

## **SUA MEETING 3.29.2016**

**Assembly Members Present:** Imari Reynolds (Cowell), Bryna Haugen (Cowell), Tyler Papp (Cowell), Eve Le Nevu (Stevenson), 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), **Alternate** Maxine Jimenez (Kresge), Hana King (Kresge), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Suini Torres (Oakes), **Alternate** Ray Decadiz (Oakes), **Alternate** Noah Thoron (Eight), Sarah Cligher (Eight), **Alternate** Joselyne Soto (Eight), Rohit Dhar (Nine), Katherine Le (Nine), Dante Harootunian (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Danny Milla (Ten), Tama Semo (Ten), 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:** Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Liza Mednikov (Kresge), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Basheera Ali-El (A/BSA), Theresa Atanoa (APISA), Vanessa Sadsad (QSU), Gilbert Paredes (MEChA), Erica Green (SANAI), Art Motta (Organizing Director),

### **Approval of the Agenda:**

Eli: **Motion to add 15 minutes after CoC deliberation for queer and trans people of color conference for a funding request.**

Tamra: **Second.**

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

Gabriella: **Motion to switch resolutions and old business.**

Jeff: **Second.**

Julie: **Objection. Motion to amend to just switch the multi-gender bedrooms only since the Stevenson coffee house will take some time.**

Sauli: **Second.**

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

Tamra: **Motion to approve.**

Katherine: **Second.**

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

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

Tamra: **Motion to approve minutes.**

Ray: **Second.**

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

### **Announcements and Public Comment:**

Julie: On Thursday at the BayTree conference room is the first of meet the admin, the first is Richard Hueghy who is in charge of undergraduate education. He oversees advisors and there is a big Facebook event, you all should have gotten the emails and you can have your questions answered by him and you can contact me if you can't go and you want to ask a question. The next one is on Monday from 530-730 at the alumni room in 9/10 with housing and that is with the associate vice chancellor with Sue Matthews and with a city councilman.

Tamra: The budget committee for drafting the budget for the next year is happening soon and we need reps and I'll be sending that email by tonight.

Sauli: This Friday from 2-6 PM at UCSC east field will be the holi fest and you all should check it out and there is a FB event and that will be fun too.

Ray: April 15<sup>th</sup> at OLC will be annual drag ball, come by and check it out.

Jabari: Next Friday, SCOC is having its first general meeting from 5-6 location TBD.

### **Presentations:**

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bone Marrow Donor Registration:**

This event will be happening from 1030 – 430, one on April 13<sup>th</sup> in Porter Hitchcock and 9/10 on April 14<sup>th</sup> at MPR.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of people have blood transfusions and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of people have a surgical procedure. If you do get called after you register and you don't want to donate you don't have to. If you have any type of health condition that may prevent you from donating, you can ask that of the people at the event as well. You can also participate in the advocacy side about bone marrow donation. If you want to know more, there is more info on facebook. If you volunteer you get a t-shirt.

### **Resolutions:**

#### **Multi-gendered Bedrooms**

Colin: I made some edits and updates because I got some good feedback from last meeting. I didn't get any emails back from student groups and I sent out emails to 25 groups on campus but they probably didn't meet in the past week to meet and now we are in day two of the quarter so I don't know if we want to push it further back because I'm still waiting to hear back from people. The main edits I made were switching multi-gendered to all gendered and I also added gender-

non-conforming. I did have some help from this body and from my own student council as well. There was also talk about a line that was talking about friends living together instead of all people and all gender and non-gendered so I changed a lot of the language but it still means around the same thing with some changed language.

[Reads Resolution]

Suini: **Motion to table to next week to bring it back to spaces.**

B: **Second.**

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

### **Old Business:**

#### **Council of Chairs Funding Request Deliberation**

Jackie: I think that we should still have a budget because if this were anyone else, like a different student group, we would require them to have a budget.

B: Merrill would also like a budget because we had issues with such a large amount.

Unknown: **Motion to table until next week.**

Unknown: **Second.**

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

#### **Queer and Trans People of Conference Funding Request:**

Eli: What is the conference? The queer and trans people of conference is hosted by a different college in the UC system every year. This year it is being held at UC Berkeley. It allows a space for queer and trans people of color to come and talk about a lot of issues with racism in the queer and trans community and homophobia in our universities in general. We are working with QSU and the queer and trans people of color collective and APIQT's. This year it will be April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. The theme is QTPOC mix tape which is reclaiming our history. We are trying to take 30 people to this conference which is the largest delegation that we are taking. Registration is \$10 per person. For hotels, we are looking around \$150-225 per room, I put \$250 per room just to be safe. In total that come to \$4000 dollars and we are renting vehicles from UCSC fleet services, which amounts to \$690 for the whole weekend and we have calculated \$300 for gas and we have a food stipend as well so that students do not get hungry. The rest of the meals will be taken care of by the hotel and the conference. We are asking SUA for \$2000. And we are asking for funds from the 10 college governments, QSU, the Cantu, EOP and others. This matters because the conference for me is something that is really important because as freshman when I first came here, I went to the conference and it was the first place where I felt comfortable talking about my identity and I was able to grow as a person and accept this side of my gender identity. I also got

involved in a lot of queer and trans groups on campus and I facilitate a couple of different groups on campus.

Other speaker: I also was able to question my identity and it was the best conference I've ever been to and I've been to many conferences before. This one was the one that I enjoyed because there were so many keynote speakers who talked about so many things that touched on aspects of my life and I learned so many things. I got connections and academic ideas out of it.

Eli: A lot of queer spaces on campus are not that friendly to students of color and a lot of people dismissing my racial identity and dismissing me when I call them out of microaggressions and racism and there spaces are good for healing. It also offers a place to talk about the issues and to bring these ideas back to our respective spaces.

In addition, in the ethnic spaces, there are a lot of queer and transphobia in the spaces that I've been in. It's very heteronormative and there are many microaggressions and I get that a lot and that is why I created an AAPI queer/trans space for those who don't feel comfortable in their ethnic spaces.

Jackie: are there going to be any report backs of what was learned at this conference?

Eli: That is something that we can do. I was going to say that we have a cap set on 30 people because after that we have to get a bus.

Jabari: I know you said that you were going to bring back issues that happen on different campuses, and will you be looking at different solutions to mitigating these issues on campus?

Eli: Yes we will be doing that too, there is a lot of intersectionality of discussion and there are workshops that educate on how to make spaces on campus more inclusive. It is both campus and non-campus focused.

#### Stevenson Coffee Shop Resolution:

Julie: The Stevenson coffee house serves almost anything. The Stevenson coffee house is the oldest coffee house on campus. The current manager has worked there for over 30 years. He worked as a student worker at the café before he graduated. This was also the cheapest coffee house on campus. It's not controlled by UCSC dining. It has been running a deficit for 25k years and they are running into a deficit each year. The way that they make up that deficit is through Stevenson and Cowell student fees. Admin has decided that students shouldn't pay for that deficit. UCSC dining is planning to take over the coffee house in July. They may do the same thing that they did to college eight café. Dining will take over Stevenson and Cowell. The news really hit publicly when the manager posted the letter talking about the closing of the coffee shop. The student workers for the Stevenson coffee shop have a petition going on and they have about 3000 signatures.

How do students save the café?

Julie: I think that it is easy, we can just buy it. We can have a student run coffee house on campus. I've gotten in touch with a few campuses to figure out what they're doing because some universities have a student run coffee shop and they sometimes hire a staff member but that staff member is hired by the students. Another part of the reason that they need a deficit is because the Stevenson and Cowell apartments were closed so that wiped out a pretty large base of students who could buy from the coffee shop. The Stevenson coffee shop is not in a deficit as much as Cowell is.

There is an idea for a 2 unit how to run a coffee shop class, and who better to run that than someone who has run a coffee shop than the manager of the Stevenson coffee shop? Stevenson college has fees where they can actually use those for paying for a teacher. Another thing is that students are then taught all the ins and outs so that when we have student managers, they can just use the class as their training. It's very doable.

Alcohol sells. We don't have many places on campus that sell alcohol, and it's not because it's against the rules, it's just because they simply don't do it. This idea came from admin. Also pint night study night through UCSC catering. This idea came from an administrator because I just wanted to get a liquor license for the Stevenson coffee shop. When you sell alcohol, you're actually paying for the liquor license. So we can contract with UCSC catering and the caterers would come out and serve alcohol once a week so that we could just use their license and not have to buy a new one. We still get the profits of their alcohol sales. I was thinking "Thirsty Thursday Study Nights". If we sell alcohol to minors, we lose the coffee shop. I would want this to be controlled by students entirely.

So the other thing is joint ownership between the SUA, Stevenson coffee house workers and Stevenson council. This committee will be made of the following: the VP of student life, two reps appointed by the SUA, two representatives appointed by the Stevenson coffee house workers, and one representative from Stevenson student council. All of these would be subject to change. It's a model that works in my experience. These positions won't be paid but would have responsibility in the coffee shop. It'd be kind of like a board of directors. We would have to write in a constitution on how the coffee shop would be run. It would be separate from SUA but we have representation in that space.

Another big thing is affordable food through a student fee passed next year. The coffee shop is running on a deficit and that's fine for now. The school can pay for affordable food on campus. SUA would be responsible for the deficit for a year only. There will be language for a fee for all students for \$2/student/quarter to have affordable food on campus. We may be able to give students a discount but that is a detail that will be hashed out later.

So timeline is that in spring 2016, students organize to save the coffee house. Summer 2016, renovations are done to make the building ADA compliant. The shop will be closed for the

summer. Students should not pay for infrastructure repairs. In Fall 2016, student owned coffee house would open and I've talked with student coffee shop workers. We would keep most of the menu items the same but when you're running a deficit you'd have to cut a few things that weren't that popular. In February 2017, that Stevenson coffee house submits a biannual report to the SUA. In Spring 2017, students vote on a referendum to supplement the operations. And in July/August 2017 – Stevenson coffee house submits a biannual report to SUA.

The next steps are the Stevenson and Cowell coffee houses community forums next week on Tuesday and Wednesday and they are going in there to advocate for student ownership. I think I have enough administrators on my side that we will be able to do this.

Ray: You mentioned the amount of people that were gone, I think it would be great to see the numbers before and after the apartment renovations in Cowell and Stevenson.

Gabriella: Would this movement include the current owner?

Julie: The current owner is an employee and the Stevenson coffee shop workers have essentially made it clear that they need him around.

B: I wanted to know why this came to you and why you became so passionate about it?

Julie: People were asking me about it and I did something about it.

Suini: Would it be possible to accept 55 meal plans at the café?

Julie: For those questions, students are in charge of it so students can get what they ask for.

Tyler: Where would the money be coming from to buy it?

Julie: The money for the ADA compliance stuff shouldn't be from students. That would be a no problem. What we would be paying for is rent for the building. We're just paying for the deficit. SUA would have to put away a certain amount for the deficit and if we don't go into a deficit then we're fine. I've looked through the budget and there is a way for nothing to be cut and still be able to work with a deficit.

**B: Motion to extend time by 15 minutes.**

Suini: **Second.**

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

Colin: Thanks for doing this. We had a lot of voices of concern as Cowell and Stevenson. I just wanted to share my support.

Gabriella: When we were discussing this at SSC, there were concerns about the pastry recipes because those things were iconic.

Julie: We would sell the same things as is being sold now and the things that are made in house wouldn't have to be cut. It's the stuff that not that many people buy to stay in line with the deficit. I haven't worked with the manager yet and he teaches them everything about the recipes.

Sauli: I just wanted to address the issue of paying for the retrofit. All students currently pay into a fee that is supposed to cover retrofits. You pay \$50 a year towards a fund that is supposed to do retrofitting. If we do the research, we should be able to argue that students shouldn't have to pay for these infrastructure type things.

Eli: This is a great idea, especially the booze thing. Would it be possible for us to pass this tonight?

Julie: We can do this next week and I'm proposing a resolution that basically calls for student ownership. I'll come up with a business plan by the time they have the forums. We just need to show up and say that students want it. It might actually be better to vote on this next week so that I can change the items if I learn things at the forums.

[Reads Resolution]

Julie: Admin panel, first one is Thursday and second one is Monday with housing. Come out to those and invite your friends! Tomorrow I have my office of the president staff meeting at 7 PM.