Student Union Assembly
Tuesday, 10.21.2014

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by Justin Lardinois (Chair)

Justin: If you are not a member of the assembly please leave the seats open for people who are as we have limited seating. Usually we meet in the alumni room, but there is a scheduling conflict so they put us in this room. Next week we will be in the alumni room at 6PM. My goal this year is to make sure this is an inclusive space and is for students by students. As chair I am here as a resource for all of you, and I am here to help you out with projects and to make sure your voice is heard. SUA can take on a lot of different characters and you will make the space. Above all keep in mind we are here to help each other grow.

Assembly Members Present: Hayden Christie (QSU), Art Motta MEChA, Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Yang Kong (Cowell), Seamus Howard (Cowell), Ricardo Sainz (Stevenson), Lila Blackney (Stevenson), Colin Hortman (Stevenson), Aykezar Adil (Crown), Alternate Andrew Paolini, August Valera (Crown), Michael Markson (Crown), Alexandra Kasper (late Merrill), Alternate Bianca Moncada-Martin (Merrill), Chandler Moeller (Merrill), Kartik Ashok (Merrill), Serene Jneid (Porter), Dylan Quitiquit Hoffman (Porter), Adham Taman (Porter), Carl Eadler (Kresge), Gul Taneri (Kresge), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), John Alcala (Oakes), Keante Marshall (Oakes), Suini Torres (Oakes), Roshni Advani (Eight), Simba Khadder (Eight), Geovanna Moreno (Eight), Shubhankar Sharan (Nine), Gabrielle Manci Peirott (Nine), Alternate Rebecca Brown (Ten), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Alternate Steven Hernandez (Ten), Brad Mleynek (OD), Max Hufft (CoAA), Louise Cabansay (EVC), Kaysi Wheeler (IVC), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

Assembly Members Absent: Israel Molina (CoD), Sam Shaw (Nine), Sergio Velazquez (Ten)

Approval of the Agenda:

Justin: We are going to do the approval of the agenda. Are there any amendments to the agenda?

Art: Motion to add 20 minutes to officer reports after EVC report back.

Shub: Second.

Justin: Any objections?

Lila: Objection.

Justin: We have an objection so we will go into a vote.

19 In favor 3 Opposed 8 Abstentions Motion passes, we will add that to the agenda. Any further amendments to the agenda? Is there a motion to approve the agenda?
Roshni: **Motion** to approve the agenda.

Becca: **Second.**

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none **motion passes.** We are now going into reading of the previous meeting’s minutes.

**Reading of the previous meeting’s minutes:**

Justin: These are the minutes from the last meeting of last year. The purpose of looking at previous minutes is to look for typos and misattributions or flaws in the minutes. If there are none, is there a motion to approve the minutes?

Roshni: **Motion** to approve minutes.

Lila: **Second.**

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.** The minutes are approved.

**Announcements:**

Justin: At this point it is open to the floor to anyone who wants to make announcements.

Becca: On Halloween there is an outdoor movie night at 9/10 and we will be showing Hocus Pocus and will be having a consciously creative costume contest and people get to wear costumes and win prizes.

Rob: I am with CALPIRG. I have met some of you and is it great to be addressing you. Students are now hiring for campus organizers to work all across the country and to make a real impact and to work with other students at our chapter and to make big money out of politics and you gain leadership skills and it is something worth looking into. The last day to apply is tomorrow night. There will be an info session from 10-12 in room 4360 at McHenry. The sign up sheet is going around so that I can send you reminders.

**Presentations:**

Assembly member Mark Stone:

Thanks for the limited time, my name is Mark Stone, I represent the 29th assembly district of California. I have been in legislature for 2 years and I was at the board of supervisors here in Santa Cruz for 9 years and on a school board in Santa Cruz. The issues that I do a lot of work in are child welfare and human services space, seniors, Calworks, Cal Fresh, a lot of work in environmental areas, especially coastal protection and I have been involved in legislature. We have a balanced budget and have a surplus, we have been trying to deal with the issues that you face at the UC, CSU, and community college funding as well as K-12. We started to put some money back into the university systems here and since the economy has turned around, we have
been more than successful this year with UC funding. The UC system has its own constitutional authority and status in the state of California. In the budget we negotiated revenues with the governor, and last June, the governor’s predictions for revenues California were a little lower than we thought in the state assembly, when we built that trigger, a part of that trigger was to add an additional fifty million dollars to the CSU system and 50 million dollars to the UC system, and we didn’t quite make those trigger. At the end of September we added the 50 million dollars and the governor didn’t like that. What we have been trying to do with the UC is try to engage Napolitano to address tuition increases and to enforce legislation to stop that and to reduce the amount of tuition for out-of-state students. They have been balancing their budget by shifting the ratio of in-state and out-of-state students to fit their budget, and although having more Californian students is more preferable, the university system doesn’t quite agree on this level, and they will come back for more money and we will have more of a conversation about that. I just wanted to give an overview of what is happening and to take some questions and to start a relationship with the SUA and make sure that you know that I represent you for UCSC. I want to build that bridge with you guys and to further anything that you guys find important, just give me the right information, I can facilitate that and thanks for your service and for having students voices and making sure your voices are heard in the legislative process. You guys are important constituents. I can talk about policy issues. For the water bond, we put a groundwater policy for the first time in California, the only state in the west that doesn’t have ground water policy, I can answer questions about water and prison reform and to change that on the local and state wide level and in Santa Cruz county and Monterey Bay and other places have a better plastic bag ban, but we did what we could. State wide is harder than in Santa Cruz.

Andrew: I heard you were talking about groundwater policy, could you expand on that?

Mark Stone: In times of drought right now, 60%-70% is ground water, when there are better times, we usually have surface water that feeds agriculture and we have never been able to manage our groundwater bases, and there has never been a policy for this. In the central valley where water issues are acute, there is up to 30 feet of compaction where the surface droughts and we had farmers withdrawing water from the ground, and when they do that they run the wells around them dry and all of those farmers in Sacramento were telling us not to regulate groundwater and so the policy now is that each ground water basin come up with a plan for how they are going to be sustainable for the next 20 years. We want to make sure that the inputs and the outputs match. Over-drafting means less water and more salt water, and that becomes unusable and unavailable. In the assembly we needed 41 votes for the groundwater policy, and we had that barely, and it was difficult to get what we did. We are not addressing much about water because the state pushed it to local level. And we didn’t solve a lot of policy questions.

Michael: I’d like to talk about our meetings last year, I came to you about legislation that I created and for internship tax credit and I remember you saying that you just needed some extra support, and now that I’m here in front of you, I’m here to tell you that this space in February passed a resolution saying that we support internship tax credit. And on top of that UCSA
are also working hard to pass that resolution as well. The legislation is all ready to go and the question is would you be willing to offer internship tax credit?

Mark Stone: Don’t have a definitive answer for that we will add that to the list and bring it up. We did a tax credit last year which was 412 million dollars. If we can do tax credit of that magnitude we will definitely be able to do that for tax credit for students. We have that so give me your information and I will add that to the list.

Louise: Can you give more details on prison reform?

Mark Stone: Prison reform is a hot topic, we have a situation where we don’t have a high crime rate, but we have a large incarceration rate, and in California we have a 7/10 rate of inmates that are released but back in prison in the next year. Other states like Mississippi manage their prison time much better. A federal court system determined that our court system was inhumane and called for the realignment of responsibility. Now, the prison reform conversation is at local level and at the state level. At the state level, we are also working to make sure that the CDCR honored the rehab service in their name so that they don’t come back into the system. If we can drop that 7/10 to 5/10 we would be saving California hundreds of millions of dollars, and we could start to replenish money and put that in higher education systems. We also engaged in the conversations about early childhood education and with more resources, we can not only support those kids but also their families. We can close the achievement gap and we can break the cycles of poverty, where over 85% of California is living in poverty and 80% of those people never make enough money to get out of poverty. And we can stop that pipeline of school to prison, 3rd grade reading levels are a major indicator of who goes to prison, giving 3-4 year olds the tools to be successful. We want to try and stop the runaway spending on prison systems, 60k per prisoner and we don’t spend enough money on students.

Andrew: I thought the UC pipes law was removed?

Mark Stone: The law was modified and they reduced the severity of the strikes and there is another measure that classifies different crimes and drops those crimes to misdemeanors so that we don’t send those to prison with minor things. If we keep sending them away, we are not solving any problems. 70% of the people go into prison with mental health issues and they do not get help. Also substance abuse problems. Those are the things we want to address.

Justin: Thank you Mark Stone.

**Robert’s Rules of Order:**

Justin: One of the things I think is really important to be successful in the space is to be familiar to be with our rules of order, which is common for assemblies like this. I will give a presentation of Roberts’s rules. The reason that we have a parliamentary procedure is so that you have
consistency across meetings and so that when you have similar situations you know what to expect. Having a basic understanding of Roberts’s rules is important. We make motions mainly and motions to do anything, and there are more complex things like multiple amendments on a measure. When we debate on an issue, we maintain speaking order. If you want to talk, I’ll write your name down and that way we can keep things moving and make sure no one gets spoken over. When you have what you want to say about an issue, you talk to me and that way it prevents personal attacks and you are not directly interfacing with each other and in general we operate by consensus, and that’s how the agenda works. And we have more contentious issues, there can be objection, and it can be a simple majority. Four main types of motions, we have main, subsidiary, privilege, incidental motions. Main motions are the basic ones, examples of these are motions to approve the agenda and they require a second and we only consider one main motion at a time and we keep control of what’s going on. Usually there is debate and we use simple majority. Subsidiary motions are used to modify the main motion, like modifying the agenda. If you see a motion on the table and you want to make it better for the space, these also require a second, debating as well as a vote. If you think that we need to discuss something at different meeting, you can table it for the next meeting. Most of the time there is a set time for things on the agenda, and if we’re not finished, you can make a motion to extend time. Privileged motions are there to make sure this is a comfortable space. These do not require a second or vote, you could ask a question of privilege, and we can correct the issue and move on. If you want a recess, and you think everyone could use a break, you can motion to have a recess. A question of personal privilege is if you feel threatened or attacked in the space, I’ll address it and then we move on because everyone should feel comfortable in this space. Incidental motions are made where there is an issue that makes it difficult to continue in the meeting. This is a point of order, if you think that they ways we are doing things is against our rules, I’ll hear it and determine the issue in person, if there is something wrong we can keep moving with other business. You can motion to vote by roll call to make sure that the vote is completely accurate. A roll call vote is when we call everyone’s names and they can vote individually. The most important motion is the “question of parliamentary inquiry”. Sometimes SUA is hard to get through, and if at any point you have a question, and you’re lost, I can help you figure out what’s going on. Questions?

Colin: Will this be emailed?

Justin: I can email this to everyone.

Brad: Will we be getting name tags again?

Justin: Last year we had nametags for the recording clerk and chair to figure out who was who, and on the back there were Robert’s rules.

Andrew: If you email to everyone, will you also email to the alternates?

Justin: Yes I can email the alternates and also since our meetings are public, anyone can be on the mailing list, just talk to me after the meeting.
External Vice Chair Report Back:

Justin: The way we do this, is we allow speaker to talk and at the end we have questions.

Louise: My name is Louise and I am EVC which means I advocate and represent students at a local, state, and national level. I also work with other entities outside of campus, and this mailing list is for more information about what my office is doing.

Guillermo: Hi I am Guillermo, I am the Organizing Director and Chief of Staff for the EVC, and my job is to bring back campaigns from UCSA back to campus.

Louise: The purpose of this presentation is to give you an update on external affairs, and there are a lot of things that have changed since last year. [Referring to presentation] Basically this is a schematic about what this office does. From UCSA, USSR and SUA. Local legislators like Mark Stone are more supportive of students and what students want to see and he is great with UCSA. It is also for Lobby Corps, which is the committee and each officer has their own committee, we want student input and perspective and to bring the student voice on issues that will put your face to a name and what a policy change would mean for a student and how things like passing a budget would affect a student.

Guillermo: We will try to make more trips to Sacramento we tried this because we also want more people on our side, and that’s why we are going to Sacramento and we will be taking students to that.

Guillermo: UCSA is a large part of our office and we have 15 different committees and we advocate for their students, grad and undergrad. Each school that goes to it has three people with EVC and Organizing Director.

Louise: The third board member is the Legislative Liaison and I am hiring the rest of the EVC staff, and hopefully I will be able to choose them by next week.

Guillermo: We took about 24 students and took another batch to Irvine. Campaigns that we are working on this year, UC consent, a campaign against sexual violence. There is a social stigma around sexual assault and we want people to come forward with this kind of issues and we are going to be working with SAFE and SHOP to promote this kind of culture that Yes means yes and to advocate for affirmative consent. Next week we will be running the campaign during Halloween, please sign up if you are interested in helping out with this campus.

Louise: The IGNITE campaign is a two year campaign and it is continuing from UCSA. We are also trying to reform incarceration and to divert funding to higher education for the state. One bill was recently passed by the governor and this is if the student was being unruly, and if the student racked up a lot of suspension, that would lead to expulsion which would decrease the opportunities for the student and pushing them towards incarceration. Right now it is being served and being looked at as a blueprint and as a little population and if this an effective thing, it
would branch off to another bill that would include more grade levels. Mark Stone mentioned this bill prop 47, this coming election. For those of you who haven’t registered to vote, please read up on that initiative and this decreases the penalties for certain felonies and labels them as misdemeanors. Minimal crimes are being reconsidered for their punishment.

Guillermo: There are a lot of people in the prison system and they have been classified. 10k inmates could be reclassified. This Wednesday, national day of action against police brutality, it’ll be on our Facebook page, this is a Campaign that started around the Ferguson incident. Fund the UC campaign is to reform proposition 13 is to bring more money to the UC, we lost millions and millions of dollars and we need to reform prop 13, to help homeowners, but corporations found a loophole. They found that if they just keep their land, the corporations wouldn’t have their properties re-accessed.

Louise: The non-technical way of saying this is that anything that was built in the 1970s are still paying taxes at the 1970s tax rate. Basically property tax is how education was funded in California. UC used to be free.

Art: I am the GPRC of USSA we represent students not only at our school but also at the national level. Here is the image of us and I was in DC representing all of you with students from Nevada, Guam, etc. We are trying to set up transparency for those of us who are transfer students, because the only way to access your financial aid, is by using a debit card and you get charged for that. We need transparency with students. USSA is one of the oldest and largest and most inclusive national student led organization. This year we have three campaigns with ending sexual violence on campus, state of emergency which is a campus to increase retention of student of color, and federal access & affordability. Campus demographics 38.6% white, 30.2% Hispanic or Latino 25% Asian 7% mixed, 2% African American or black. We are working on ways to change that across the campus, state, and nation. Affordability – congress has to authorize this bill to authorize Pellgrants which is one of the main forms of financial aid. Regarding updates, you can see from Justin what I’ve been working on.

Louise: How can you get involved? One of the best ways to get involved is going to lobby corps, tomorrow at 8PM Cervantes and Velasquez 3rd floor of Bay Tree bookstores. Sign up please!

**Officer Report Backs:**

Brad: My names Brad, I’m this year’s SUA OD and couple updates I have are my internships are posted since 3 weeks ago, I am hiring 3 interns and I know that some people in here applied, interview emails will be sent out tomorrow or Thursday, keep checking your email and I will introduce my team to the body once its ready. Some things that are going on, are to establish new relationships with different organization across the body and renew relationships or strengthen relationships. Some new organizations I want to make are sustainability and one of the big things I’m doing is campus cleanup day and it will also be an event that we will doing with the smoking ban and what compromise can be made. Some people believe that the smoking ban may have
harmed the campus more than it has helped. It will be right around alumni weekend, and you can meet past students. Other new connections that I want to make are with the Greek organizations and one percent of the student body is now 12% large of Greek orgs. There isn’t a lot of Greek support or outreach to them and I want to open the space for all students, including the Greek orgs. I am also in charge of interest list for SUA this year, any student that wants to be put on this list, this one is going to be a broader one for SUA and there will be an email newsletter, there was one a couple days ago, which included internship applications available and ways to get involved with programs around the year. Also have SUA space out there and more in a friendly sense. There is going to be a lot of different small programs that will be face to face interactions with students. There will be midterm events and finals events and if you have any questions I’m here and I can answer them. There will be more to come.

Max: I am Max Hufft and I am COAA. This is my fourth year and should be my last. I have served on the assembly all four years. Throughout this next year I want to put out programs and surveys and I want interns that have been posted as of last Friday and I am looking forward to outreach and organization. And there are five different programs with faculty and major course mapping. I will also be working on the class survey and to make sure that education policy is implemented. Finally I will also administer the student academic senate and student rep from all the college senates and academic senate rep. Through them we will be focusing and be making official student opinions and several student issues that are both scary and interesting. One of these is the education policy this year is to add an optional C-minus option to move forward and see what kind of impact that will have on peoples’ GPA and we will be working towards a resolution. I hope to have a lot of people participate.

Kaysi: Hi everyone I am a fourth year from Oakes, I just recently took office in August, and I used that whole month and a half to get into the bearing of what I need to do this year. We came up on the challenge of the SCOC website, and we lost all of our data and all the representatives that were sitting on those committees and we are trying to rebuild that database and we are now using the university website and we are also using the SUA base to make the SCOC website, we are almost done collecting that information, and we should have all our representatives by this week and we will be having our first SCOC meeting at McHenry at 9pm. I just posted my staff hiring and I will be sending out interviews soon. I will be hiring Director of Student life, Chief of staff and two outreach interns right now, there may be more hiring in the year. Two goals that I have for this year is to recreate ESOC and so that it will continue on for years to come and to outreach and include all ethnic groups on campus. Also if any students that want to be involved with that, we can build that bridge between us and them with ESOC. I also want to work on mental health awareness campaign and it is important for student to take care of themselves and they put that time aside for studying and to make people more aware of this and to work with the Health Center. The room for the SCOC meeting will probably be on the 4th floor somewhere.

Justin: I’m Justin, I’m the chair of SUA. First I want to talk about the UC system wide stuff, earlier you heard about the UCSA. There is another organization that advocates for students and
that is the council of presidents which is composed of all the presidents in the UC system. I met with them twice over the summer and we work on UC system wide issues and we have been working on tuition and it is almost certain that tuition will increase next year and we have been talking about LGBT issues and sexual assault awareness. About a month ago, we met with Napolitano. And I have that in my officer report at sua.ucsc.edu. Next thing is the admission of students, the university took in way more than they could take, and now it is harder to come in, this is the largest freshman class and this has pushed a lot of students off campus who wanted to be on campus. In addition, regarding the construction commute problems, I have been talking with Executive Vice Chancellor Galloway and Chancellor Blumenthal and making sure that they understand so that they can communicate that with the metro. I had a meeting with Blumenthal and we talking about the smoking ban as of last January, and the intention of the policy was to promote public health and now we are seeing a lot cigarette butts in the forest. This is a huge fire safety issue. At this point that the campus admin can’t do much about this. I want to see smoking areas on campus so that students and staff who want to smoke are not creating fire hazards. This is something I am working on with the council of presidents. Coming back to UCSC, I hire interns as well, I’ve hired my recording clerk, Elaine Wong who is taking minutes for this meeting and my Chief of Staff, Kelly Herron and soon I will be holding interviews for treasurer and communications director. The assembly has to approve my choice for treasurer so after I conduct my interviews and select a candidate I’ll bring them into a meeting, we’ll have a closed discussion and it’ll be a simple majority vote to approve. This space isn’t necessarily where we are supposed to be meeting, however with the alumni room, we have to be out of there by ten, in the future we need more time. Last year we met until 8-12, and the previous chair didn’t follow the rules and we want another place that can meet for longer than that and more students to be able to come. I thought about classrooms but I’m not sure how comfortable everyone would be with that. We need a room that has seating for 50 people, has table and is free. My hope is to find a place in one of the colleges and hopefully we can get the fee waived. While we are on the subject of housing, I want to promote CSO and student training and see how they learn how to do their jobs and how to promote student safety and how to make them feel comfortable at this school.

Andrew: What time will the meeting be if we move to a different room?

Justin: Any new meeting space, I want it to be at 8PM.

Art: Over the summer all the SUA officers received a 1300 stipend and I would like to know exactly what the officers did this summer for that 1300 stipend.

Justin: SUA officers usually get 1000 a month, but last year the budget committee allocated 1300 a month, that was what the assembly decided to approve. The reason we start in July is to have three months to prepare before things started in the school year. We also had things like cleaning up the SUA office, and the previous office wasn’t in that great of a condition. We have been making connections with various staff and admin across campus so that we have access to the
people that we need to get our programs done, and we were very heavily involved in orientation. Freshmen learned about SUA as well. I was giving speeches almost every morning and I was there constantly talking and interacting with students and getting them acclimated with the university. Like I said, our reports have a lot more detail about what we did over the summer. Is there a motion to extend time because we are out of time.

Becca: Point of clarification, was it summer orientation or actual welcome week?

Justin: Mainly summer orientation and we tabled at the fall festival.

**Community agreements:**

Justin: In addition to our governing documents and our rules of order, another thing that we have done is establish community agreements and these are rules to govern our meetings for the rest of the year, we establish how we will interact with each other and we want this to be a safe and inclusive space and part of that is being respectful to each other. These are the community agreements from last year, and it is up to the assembly how we want the community agreements this year. Now I am going to open up to suggestions what we can incorporate to this year’s community agreements.

Art: Usually people want to speak, they were put on stack, I would like a community agreement where people wait to raise their hand while people are talking.

Justin: The only concern I have with that is that when the person is done talking there may be a flurry of hands.

Art: We are supposed to address the chair, and if the chair is looking around, how can we address the chair?

Justin: We address the chair so that there is no room for hostility and it is also my job to facilitate discussion.

Art: I am proposing a community agreement that a person should wait for a person to stop talking before raising their hand.

Becca: I feel like while you are addressing the chair and someone says something controversial, and if a whole bunch of people raise their hand while that person is talking then their point is devalued and in certain discussions that we let people finish their statement for those opinions.

Max: I think a possible solution is that we could have another person take stack and the stack moderator so that the chair can facilitate and it put a lot less stress on the chair.

John: Why were snaps banned?
Lila: From what I understand it was because on more controversial issues people were taking it offensively and snapping aggressively and it took away from what people were saying. We could have snap ups and no snap downs.

Brad: I am in support of snaps to support something, and sometimes snaps were used as a tool to silence. I think that’s what I’ve understood from it, is that in no way do students want to feel silenced, but even hands shooting up can make a student feel uncomfortable and it is a space where you can speak freely and not be afraid.

Andrew: I was going to say was that if you are saying something and the room starts snapping, and that no one is going to snap for another speaker, that creates insecurity for the speaker.

Shub: I personally am not the greatest advocate of snapping, just no snapping while people are talking and to maybe wait until the end. One thing if people snap for something and someone says something else and no one snaps, and I feel like we should keep it as something that is not allowed, and I personally feel that it’s important to raise your hand while you think of it because it keep flow of the conversation. Also it is easier to get on stack.

Dylan: I agree with the last part of the previous statement, it will be much less distracting during presentations and less distracting and that was more distracting and while some snapping could be encouraging to the person speaking, I know that in Porter senate it’s something that happens, and it think it’s really good, and snaps should be for support and not to be disruptive in the space. However, when used for silencing, that’s ridiculous, I think we should use snap supports.

Max: Three years ago we had snap up and snap downs, and although the community agreement was placed, it wasn’t followed strictly and we had a lot of point of orders especially for snapping it was kind of embarrassing for the minutes and last year we had meetings that were faster and I like having the idea of snapping at the end.

John: I think that snapping can be empowering, and this space can be intimidating for students of color and for those students who are trying to speak it is more comfortable when there is snapping and I understand that people feel certain ways about the snapping but I feel like we should keep this room as culturally diverse as possible but I think that it is important to make people who are not so comfortable in a dominant culture to have things like snapping that make them a little more comfortable.

Art: The majority of the voting and a lot of students who did not snap and there was repetition and simple snap could cover that.

Andrew: I understand the whole cultural perspective and there are a lot of other people here talking about this issue and sometimes it is okay to snap and sometimes it is not, it tends to be followed loosely and it seems like a blanket ban on snapping is the easiest way for this to go around.
Simba: The main idea is that the person speaking should be the main point of attention, and I’m not looking for support, and if you feel kind of low that people snapping could help you out, and if you’re not the majority, not snapping could be the opposite effect. Find something that the main center of attention is the person speaking.

Becca: I understand snaps and the reason behind them, in meeting spaces like that, 9/10 times its okay but that tenth time it’s a controversial issue and someone says something that no one agrees with, and then the next person is more majority and the entire room starts snapping and that person might as well have not expressed their opinion in the space.

Alexandra: I agree with her and would also go to conferences and it is a big way for a group of people to get more people to agree with them and people start snapping so they garner more agreement and even if they’re not thinking it through and in order for people to make their own decisions, it is a device for a minorities to get other people to agree.

Gabrielle: I think that replacing snapping with some other gestures would be beneficial. That way the gestures couldn’t be misconstrued as something else.

Bianca: I’m Bianca and I have a general question, if we are discussing the snaps no snaps, can we just vote on it?

Justin: Yeah we can, you can make a motion or say I reserve my right to make a motion.

Biana: I motion to prohibit snapping.

Justin: There is a motion to prohibit snapping.

Becca: Second.

Art: Objection.

Justin: We have already had discussion on this issue so I’m going to move straight into a vote.

Art: Motion to do a roll call vote.

Max: Second.

Justin: We are going to go into a vote to have a roll call vote. To clarify, the main motion on the table is to prohibit snapping in community agreements. On top of that we have a motion to do a roll call vote. If you are in favor of having a roll call vote on the main motion please raise your hand.

Michael: Point of information, what is a roll call vote?

Justin: Roll call vote is when the recording clerk reads everyone’s name off the list and records their vote with their name. So all in favor of having a roll call vote, please raise your hand.
Yes: 11  Opposed: 14  Abstentions: 8

Justin: Motion fails, we are moving on to the motion to prohibit snapping in community agreements.

John: Point of clarification, is there a way I can add something to Oakes’ vote.

Justin: Several speakers discussed the issue before the motion was made and because there was a lot of discussion vote was made and now we are going to the vote. It is not possible.

John: Alright well if that is not possible I would like to see the bylaw for that.

Justin: So we are going to move onto the motion to prohibit snapping in the community agreements all in favor raise your hand. Yes: 15  Opposed: 14  Abstentions: 4 Motion passes. At this point we are out of time for community agreements, is there a motion to extend time?

Max: Motion to extend time for 10 minutes.

Bi: Second.

Art: Objection.

Justin: We are going into a vote to extend time. Yes: 25 Opposed: 3 Abstentions: 4 Motion passes. We are going to extend time for community agreements, next on stack is Lila.

Brad: I know what just happened in a contentious thing and I understand that in some ways some students feel silenced, but if you do in any way I would like to support and talk to you and if we can find some kind of compromise in any way of support and there is still time. Like I said, I am very back and forth but I am always in support of supporting other people’s ideas. With that said, having one community agreement with the prohibition of snapping, and these are just suggestions, and I would suggest that the body moves on and forms some, and I am personally in favor of the first seven, so if anyone wants to discuss or motion those.

Justin: I’d like to clarify that anyone can make a motion to add more to agreements.

Steven: I reserve my right to make a motion and I would like to make sure that we respect others PGP’s (personal gender pronouns) and if you could ask them on the side and some people identify at they, and there are different pronouns. And be mindful of saying “you guys” motion to add gender pronoun awareness.

Max: Second.

Bi: Point of information, is that already on the community agreements?
Justin: These are from last year, they are not in effect. The main motion is to add gender pronoun agreements, and its been seconded, are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Karthik: I had a blanket question about snapping, what is this culture of snapping?

Justin: Someone can either snap to approve or disapprove someone else’s idea.

Lila: Steven got it.

Gabrielle: I wanted to motion to be respectful of peoples’ personal triggers.

Shub: Second.

Steven: Could you clarify what you mean by that?

Gabrielle: Be respectful of things that could potentially trigger PTSD.

Bi: What would be a specific example and could possibly anything be a trigger?

Justin: There is a request from the author to clarify.

Gabrielle: If using a particular slur that could trigger someone.

Justin: Any objection to approving?

Michael: Objection. I object because I am unsure that its entirely necessary, because a lot of things involved as triggers are already subjects that may not be specific enough.

Justin: Are you making an objection to the motion?

Michael: No.

Justin: You can make a motion to amend the language if you think it could be more effective.

Bi: I would like to make a motion amend to avoid provocative language.

Justin: So how would the motion read after that amendment?

Gabrielle: The motion on the table is to respect people’s personal triggers when necessary.

Justin: And the motion would be amended to use respectful language.

Colin: Second.

Justin: Any objections by consensus?

Gabrielle: Objection. I have an objection to the amendment because sometimes peoples’ personal triggers can be strange.
Justin: I am going to open up the amendment for discussion.

Becca: How about respect? We don’t even have that on the list and respect is really important in this space and if someone is uncomfortable and to use respect in this motion. **Motion to be respectful of others.**

Justin: I want to clarify the main motion. The main motion is to be conscious of people’s personal triggers and the amendment is to change that motion to use sensitive language. Next person is Serene.

Serene: I propose an amendment if someone does feel uncomfortable that they have a silence signal and to have a safe space.

Justin: Is there any further discussion on the current amendment. And we are out of time on this do we have a motion to extend time?

Max: **Motion to extend time 10 min.**

Bi: **Second**

Karthik: **Objection**

Justin: We are going to move into a vote, please raise your hand if you are in favor of extending time by 10 minutes. **Yes: 12 Opposed: 12 Abstentions: 4**

In this situation the chair decides the vote, I am going to vote no on the motion to extend time and next week I will give a summary of what we have discussed and we are going to end discussion now.

**New Business:**

**SUA Budget Discussion**

The reason I’m bringing this discussion is because we have a thing to talk about the SUA budget and each spring we allocate all funds for the next year. Now the issue we have is that SUA has two main funding sources, student fund, 8$ per quarter, which is the carry forward. The previous year’s assembly overestimated the carry forward at 115k and actual figures are 45,881.81. Carry forwards are very unpredictable and we drop our budget on June 5th, and now we have some budget issues and the other problem is that the bylaws were not followed correctly. So in our bylaws, what it mandates we do with our carry forward is that we take enough money to operate 10% of SUA costs. And this is 363 thousand dollars and our reserves would be 36 k dollars because 10% of that goes into reserves from our carry forward we take 70% and put it in our general fund and we use that for unforeseen things. What the assembly needs to do is to reallocate the carry forward. I realize this is a hard issue and so what we’re going to do this week
is just discuss it and to just talk about it. Next week I will ask the assembly to make motions to correct the budget. Now we are opening up for stack.

Alexandra: I’d like to motion that the chair make an ad hoc committee to discuss the budget during the next week so that they can come back to make a proposal.

Justin: There is a motion for the Chair to create an ad hoc committee to discuss the budget so that next week they can come back to make a proposal to SUA.

Shub: Second.

Art: Objection.

Bi: Point of information, what did she say?

Alexandra: I motioned for the Chair to create an ad hoc committee to discuss the budget.

Bi: What is ad hoc?

Justin: To clarify, an ad hoc committee is assembled immediately because it has to be made. Since there was an objection, I will go into discussion. If there is no discussion we will go into a vote.

Colin: I’ve been serving in Stevenson government., And I think that an ad hoc committee would be beneficial to talk about the budget so that we don’t waste time here.

Justin: I’d like to clarify, they would just have an advisory role, not to have an actually impact the final vote.

Louise: I’m in favor of having an ad hoc committee, and I would like to ask for that person to take notes on the discussion, that is what happens in the ad hoc committee. Make sure to keep everyone’s discussion point in mind when creating the language for the bylaws or changes.

Shub: I think we need to revisit our bylaws and all the money. The laws state that if it doesn’t reach 10% we need to raise it until the end of the year. Suppose we need to declare a state of emergency. In an attempt to extend that financial recovery, I would entertain options such as putting 5% of our carry forward given out budget for the last three years. At that rate it would take us 2 years to replenish our reserves, and all these options would ensure that our budget wasn’t taking so much time. I would like for us to consider a state of emergency, and we don’t have excess money to use and a deficit of 37k dollars is a lot.

Justin: To clarify the assembly can declare a state of emergency by a ¾ emergency vote to access reserves. Next speaker is Alexandra.

Alexandra: I just wanted to say for clarification that anyone can be an ad hoc committee member and your voice will definitely be heard there.
Max: I call to question.

Justin: There is a call to question on the ad hoc committee motion. A call to question ends discussion and we vote to vote. Is there a second to the call to question?

Colin: Second.

Justin: Anyone can be a part of the ad hoc committee. If in favor on voting on the main motion please raise your hand. Yes: 23  Opposed: 1  Abstentions: 5  Call to question passes and we will vote on the motion on the table to create an ad hoc committee that will formulate a proposal for the assembly next week. On the SUA website, the budget is online. Now we will move on to vote on the main motion, this requires a majority vote on the motion for the chair to make an ad hoc committee to make a recommendation for the budget. Yes: 21  Opposed: 2  Abstentions: 7  Motion passes. I will create an ad hoc committee, anyone is invited and we will propose a recommendation for the budget.

Lila: I was wondering if the chair could give us a reason why there is a deficit.

Justin: To clarify our funds are measure eight as well as the carry forwards and the measure 8 was higher than anticipated and the previous budget estimated 100k per quarter and this quarter it was about 114k. This doesn’t account for the overestimation of the carry forward. But the actual carry forward was 46k.

Lila: Why?

Justin: I’m going to guess wishful thinking and they assumed that they had more money than they did.

Shub: It may be because the general funds were not sufficient.

Justin: There’s the budget where we allocate money, but there is a university account. We estimated 115k dollars and we allocated 70k to the general fund and total for the carry forward we only have 45k. The committee overestimated.

Becca: Where did all the money go?

Justin: The money was never there to begin with and at the end of the year the assembly wants to fund several things and there wasn’t enough money to cover everything, and the committee’s solution was to have a liberal estimate of how much money we had.

Louise: What happens is SUA budget gets formed in spring quarter and there are still events that happen and invoices haven’t been filled or charges haven’t been processed. If the accounting is done incorrectly, but that money goes to carry forward, so anything that wasn’t spent goes to carry forward. So even though the money wasn’t used, that carry forward was used for other events that people hadn’t charged for. Carry forward was smaller than we thought it would be.
Justin: There was also an intern at the beginning of last year who was never paid and he was never paid so I had to authorize a payment for him over the summer. Also the UCSA dues for last year were never paid and the previous chair did not do this. Part of the issue is that we had a lot of future expenditures that were not accounted for.

Max: since we’re trying to figure this out, we had something similar our freshman year and we had to allocate at the beginning of that year as well. We had different enrollment numbers in our senate.

Justin: We are now out of time for this discussion. Is there a motion to extend time? Seeing no motion, we are ending discussion, I encourage everyone to reread the report. If anyone wants to be a part of the ad hoc committee please email me at suachair@ucsc.edu.

Lila: Is this online?

Justin: Yes, underneath budget under chair’s Fall 2014 budget report.

Seamus: Point of privilege can people talk louder?

Justin: We are not debating on this, just to bring this back to our colleges.

**Take Back the Tap:**

TBT: We are from Take Back the Tap and we are a unified organization composed of students from a diverse background. As a collective our passion lies in human rights and bottled water. Water is a public right, not a private privilege. This is a moment in time when we discuss the future of bottled water. On a much larger scale the outcome of tonight’s decision has the ability to set the way the UC, state and nation and globe can work with water. Any questions?

Andrew: What is the resolution?

TBT: To ban the sale of bottled water on campus. We are asking the SUA to reach out to the chancellor to support this.

Michael: Have there been similar measures at other colleges?

TBT: Washington University in St. Louis was the first and none of the UCs have banned water bottles. The issue going back is for water privatization and by purchasing water in bottled form and that these counties are being deprived of water.

Karthik: If we ban bottled water, would the tap water be of worse quality, and would it be harder for us to get water anyway?

TBT: Actually the FDA labels bottled water as food, and their inspections are quite irregular. While tap water is under EPA. And EPA has regular inspections and it is safer for students and plastic bottles have dangerous chemicals. Tap water comes out of a faucet. Santa Cruz county
has the best tap water in the state. We get the water straight from the San Lorenzo river and it is not outsourced like the rest of California’s water/

Becca: So if/when comes to buying water, would you increase the number of water fountains on campus?

TBtT: So in terms of increasing water fountains, we can definitely take that into considerations, and all the ones that you can fill your bottle with water and we want to increase free drinking water.

Karthik: If the water is clean, what ends up happening, the piping in Merrill the water picks up a lot of sediment and so could we fix the pipes?

TBtT: We are trying to promote education and to empower people to create change. For that particular issue, come talk to us or get fix it tickets or talk to the college about getting that fixed. Considering water is such an issue, you can call the work desk and it is more effective than ucsd.edu.

Colin: I don’t have those aluminum bottles and what would you define as a single use for a plastic water bottle?

TBtT: After three times it’s technically a single use. You could also use glass mason jars.

Gabrielle: I was curious if this affects glass bottled water.

TBtT: No it does not we are just talking about plastic water bottles. Things in glass bottles like like mineral water go through an extra step because they are their own company and we are not trying to target those places. The main point of our organization is how water should be a public right and if you support the companies you are supporting the idea that they are selling and buying water.

Justin: Is there a motion to extend time?

Becca: Motion to extend by 5 minutes.

Steven: Second.

Justin: Seeing no objections, motion passes.

Andrew: Since the plastic bottles are imported from different places, what are the costs incurred to the university?

TBtT: There are only 2 or 3 sources of bottled water, and there is not that much access to water bottles. In contrast, when people purchase water bottles it actually costs more money to create that plastic for that water bottle.
Ricardo: Would this only affect selling of water bottles or would that affect an RA’s budget for buying plastic bottles?

TBtT: We can’t say anything about an RA purchasing water bottles off campus, because we don’t promote that but we can’t stop you. And we are also willing to help with alternatives.

Becca: Fun fact, they are still producing bottled water in the California to the east coast because they think it is fancier.

TBtT: Another thing is the financial part is that it costs 49.27 per ton. The sustainability office 4% waste and it costs the school money for spending money on this because it costs 2,400 more times to buy bottled water than to just drink tap.

Chandler: Is it possible that the banning of water bottles would that increase other vendor prices because not having bottled water would attract other vendors.

TBtT: I would like to add something. We will not instigate or renew contracts with these vendors so we have time to change our vendors. This is why we are trying to get this campus to be bottle free.

Justin: If there are nothing to extend time, next week debate and vote for this resolution.

Closing remarks:

Justin: Thank you all for being here tonight. It’s great to have all these new faces and we got a lot done tonight and I look forward to seeing you guys again.