SUA Meeting 12.1.2015

Assembly Members Present: Imari Reynolds (Cowell), Bryna Haugen (Cowell), Alternate Rick (Cowell), Daniel Bernstein (Stevenson), Alternate Jeff (Stevenson), Kyra Brandt (Stevenson), August Valera (Crown), Tias Webster (Crown), Jane Loughboro (Crown), Alternate Victor (Merrill), Morgan Smith (Merrill), Bianca (B) Moncada-Martín (Merrill), Amanda Kazden (Porter), Eli Guzman- Martin (Porter), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Alternate Liza Mednikov (Kresge), Tara Parcella (Kresge), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Suini Torres (Oakes), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Simba Khadder (Eight), Kaimana Carney (Eight), Rohit Dhar (Nine), Alternate Dante (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Danny Milla (Ten), Tama Semo (Ten), Basheera Ali-El (A/BSA), Theresa Atanoa (APISA), Vanessa Sadsad (QSU), Gilbert Paredes (MEChA), Erica Green (SANAI), Art Motta (Organizing Director), 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).

Assembly Members Absent: Tyler Papp (Cowell), Gema Rodriguez (Stevenson), Lara Loesel (Merrill), Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Wayne Ledgister (Eight), Anthony Gonzalez (Nine), Katherine Le (Nine), Julie Foster (President).

Approval of the Agenda:

Guillermo: Motion to add five minutes for External Affairs Fund the UC T-shirts.

Unknown: Second.

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Guillermo: Motion for ten minutes for California Higher Education Food Summit request after resolutions.

B: Second.

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Simba: Motion to move SAGE before SOFA Discussion.

B: Second.

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Art: Move to move SOFA at the end of old business.

Simba: Second.

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.
Sauli: **Motion to change 11.17.2015 meeting to a general discussion for the quarter.**

Imari: **Second.**

Daniel: **Objection.** Is it written that way for a reason?

**Discussion to change 11.17.2015 meeting to a general discussion for the quarter:**

Ray: What we can do is add another agenda item for reflection of the quarter.

Rohit: **Call to question.**

Simba: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

In favor: 9 | Opposed: 10 | Abstentions: 16, **motion fails.**

Rohit: **Motion to approve agenda.**

B: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Rohit: **Motion to approve.**

Victor: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

**Viewing of the community agreements:**

Ray: Julie is at home right now, she hasn’t been feeling well. She would like the representatives to know that they are required to complete monthly reports, email following soon. For SOFA, budget is $14,000 and if it goes over, tell her and she recommends that it comes from Winter RSO. For reflection, people were questioning if the email that was sent from Chancellor Blumenthal was real or not, it is.

Theresa: CUSN, a retention program will be having their study jam at Cervantes & Velasquez from 10 AM - 4 PM and we will be serving Italian food. Engaging education will have their finals giveaway from 9 AM - 4 PM and 9 AM – 5 PM on Friday and Monday, respectively.

Seamus: My office this week is doing outreach, and giving out food for finals, we are giving away free donuts, testing supplies and coffee. Tomorrow we will be at S&E from 10 AM - 1 PM
and we bought 36 donuts for that and Friday we will be at both libraries. Also, Thursday is Julie’s birthday, if we could put our names on it that would be great.

Jabari: 3 updates, one SCOC C4 is coming up this Friday. Second, St. Baldrick’s Battle of the Balds has been moved into winter quarter, as of right now in Terry Freitas café. Last was from Cat, there is a mentorship opportunity in the Santa Cruz area for students at risk, meeting for that is on Dec 3 at Cervantes and Velasquez.

Suini: Friday evening there will be the big break. Which is being put together by the ethnic orgs and 8 and Oakes there will be food and arts and crafts, you all should come by. This Sunday, there will be “the big one” which is a 24 hours study room with snacks and good food starting in the afternoon until the Monday at 6 or 7 in the morning.

Sauli: Another announcement, CHALE is Chicano/Latino program and they are holding a finals study jam at 9/10 MPR Saturday and Sunday from 9 AM to 9 PM and it is a nice place to study with food. Please come out!

B: This Friday, Crown and Merrill are hosting a refreshment and food study break with a bounce house and there will be arts and crafts at the Merrill cultural center.

Victor: **Motion to extend by 5 minutes.**

B: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Kyra: This Friday will be the art department’s open art studio and students can showcase their projects.

Art: I made this announcement last week but starting in January, we want to make sure that you all are more accessible to students and we want to make sure our information on the website is up to date. We want to make a bio for all the reps whether it’s a yearly appointment or quarterly. Please start working on a bio or gather a picture.

Elaine: I am working with Julie to form a subcommittee for the West and East entrance guards. I have reached out to the council of chairs and I encourage you all to spread the word to your constituencies. More details to come.

**Resolutions:**

**SAGE:**

Guillermo: I saw that the last time we talked about SAGE, we are kind of unique in how we talk back to our constituents about resolutions. A lot of folks don’t’ feel comfortable voting on this position and that is because a lot of students haven’t gotten input from their constituents. I
propose that we host a town hall for this resolution to present on sage and have the vote after we report to our spaces about how the town hall went. That is what I hope the assembly wants to do. I’m guessing the whole process would take about a month or until the end of January. **So motion to postpone vote on SAGE until we have our town hall meeting.**

Bryna: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Jabari: Does the town hall require the representatives to go to the town hall?

Guillermo: It would be great if you all could send just one rep to report back to the senates. I’m thinking of having the town hall at Kresge Town Hall.

**Old Business:**

**Fund the UC:**

Guillermo: I had shown you all the shirts for Fund the UC and I was told to sell the shirts to you all for $10. I’d like to give the shirts mainly to staff but I also wanted to give out the rest of the shirts as a form of outreach, so it would be an incentive to join the working group. So I’m asking the assembly to buy out the t-shirts which could come from the general fund or the carry forward. I would pay for it myself but I’m saving that for real programs like workshops and speakers. **Motion to fund $250 from general fund for T-shirts.**

Kyra: **Second.**

Sauli: **Objection.** Would it be possible to come from programming?

**Discussion to fund $250 from general fund for T-shirts:**

Guillermo: Yes but not all of it from my programming. Fund the UC isn’t just my office. This is a collective SUA campaign.

Sauli: **Rescind my objection.**

Art: What is fund the UC?

Guillermo: Fund the UC is an institutionalized campaign to bring more money into the UC. Our workers do not have adequate working conditions, and this is to bring more money through reforming prop 13 or finding new revenue streams for the UC.

Seamus: **Objection.** I think you can just do this through your officer line item and if you have a programming event, you can come back to us, where the program would probably benefit more than 17 students.
Vanessa: **Motion to add five minutes.**

Jeff: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

B: **Call to question.**

Tama: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

In favor: 2 | Opposed: 13 | Abstentions: 20, **no funding.**

**CHEFS EVP:**

Guillermo: I always talk about how we never talk about issues that actually affect students. So CHEFS is the California Higher Education Food Summit. Food security is a big problem for students on this campus, whether you are a traditional or nontraditional student on campus. At the UC when they did a survey, a majority of students skip out on meals and buy meals that aren’t very sustainable. In California, there is a high cost of living and tuition has been rising, which makes it difficult for a student to attain an education at the UC. Last year in January, there was a UC global food initiative food access and security subcommittee which gathered leaders from the UCs who worked on food to figure out what systems that we can put into place to solve this issue of food insecurity. This year, UC Irvine will be hosting the conference and a lot of different UC students and organizations will be there to talk about how we can address food insecurity. This is an issue for students and students shouldn’t be ashamed to reach out to resources on campus. There are some programs that are available at the Dean of Students office. But these need to be expanded. This conference aims to bring together students to talk about issues on this campus and figure out how we can help as family and community members. This isn’t to talk about what food insecurity looks like at the UC level but also the CSU level and on college campuses. I’m asking from the assembly $2900 to take 20 students to UC Irvine. Registration costs for students are $15 dollars each and our passenger vans for fuel and parking is $1100 and our hotel accommodations which is 4 people per room is $1500. We are overestimating just to accommodate increasing hotel prices.

Seamus: I like this event, and this is exactly what I want to see us fund.

B: This is a very personal issue for myself and it is a bit pricey but I think it would be totally worth it.

Guillermo: Applications open tomorrow. This will be happening January 2\textsuperscript{nd} to the 4\textsuperscript{th}.

Simba: If enough students were going to take their own cars, could you cut out a van?
Guillermo: That could be a question on the form, that if students had their own cars and then they would be given a gas card.

Imari: I’m just confused as to what’s happening at the conference.

Guillermo: It is a lot of exposure to show that it is an issue and it is also a call to action. The 20 students would be developing a working group to bring back what they learned.

Kyra: Are you covering meals as well?

Guillermo: Breakfast and lunch are covered.

Unknown: I’m just concerned that if students are going through food insecurity I’d rather them have them the last meal as well.

Guillermo: If you all want to budget $15 a meal and if you want to cover dinner for students that’d be $300 each meal. Application is open to all undergrad students. Funding would be from SUA only.

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

Jeff: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Simba: **Motion to add extra $600 to provide dinner for both days.**

Rick: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Simba: I think that this is great, and I just wish that next time that there is more time to talk about this.

Guillermo: **Motion to approve $3500 for CHEFS.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Simba: **Objection.**

**Discussion to approve $3500 for CHEFS:**

Seamus: Can we table until we pass the budget?

Simba: Considering how soon this is happening, I’m worried that we won’t be able to pass the budget tonight. Could we pass it regardless of the budget? **Motion to fund $3500 and that we figure out where it comes from when we talk about the budget.**
Kyra: **Second.**

Seamus: **Objection.** I think it would just be good to know where it comes from, **motion to amend to put it at the end after we pass the budget.**

Unknown: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Guillermo: **Motion to get the $3500 from the carry forward and then allocate it when we talk about the budget.**

Daniel: **Second.**

Seamus: **Objection.** Can I ask the treasurer how much is in Julie’s recommendation?

*Discussion to take $3500 from carry forward and then allocate it at budget discussion:*

Tamra: General fund is suggested at $15,000. And $35,000 in SUA programming.

Eli: I really think that we should approve the budget first so that we can know what we’re working with because I feel that there is a consensus about allocating funds, but it is undecided from where we are allocating that money.

Simba: My only problem is that I’m not entirely sure that we’re going to have a budget tonight, but it’s possible. I think we’re going to fund this and it’s time constrained and that’s the only reason I want to do it now.

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

Daniel: **Second.**

Suini: **Objection.**

*Vote to extend:*

In favor: 21 | Opposed: 5 | Abstentions: 7, **extension of time.**

B: **Motion to table until after the budget.**

Suini: **Second.**

Simba: **Objection. Call to question.**

Daniel: **Second.**

In favor: 21 | Opposed: 9 | Abstentions: 5, **tabled.**
SOFA Deliberations:

Tamra: Motion to table sofa deliberations until after budget after Guillermo’s CHEFS request.

Jeff: Second.

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Ad-hoc Presidential Budget Deliberation

Art: I just wanted to amend the language for item 331, the UC regents, I wanted to change that the UC advocacy and lobbying. I feel like that would be better used if we used it towards advocacy. Motion to change the language of line item 331 to UC advocacy and lobbying.

Eli: Second.

Seamus: Objection. I think that that’s sort of broad and the intention of the original line item was because there was a little extra funding that year and we wanted to send students to the regents meeting. If we changed advocacy, who would have purview over that and if it was EVP, would they have to come to the assembly to get money from there? Having designated line items towards the Regents is good because there are going to be important things happening at the regents meeting and we want to send students there.

August: I voiced similar concerns due to the fact that it was at first called general lobbying and then it was changed for a specific purpose, so this motion would just be changing it back.

Simba: I’m pretty in between and it does say UC, I do think that regents is a little too narrow, so I would look for a different name, maybe UC lobbying.

B: Motion to limit stack.

Rohit: Second.

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Guillermo: I like the idea of UC lobbying. Now that people have expressed interest to go the regents meeting. The costs are generally for a rental car and those can be close or far. The chances to advocate at the regents are only thrice this year, and having UC lobbying as an open discussion line item would be good for other meetings.

Vote to change name to UC advocacy and lobbying:

In favor: 15 | Opposed: 8 | Abstentions: 12, name changed.

Vanessa: For the UC advocacy and lobbying change, it is two separate things. What would be the purpose of advocacy?
Seamus: Reserve my right to make a motion, I don’t have an answer to that question. This is just an idea, I like the idea of having a pot of money for students to travel, last year we had money for students to organize. Maybe this could be more open to groups trying to have funding. I would recommend having any pulling from that money to require the assembly’s approval. That way we know what the money is going towards.

Simba: **Motion to allow anyone to be able to ask the SUA for money from UC advocacy and lobbying.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Vanessa: **Objection.**

Sauli: I think that we should be able to have all folks come to this opportunity, but I am a little reluctant to having this a funding source for groups to go lobby, isn’t that Guillermo’s job? I thought that was external office role to meet with students.

Seamus: To answer your question, I thought that it would be a unique idea to have a line item open for students to help them organize. It would be a general fund for students to organize. Another point, would it require SUA’s approval?

Simba: Reserve my right to make a motion, as it’s written right now, is the majority vote from SUA implied? [Answer: No] **Motion to amend to include that if a group were to ask for money that they would present to SUA and SUA would approve that with a 2/3rds vote.**

Guillermo: Would I have discretion over this? Because last year when we went to lobby we would just go.

Seamus: **Second.**

Eli: **Objection.** I think that we need to make sure that the language doesn’t say anyone, because I don’t want a group outside of campus to come ask for money. Also how do we decide who gets funding for lobbying, and suppose there are two opposing sides, how would we be equal?

Tamra: I have a suggestion, we had a student action line item, and if you all recall, this involved students being sent to the regents meeting and some of that money went to bullhorns to protest around campus I would feel more comfortable calling it a student action line item. The groups also had to come to us to use that money.

Art: Reserve my right to make a motion, I like that idea. It sounds like through this conversation that the intent is being shifted to not just be encompassing of one officer but to expand that. There were some stipulations that year that a subcommittee be formed and that subcommittee could approve requests from $750 or less with a 2/3rds vote but over $750 would come to SUA for majority approval. The only thing is that some of these items were time sensitive, and I think
that it would be good to have the same stipulations and this subcommittee under the external vice president. **Move to amend that language to have the same stipulations from last year.**

Tamra: **Second.**

Simba: **Objection.** My argument against this, last year it was a little more focused because last year it was to fight tuition hikes. This year it seems a lot more broad, and there was the CHEFS conference that we still have to talk about. I would also prefer these to go back to the space.

*Discussion to amend language and have the same stipulations from last year:*

Seamus: I agree, last year I went to a few of the subcommittees, and if I recall, it was one other person, myself the EVP and the OD. It’s shown in the past, that if subcommittees are not required, that not many people come. I would prefer to not have a subcommittee and just have them come to the assembly.

Eli: I feel like we are going away from what we were talking about, which was lobbying and these stipulations were talking about opening it up to campus.

Tamra: I would recommend that if its under $750 that we fund them that day and make a decision when they present.

Imari: **Call to question.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

*Vote to amend that language to have the same stipulations from last year:*

In favor: 1 | Opposed: 12 | Abstentions: 16, **amendment does not pass.**

*Discussion for SUA 2/3rds majority:*

**B: Call to question.**

Tamra: **Second.**

Eli: **Objection.**

*Vote to vote:*

In favor: 22 | Opposed: 6 | Abstentions: 2, **call to question passes.**

*Vote on SUA 2/3rds approval:*

In favor: 7 | Opposed: 13 | Abstentions: 9, **amendment does not pass.**
**Discussion on UC advocacy and lobbying open to anyone:**

Guillermo: I’m just not sure what role I’m going to be playing in the distribution of these line items. Last year it was under the OD.

**B: Motion to extend time by 30 minutes.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Sauli: I think that this line item should be open to all groups. I think that we should making lobbying open to all students instead of just groups who have set agendas who want to lobby but also to other students who want to lobby for other things.

Eli: Reserve my right to make a motion, I’m echoing Sauli, I **motion to amend the language to students only.**

Jeff: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Vanessa: So keep in mind that the only reason why we’re on this to begin with is because of the request to change line 331 to advocacy and lobbying.

**B: Call to question.**

Tamra: **Second.**

Seamus: **Objection.**

**Vote to vote:**

In favor: **24** | Opposed: **3** | Abstentions: **7**, **call to question passes.**

**Vote to allow students to pull money out of line item 331:**

In favor: **25** | Opposed: **2** | Abstentions: **3**, **amendment passes.**

Tamra: Another thing that was talked about was the UCSA Dues and I want to move towards that because I have to pay the dues every quarter and I still don’t know how much to pay to UCSA. **Motion to raise line item 311 to $31,000.**

Eli: **Second.**

Seamus: **Objection.** Why would we increase the dues?

**Discussion to raise line item 311 to $31,000**
Tamra: I’m not saying that as the treasurer and I brought this back to Oakes and they believed that it’s okay to raise it to $31000 because they appreciate what UCSA does for them.

Guillermo: Obviously I think that UCSA is a great org and I think that SUA’s work is really valuable. We are both orgs working together for the same org. People like UCSA because of different reasons, like SOCC or lobbying, and SUA has this $92,000 carryforward and we are allocating other money towards RSOs.

Simba: Reserve my right to make a motion, we talked about this at College Eight and we agreed with keeping it the same, since we have $50000 asked of us from fall, and I definitely think that UCSA is important. **Motion to amend the amount to $26,000.**

Liza: **Second.**

Guillermo: **Objection.** I feel like there will be some compromise. I would object to the ground that I want to see it at $31,000, and that’s where I’m holding it down to.

**Discussion to amend amount to $26,000:**

Simba: Reserve my right to make a motion, I think that $26,000 is a good amount, **motion to limit stack after Eli, Jackie, and Vanessa.**

Tamra: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Eli: This is something that we brought back to porter senate, and we were completely down for increasing. I personally think that we should increase beyond $31,000, since UCSA is really important. I don’t think that $26,000 is increasing it enough. I think that a compromise would be $28,000 or $29,000. I think that UCSA is a very valuable service to students all across the UC and at this campus

Jackie: I’ve been talking to a lot of students about what they want to see UCSA going towards, and what I’ve gathered is that students want to see more internal programming and RSO programing. A lot of times it’s the same people going to UCSA and USSA things. It’s a huge amount of money going to a few individuals. I think that it should be going towards the student body.

Vanessa: We come back here and we talk about random students and specific students who represent our college senates. It shows the divisiveness of this issue and rather than 4 students going back and forth on what money should be spent on, I think that what we aren’t doing enough of is that we’re not building coalitions. This was asked and required of us when people were applying to the SOCC. It doesn’t matter a funding request or a resolution, but we are throwing out different comments about who we’re speaking to. We’ve had sponsors of bills who weren’t speaking with each other. We are nitpicking from 26 to 28 to 31 to 24 (thousands). I
hope that we can work towards coalition building. This is a divisive issue and we’ve only reached the second item on this budget and the spaces are being dominated by people speaking in the space, including myself so please start speaking up.

Vote on amendment from $31,000 to $26,000

In favor: 10 | Opposed: 10 | Abstentions: 13, parliamentarian votes opposed, amendment does not pass.

Discussion to fund $31,000 for UCSA

Tamra: Motion to amend $31,000 to $27,500.

B: Second.

Guillermo: Objection. I just think that there’s enough support for $31,000.

Suini: Call to question.

B: Second.

Vote on $31,000 to $27,500:

In favor: 24 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 7, amendment from $31,000 to $27,500 passes.

Discussion on funding UCSA $24,000 to $27,500:

Rohit: Call to question.

Bryna: Second.

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

In favor: 23 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 9, amended $24,000 to $27,500.

Eli: Motion to subtract $3,500 for CHEFS.

Suini: Second.

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Imari: Motion to pass the budget as presented.

Seamus: Second.

Eli: Objection. I think there’s a couple other things that I think we should hash out before approving.
Imari: Pretty sure that the budget can be changed if the budget needs to be moved around. It’s an uncomfortable vibe in here. Money can be changed and this is just becoming tiring and exhausting.

Tamra: The things in the ad hoc budget were only three more things which aren’t much more controversial. There was money that Sauli asked for the Women of Color conference that she can’t touch without asking us. Another thing that was discussed was for LegCon which we changed from $2,000 to $6,000, to allow more students to lobby. The only other thing that was changed was the $10,000 for SOUP (Sponsorship for Other Undergrad Programming).

B: Motion to limit stack.

Suini: Second

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Vote to pass budget:

In favor: 30 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 1, budget passed.

CHEFS

Guillermo: Motion to take the $3,500 from SUA programming.

Simba: Second.

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

SOFA Deliberations:

Scientific Slug:

Requested: $1500

Sofa Recommendation: $800

Art: It’s today’s date (12/1) and we can’t retroactively fund so I motion to fund $0.

Ray: If I understand correctly, they just needed a date to input, and the funding is for winter quarter.

Vanessa: Second.

Simba: Objection, I don’t think that we should not fund someone based on our own inability to act. I feel like $800 is relatively fair. I know that the next question is if we should fund publications in general. College Eight wanted to fund them but eventually wean them off.
August: Reserve my right to make a motion, I feel that by our own bylaws that we wouldn’t be able to allocate the money in time. By the bylaws we shouldn’t be able to fund this. Normally we get SOFA done pretty quickly and if it was a date prior to last week’s meeting. However, they had every right to believe that we would be done with SOFA. I motion to suspend the bylaw “The Student Union Assembly will not finance programs or events retroactively,” just for Scientific Slugs.

Suini: Second.

Art: Objection. I don’t think that we should suspend the bylaw to fund retroactively, we just shouldn’t be doing this.

Jeff: I don’t think that we should just cut off the students. It’s a bit unprofessional.

Simba: Reserve my right to make a motion. I agree that we are wasting time, call to question.

B: Second.

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Vote to suspend bylaw:
In favor: 17 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 5, bylaw suspended just for scientific slugs.

Suini: Reserve my right to make a motion, I think it’s ridiculous that we’re not funding publications because it’s a great example of student voice and power. In the future if we want to not fund as much. I motion to fund them the $800, but that they stop relying on us completely for funding.

Rohit: Second.

Eli: Objection. I’m very confused as to something that was brought up earlier as to why publications shouldn’t be funded.

B: Call to question.

Dante: Second.

Art: Objection.

Vote to vote:
In favor: 20 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 2, call to question passes.

Vote to fund $800 and tell them to stop relying on us completely for funding.

In favor: 20 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 1, amendment passes.
Tamra: One thing about publications is that they have a very large carryforward but that money can only be used for staff. We are working on the language for that.

Bryna: What I’m hearing is that if we already had a long meeting about this and went through the SOFA proposals and we could have been spending a lot more time on what will actually be affecting most of the students.

B: Call to question.

Rick: Second.

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

In favor: 23 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 0, funded $800 with stipulation.

B: Motion to approve all of SOFA’s recommendations on all the ones we haven’t approved yet.

Dante: Second.

B: Rescind my motion, and motion that in the event that we lose quorum that we approve SOFA’s recommendations that we haven’t discussed.

Suini: Second.

Bryna: Objection. I don’t mean to make this longer but I feel like this sets a precedent for future items, something like “they approved the budget because they lost quorum” sounds really horrible.

Discussion on motion to approve SOFA’s recommendations if quorum is lost:

Tias: I think that that is dangerous because it gives all the power to every single person in this room. However, given the situation that we’re in and this being the last meeting I think that it would be a failure on our part as a representative council if we didn’t deliver.

Jeff: I don’t think it’s ideal, but approving these requests is better than not.

Simba: Motion to amend that we just approve SOFA’s recommendations that haven’t been debated yet.

Guillermo: Second.

Art: Objection.

Discussion to approve SOFA’s recommendations that haven’t been debated:

Tamra: I agree that we should just stick with SOFA’s recommendation and they discussed everything already. They also did a pretty good job, the recommendations are under budget.
Danny: I just wanted to mention that we wouldn’t be in this situation if we had just passed this last week. I’m really disappointed about how the assembly has been putting their biases into this and hopefully next quarter we can work for the students and not our own interests.

B: Motion to limit stack after Vanessa.

Tamra: Second.

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Vote on amendment to approve all SOFA’s recommendations:

In favor: 20 | Opposed: 3 | Abstentions: 3, amendment passes.

Discussion to accept SOFA’s recommendations that haven’t been debated yet as is:

Rohit: Call to question.

Suini: Second.

Sauli: Objection.

Vote to vote:

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 4 | Abstentions: 3, call to question passes.

Vote to accept SOFA’s recommendations that haven’t been debated yet as is:

In favor: 20 | Opposed: 3 | Abstentions: 2, approved SOFA’s recommendations.

Art: Why did we do this? This is against our parliamentary procedure. The people who objected to any of SOFA’s recommendations are now silenced. We have been discussing these requests, but have these been brought back to the colleges? And where will the overflow come from?

Jeff: I do think that its silencing people but that people here aren’t able to speak for their colleges, that being said, SOFA is composed of all the colleges who had a chance to speak at the SOFA meeting.

Sauli: If we want to work as a collective that this is a collective decision. We need to talk about the decisions that we made and we need to follow the bylaws and work towards consensus. I feel like this needs to be addressed. Motion to reconsider.

Vanessa: Second.

Simba: Objection. Motion to limit stack after everyone who wants to get on stack gets on stack.
Rohit: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

*Discussion to reconsider:*

Tamra: Reserve my right to make a motion, this needs to be considered anyway. We are over by $2,100, meaning that what we are doing is not sustainable. I’m all for call to question just because we need to talk about it again. **Call to question.**

Imari: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

*Vote to reconsider:*

In favor: 6 | Opposed: 10 | Abstentions: 8, **motion to reconsider fails.**

Suini: **Motion to fund $2,100 from Winter RSO to Fall RSO so that we are not in a negative budget for Fall.**

Danny: **Second.**

Art: **Objection.** We shouldn’t put this on groups that will request funds in winter. That is a completely different set of groups. These decisions are not sustainable. This is just as bad of a decision that we made two years ago. We have no process of following groups and making sure that they follow these stipulations. We have to be fair.

August: Reserve my right to make a motion, first off I’m not comfortable with the sentiment that over budget is a result of fast forwarding these funding requests, because even with the SOFA recommendations we were over budget but we rolled with it because we knew that we were going to reallocate money. I also still agree that taking it out of winter is a bad idea. I **motion to amend to take 2100 out of SOUP,** and my reasoning for that is because for non RSO they came to that line item, and now SOFA funding is not restricted to RSO.

Bryna: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

*Discussion to take $2,100 out of SOUP:*

Simba: **Call to question.**

Dante: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**
**Vote to take $2,100 out of SOUP:**

In favor: 20 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 4, **motion passes.**

Guillermo: **Motion to adjourn.**

Jabari: **Second.**

Eli: **Objection.** I just feel like we should just finish the meeting.

**Discussion to adjourn:**

Guillermo: I was more thinking that we have 23 people here and our president isn’t here and I think that there’s not a lot of people here to talk about what we want to talk about.

Sauli: I plan to be writing a letter about how unstable this space is as a student of color and if you felt triggered then please come talk to me. It’s not as productive to have a conversation with not many people here.

Eli: I have a comment on the adjourning thing, and that this was on the agenda. If people felt that they were silenced, they should have stayed because it was on the agenda. I think it shows that they don’t actually care, but that’s my own personal point of view. If I was passionate enough for something I would stay until it was spoken about.

August: I would like to point out that as much as I am passionate about this, that we are students first, leaders second. I feel like if you have something due today, that that is your obligation.

Eli: **Rescind my objection.**

Jackie: **Objection.** I think that we should talk.

Bryna: I just wanted to say that there is a factor of taking care of yourself. I feel like that is an important part of this meeting but that we have a responsibility to do our best but we can’t because it’s week ten and 11:30 PM and it’s finals next week. Revisiting this topic since members of this assembly don’t feel safe. I feel like we need to reflect on that. I think that over this break we should take care of ourselves and see what we can do better.

Simba: **Call to question.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Ray: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

In favor: 15 | Opposed: 5 | Abstentions: 3, **meeting adjourned.**