could fix it as much as possible and hopefully would impact the housing situation for next year.

Simba: Motion to suspend bylaw **Section C.10.F.II** to pass today.

Dante: **Second.**

Sauli: **Objection.** I think that there's a lot of work to be done still and I think more people need to be integrated into this conversation and to have input from other communities.

Vanessa: I would support the objection because I think that next meeting for spring quarter will be March and if you've worked on that partnership and with the big five and with housing it will look a lot better.

Colin: I think those are all valid points and I am in support of the motion and I'm not objecting that so that we can edit it.

Guillermo: I understand the urgency but I think that we would rather it not be rushed and have something be wrong with it rather than have it good. I want to look at every single clause and think it through.

Simba: **Motion to table.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

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

SUGB Referendum Deliberation

Simba: **Motion to pass SUGB resolution.**

Rick: **Second.**

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

OPERS Referenda Deliberation

OPERS SLFF Fee

OPERS: The difference in the four resolutions are asking for sponsorship and endorsement and the other two are for sponsorship only.

[Reads resolution on Student Life Facilities Fee]

Simba: **Motion to not endorse or sponsor either of the new SLFF** since this would cause an increase in student fees since the fee wouldn't be being split between OPERS and SUGB and the fact that most of this money is going towards admin pay and salary and at C8 we voted against this.

Jhordy: **Second.**

Eli: **Objection.** I object to this because after talking with porter senate that we don't necessarily support this fee but we think that students should decide if they want to adopt this fee and it is important to incorporate that voice.

Seamus: Motion to suspend bylaw **Section C.10.F.II.**

Colin: **Second.**

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

Vanessa: **Motion to split motion of endorsement and sponsorship.**

Tyler: **Second.**

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

Discussion to not endorse SLFF:

Guillermo: I don't think that we should endorse it but we should sponsor it so that students can vote on it.

Suini: **Call to question.**

Jeffrey: **Second.**

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

Vote to not endorse:

Vanessa: **Acclimation.**

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

Discussion to not sponsor:

Eli: Reserve my right to make a motion, I think that we should let the students vote on these things and I **call to question**.

Tama: **Second**.

Simba: **Objection**.

Vote to vote:

In favor: **24** | Opposed: **7** | Abstentions: **5**

Vote to not sponsor:

In favor: **13** | Opposed: **20** | Abstentions: **1**, **not sponsor SLFF**.

Tyler: **Motion to sponsor SLFF**.

Rick: **Second**.

Julie: **Objection. Motion to amend “pass the resolution” to “sponsor the SLFF”**.

Jackie: **Second**.

Sauli: **Objection. Motion to amend the language to say “pass the resolution to sponsor an amendment to the SLFF”**

Vanessa: **Motion to suspend Roberts Rules and section 16C for the rest of this agenda item**.

Julie: **Second**.

August: **Objection**. I like order.

Julie: **Call to question**.

Vanessa: **Second**.

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

Vote to suspend Robert's Rules

In favor: **13** | Opposed: **11** | Abstentions: **9**, **motion fails**.

Julie: **Motion to amend the amendment so that it is a resolution to sponsor the SLFF with the stipulation that we amend it to say amendment to SLFF**.

Seamus: **Second**.

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

Seamus: **Call to question.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Vote to sponsor and change the language:

In favor: **23** | Opposed: **2** | Abstentions: 9, **motion passes.**

August: We shouldn't feel obligated to pass everything that comes through SUA. There are other pathways to get this on the ballot.

Seamus: Reserve my right to make a motion, I don't like the third and second to last therefore since it seems a little pointed, **motion to remove the second to last and third to last therefore.**

Colin: **Second.**

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

Simba: Reserve my right to make a motion, so if we were to pass what's on the table right now, we would effectively be putting this on the ballot. [Yes] **Call to question.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Vote to sponsor this resolution to sponsor the SLFF with the stipulation that we amend it to a sponsorship for an amendment to the SLFF:

In favor: **20** | Opposed: **13** | Abstentions: **1, not sponsoring.**

OPERS PE Referenda – Amendment to Measure 32

Julie: **Motion to pass the resolution to sponsor the PE – amendment to measure 32.**

Colin: **Second.**

Jackie: **Objection.** I am in favor of sponsoring this but I would like to take out the second to last therefore.

Simba: **Motion to remove the second to last clause.**

Seamus: **Second.**

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

Simba: College eight was also against this one, I don't have the SFAC point in front of me because it seems strange that they've been running on \$4 for a while and now they are asking for \$12 and are now adding 6 classes.

Seamus: **Call to question.**

Colin: **Second.**

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

Vote to sponsor PE referendum:

In favor: **18** | Opposed: **7** | Abstentions: **9**, **sponsoring PE referendum – amendment to measure 32.**

Elaine: A few weeks ago the CoC put on the senate mixer and it was pretty successful. We had a mixer that brought 110 students together and students were allowed to mingle and get to know other students from other colleges who shared their same views of collaborating and working together as a larger community. Right now we are in the process of planning the “student leader summit” which will be taking place on April 14. Right now we have the Stevenson event center secured as a venue. We are asking 100 from each of the colleges and asking SUA for \$1500. This will go towards food from Taqueria Santa Cruz. The cost is about \$5-7 per person. This will be the second mixer of the year. We will be providing this food to allow students to see the importance of college government and show students that they can change their campus together. We are going to have to a keynote speaker who will instill in students a sense of empowerment to take a stand in their communities. We are expecting 200 students, 15 person limit per college, including officers from external organizations.

August: How can you justify this much money for food? This is 5 times as much money from the last event.

Elaine: It is a bit more than Pacific Thai. In addition we are expecting twice as many people. \$1500 is a bit of a high end estimate, if that helps the assembly.

Sauli: Is this a closed or open event to the school?

Elaine: We were expecting 15 people per college and 10 per ethnic org and that people could bring a guest or two from each organization/college.

Elections Commissioner Presentation:

Julie: I will go through presentation of EC and AEC and explain their job duties. I’m going to make it brief and then we will do interviews and closed session. We are voting on SUA officers and the college reps and referenda as well as an opinion poll. The timeline is here listed as my suggestion as March 21st is when candidate packet opens and April 22nd candidate petition is due April 25th-April 29th, and May 4-18 campaigning is open, May 11th- May 18th elections open. May 19th are when results come out. This is subject to change via the EC and AEC. Elections may also change. The EC is only responsible for the SUA elections. The EC is a committee that oversees the elections, this is made of me, the SUA EC, the SUA AEC, the college elections commissioner from each college, and the SOAR director as a non-voting staff advisor.

Once appointed, a commissioner waives their constitutional right to file a petition for candidacy until the next academic year.

No commissioner shall be a candidate nor shall he or she support or oppose any campus candidate, party or referenda while serving on the commission

Colleges forfeit their right to appoint college EC.

The commission is responsible for making sure policy is enforced. They are responsible for meet ups as much as they need to. The EC has the right to remove all campaign materials and literature that do not comply with university posting regulations. The elections commissioner is responsible for overseeing elections process and ensure a fair and open election, they facilitate and supervise elections, they confirm the candidates and hold hearings and hold orientation meetings and they attend assembly meetings during the elections process if requested, they meet and coordinate with the campus rep responsible for campus elections and they may sanction, censure, or issue an order to candidates to end actions that violate code and they shall release elections results.

The AEC is the official voting rep for SUA and they are responsible for verifying the eligibility of each candidate with the student affairs campus elections commissioner they take minutes and they work under the EC.

Vanessa: Motion for 5 minutes before closed session.

[CLOSED SESSION]