Meeting called to order at 6:01

Assembly Members Present: Haedyn Christi (QSU), Art Motta (MEChA), Seamus Howard (Cowell), Yang Kong (Cowell), Lila Blackney (Stevenson), Colin Hortman (Stevenson), Alternate Andrew Paolini (Crown), Alternate Saalini Sastry (Crown), Michael Markson (Crown), Alternate Bianca Moncada-Martin (Merrill), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill)-late, Chandler Moeller (Merrill), Kartik Ashok (Merrill), Serene Jneid (Porter), Dylan Quitiquit Hoffman (Porter), Adham Taman (Porter), Carl Eadler (Kresge), Alternate Juan Calzada (Kresge), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), John Alcala (Oakes), Keante Marshall (Oakes), Suini Torres (Oakes), Simba Khadder (Eight), Geovanna Moreno (Eight), Roshni Advani (Eight) –late, Shubhankar Sharan (Nine), Alternate Danelle Go (Nine), Lance McNeil (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Niles Sterner (Ten), Alternate Daniel Iglesias (Ten), Brad Mileynek (OD), Max Hufft (CoAA), Israel Molina (CoD)-Late, Louise Cabansay (EVC), Kaysi Wheeler (IVC), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

Assembly Members Absent: Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Ricardo Sainz (Stevenson), Aykezar Adil (Crown), August Valera (Crown), Gul Taneri (Kresge), Sergio Velazquez (Nine), Sam Shaw (Nine).

Approval of the Agenda:

Justin: Are there any amendments to the agenda?

Art: I move to move presentations before old business.

Shub: Second.

Justin: Any objections?

Lila: Point of inquiry, why was this the motion made?

Art: I thought it might be better to have the budget presentation before the reallocation presentation.

Justin: Any objections?

Max: Objection.

Justin: We are going to go into a vote for the motion to move presentations to before old business. Yes: 9 Opposed: 8 Abstentions: 11; Motion passes.

Justin: Are there any other amendments to the agenda?

Art: Move to add 10 minutes at the beginning of presentations for UCSA.

Justin: There is a motion to add 10 minutes at the beginning of presentations.

Colin: Second.

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none motion passes. Any other amendments?
Max: **Motion to move community agreements right after announcements.**

Andrew: **Second.**

Art: **Objection.**

Justin: We are now going into a vote for moving community agreements right after announcements. **Yes: 10  Opposed: 4  Abstentions: 16, motion passes,** community agreements will be right after announcements. Any further amendments?

Lila: **Motion to approve the agenda.**

Michael: **Second.**

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none **motion passes.**

**Reading of previous meeting’s minutes**

Art: The ethnic organizations were not there. In addition, Sam wasn’t there, my name isn’t there, QSU isn’t there, rep from BSU, Sergio wasn’t there, Steven is from College Ten, he was an alternate.

Shub: Nine and Ten reps are mixed up.

Yang Kong: My name was not called, I was there.

Justin: Any other amendments?

Colin: **Motion to approve.**

Lila: **Second.**

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none **motion passes.**

**Announcements:**

Art: I would like to hear more information from the colleges and see what you are doing and as an ethnic student representative I would like to hear what the colleges are doing for their students.

Bi: Tomorrow at Fireside Lounge at 7, we are going to be making capes to represent superheroes.

Shub: Art, happy birthday. College nine has released a new logo and we are releasing a new line of clothing for students, they get something for free if they wear the apparel. We’re trying to see if it works out and we are planning a retreat further down the line.

Lila: Few projects in the works, we designed a class shirt for 2015 and we’re going to be selling it and all profits will be going back to programming and funding so that we can fund more organizations and give back to the community.
Ghandi: I want to highlight two things: We are starting rock and roll in the knoll and this is something that Stevenson does every year and we have art pieces and Santa Cruz bands there and we want this to be larger. Stevenson is asking the themed houses to come too and we want hundreds of people to show up. At the beginning of this year, I spoke to the freshmen to not let the whole excitement of college let them be blindsided by issues right now, such as the incident at Rosa Parks African American themed house 3 days after move-in which contains posters of the people of history. These posters were ripped down and we are working with the RAs to work out this situation, and that’s what’s happening at Stevenson.

Karthik: For international students, there will be a meet up at 2 PM at Terry Freitas on Thursday.

Brad: This is a Halloween weekend and I want to make sure you guys are being safe. Crown is having a few events, as well as Merrill. There is a dance at Merrill at Friday, 9-12 and it is Halloween themed, Crown is having a Halloween carnival, food will be served at Saturday 7PM, and there will be a pumpkin drop event at Crown at the library on Sunday. There’s also a few things that are going on such as the social fiction conference that the Crown/Merrill dining hall and there are talks about having an art alley and for students to show off or buy art, email me for more information. Crown and Merrill are the first ones up to bat for the college unity events. It’s like a campus wide initiative, where each college will be doing an event based on one the values of at UC, Crown/Merrill has drawn diversity. I suggest we invite faculty and staff, and if you are interested in presenting, just contact me. You don’t have to be a Crown student.

Shub: Another thing, we are working on a chalk music festival and get them to perform in front of the 9/10 dining hall and the top stage area will be where the 3D chalk drawings will be made, if you guys have suggestions for musical acts etc., let me know. We are embarking on a water conservation effort, we are trying to save water in not only the dorms but also the apartments. Also in terms of sister college events, we discussed that at the council of chairs and each college should try to break a world record and if you are interested, let me know. How was practical activism?

Art: This conference has been going on for over a decade. Students from Oakes, College Nine have brought phenomenal speakers and this year we had Derrek Smith spoke about his experience as an African American student of color, and there were workshops ranging from the US border and student debt. The information is online if you’d like to know more about the workshops. Practivalactivism.org

Carl: My organization said everything was organized and easy to navigate.

Lila: My apartment mate is from SCOC and they are currently accepting applications for students to sit on committees, from educational policy, and transportation. Applications opened recently, and if you go to SUA website and go to the committee button, you can find out how to apply, they will start to appoint this Wednesday. Kaysi is the chair of SCOC.

Dylan: Porter had Slugs in Fishnets and Rocky Horror, and there were a lot of porter kids who helped to make it. The anniversary of when the college was named is coming up next month, so we are brainstorming for an event for that. We’re thinking of doing a music/concert day in the quad, and we want student bands. In addition, we are looking at organizing volunteer events through porter senate.
Seamus: For Cowell, we are getting ready for the 50th anniversary of the university. Faye Crosby said we are going to have a couple of events including alumni and staff to get ready for this.

Brad: Since the colleges have spoken, I was wondering if we could have the student organizations speak as well.

Elaine: College Eight is planning spirit week to bring the buildings and clusters together in a friendly competition.

Simba: We also have a Halloween movie night coming up.

**Officer Reportbacks:**

Brad: I’m a 4th year crown college student and this year’s Organizing Directors. Last week I talked about the interviews and the emails I had sent out and now I am scheduling. We will be sending out those emails tonight and if the time doesn’t work let me know. With that said, some things that happened this week were outreach to alumni for collaboration purposes. This year we are celebrating with 50 hours of service for 50 years of UCSC being a university, and this is happening through administration as well as Slug to Slug. This group is in the Quarry Plaza asking for donations. Through them I have some great connections for events that will be happening this year, like the campus clean-up day and alumni weekend. Other than that I have a meeting with Jean Marie Scotts, she is the associate vice chancellor, and we will be discussing my event that will be happening in the spring. We are going to be discussing the tobacco ban issue. My office hours are Monday from 230-4PM and that will be on Fridays as well, 230-4PM McHenry lobby area.

Art: What is your event in the spring?

Brad: Campus Clean Up Day, near Earth Day and right before alumni weekend, it will be an event for students to get together and to bring awareness to the smoking ban and to bring about discussion for it. If any of you are official group, this was a picture of a tree with many cigarettes on it. Since the smoking ban, there have been cigarettes everywhere. I want to restore that neatness in nature.

Art: You’re waiting till Spring to clean up the campus?

Brad: Slug to Slug is doing that right now, I’m right now working on outreach so that there will be much more people and it is something that has never happened before, so I’m trying to get more organizations to work together. This event will probably have 500-600 people participate.

Karthik: Regarding the smoking, is there talk of smoking areas as well?

Brad: That’s the reason I’m having this meeting with Scotts, I’m asking her about this, this isn’t up to the university. That’s a discussion with Janet.

Karthik: Could you put trash cans in the woods?

Brad: Students don’t want to get caught or ticketed so they hide in the forest. They are also afraid of getting into trouble on campus so they go to upper campus.
Max: My intern positions will be posted this Friday, please apply, more on that ER 7553, 7554. I have met with chair of Academic Senate so that the meeting in November, we will be talking about campaigns in UCSA and this past weekend, I presented to the school’s foundation and to donate for restoration especially in the quarry amphitheater, there’s lots of disrepair and we want to renovate other places. The rest of the officers and I were at a founder’s meeting, and beyond that I will be doing a tour talking about student Academic Senate and doing a lot of outreach so that we have reps from each college. Please apply!

Louise: This past week, my interviews for Legislative Liaison should finish this week, and next week we will finish local affairs, election is next Tuesday we are getting more people to vote, next Monday, we are having an event in the alumni room to talk about props on the ballot and the candidates from Santa Cruz county are invited to meet the students, there will be snacks. We will be showing social media to show students where to vote and will be supplying the Prop 47 infographic. Please take a few infographics and distribute them to your colleges. They have been paid for by the president and been made by the UCSA. Also this Friday there will be an event at quarry.

Ghandi: Last week, we talked about the UC campaign against sexual assault. From 11-2 we will be taking pictures of “my costume is not consent.” We don’t want people getting hurt and we want people to know that these costumes are not a culture. If you want to help out, please do!

Louise: Lobby Corps is meeting tomorrow 8pm Cervantes and Velasquez Room, USSA staff will be there and we will break out and organize for the year for outreach. My office hours for this quarter are Wednesday 11-1 and Tuesday 12-1. And by appointment always at the SUA office.

Kaysi: Since last week I only have a couple of updates, the SCOC student board met up and we only had 7/10 reps, we talked about the application process, so people can apply to those committees now. If you go to the SUA website at sua.ucsc.edu and scroll down to SCOC at the bottom, you will go straight to the SCOC website, you can see which committees are open. All committees are paid and you attend meetings and report back to necessary people and let your colleges know as well what goes on at these meetings. We will have our meeting next week for only representatives and we will be starting to appoint people to committees tomorrow. All internships all closed and I am going through people I need to interview.

Justin: Last meeting, there were concerns taking stack, now Kaysi is taking stack for the meeting, this room that we are in, is our meeting space for now. We can’t have food in here now though. Earlier there was talk about the smoking ban, and it didn’t talk about how it would impact with the students. The chancellor is in support of smoking areas. I will bring this up at the next UC president meeting. Each year the SUA does a funding call for organizations to ask for funding, week or two deadline for orgs to submit a funding request. I will CC the assembly. I have already hired my Chief of Staff and Recording Clerk, I am holding interviews for treasurer and communications director on November 9th.

Dylan: Would it be okay if the SUA passed a resolution supporting smoking areas and sending that resolution to someone who does have that power with the UC administration?
Justin: That would be okay. And I can’t support or a resolution, and if anyone wants to author a resolution, we can talk about it, and vote about it at the next meeting.

**Community Agreements:**

Justin: Last week we talked about community agreements, they are below out governing documents and below our parliamentary procedure. We ran out of time, we have so far prohibited snapping and being aware of each others’ PGPs. I have the list of things from last year and these can be modified at any time.

Max: Reserve my right to make a motion, can we see last year’s community agreements, and I’d like to **motion to add challenge the idea not the person**.

Andrew: **Second.**

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none **motion passes.**

Art: **Move to amend the PGP, to just pronouns.**

Lila: **Second.**

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none **motion passes.**

Art: **Move to add use gender inclusive language.**

Juan: **Second.**

Justin: Any objections?

Michael: **Objection.**

Andrew: Point of information, what is inclusive language?

Art: There are people who don’t necessarily identify as guys if you say “you guys”, and be mindful of other individuals when addressing the assembly.

Michael: **Motion to change gender inclusive language to be inclusive and respectful language.**

Colin: **Second.**

Art: **Objection.** Keep in mind of people’s gender identity, that is important and valid.

Vote to change the amendment “gender inclusive” ➔ respectful and inclusive

**Yes: 21**  **Opposed: 1**  **Abstentions: 6**  **Motion passes.**

Justin: Motion now reads use inclusive and respectful language.

Hayden: I reserve my right to make a motion, I don’t think this keeps individuals from being mislabeled, and I make a motion to introduce each other’s gender pronouns at the beginning of the meetings.
Justin: Any objections? Seeing none motion passes.
Hayden: I motion to introduce each other’s pronouns at the beginning of the meeting.
Suini: Second.

Carl: Can we have the preferred gender pronouns on the nametags?
Justin: Any further discussion?

Dylan: I’d like to make a modification to the main motion, stating that on our nametags we have our pronouns listed.
Justin: Current motion is have pronouns printed on nametags.
Lila: Second.

Colin: Point of inquiry, would we have to have our pronouns there?
Hayden: I think it would depend on the person’s personal reason, if people are uncomfortable then that should be respected as well.
Andrew: I feel like everyone calling out their names at the beginning at the meeting would waste time and name tags would make things easier.
Dylan: I don’t think that time taken to make people comfortable in the space is time wasted and I think that having heard so many opinions here, I think we should have everyone’s pronouns on everyone’s name tags.
Bi: Call to question.

Justin: There is a call to question which is to vote on the motion. We have the main motion for everyone to announce their pronouns at the beginning of the meeting and an amendment to print pronouns on nametags, and now we are voting on a call to question.

Karthik: Second.

Michael: Point of inquiry, would this mean they were on all the name tags?

Justin: Call to question is just if we can, and yes the pronouns would be on all the nametags. Any objections? Seeing none motion passes. Now we are going to vote on the amendment. Any objections to approve the amendment? Seeing none, motion passes. Now the motion that we are voting on is to put pronouns on all nametags. Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none, motion passes.

Lila: I would like to motion to add step up, step back, and if you notice if you’re dominating the conversation, take it upon yourself so that people who don’t feel comfortable or new will be more encouraged to take part of the conversation. I motion to have step up, step back be a community agreement.

Max: Second.
Art: **Objection.** I would like to amend, to change that to move up and move back.

Justin: A friendly amendment is an agreeable motion.

Andrew: Point of information, I thought that Robert’s Rules said we couldn’t have that.

Justin: That’s right, Robert’s Rules does not allow friendly amendments.

Art: **Motion to amend the motion to state move up and move back instead.**

Colin: **Second.**

Justin: There is now a motion to add move up move back to the community agreements. Are there any objections? Seeing none **motion passes.**

Brad: Reserve my right to make a motion, I find community agreements very important and we should take it seriously and it is something that is important for this space. I think these things are really important. I motion to add one mic, one diva to the community agreements because I find it important to give the speaker all the attention.

Juan: What is one mic one diva?

Brad: One person shouldn’t try to talk while I’m talking, and it is to make sure everyone is paying attention to the speaker.

Brad: **Motion to add one mic one diva.**

Bi: **Second.**

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none **motion passes,**

Andrew: I motion to add the remainder of last year’s CA to this year’s CA, in addition to the ones that have already been added.

Carl: **Second.**

Brad: **Objection.** Motion to divide the question, adding last years agreements CA and then to approve this year’s.

Andrew: **Second.**

Art: **Objection.**

Justin: We are now going to a vote of dividing the question.

**Yes: 26 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 4, Motion passes,** question is divided. We need to extend time.

Brad: **Motion to extend time for 10 minutes.**

Bi: **Second.**

Karthik: **Objection.**
Justin: We are going into a vote to extend time for community agreements.

**Yes: 23  Opposed: 1  Abstentions: 6**, we will continue for 10 more minutes. The main motion is to add last year’s CA to this year’s CA. Any objections?

Lila: **Objection.**

Michael: I would like clarification on the use of “I” statements.

Shub: Make sure you’re not speaking for everyone.

Simba: Can I have clarifications which ones we are adding just to be clear?

Justin: It is my understanding that last meeting we added no snapping, we adopted one mic one diva, we addressed gender pronouns, and I think we need a clarification from the author.

Andrew: Any that were left that hadn’t passed should pass. I just don’t know which ones we can still talk about and which ones we have passed.

Bi: I reserve my right to make a motion, **motion to divide the question to single ones.**

Brad: I can name them off, language use, assume best intentions, no provocative language, use “I” statements, and no false accusations.

Justin: There is a motion to divide language use, assume best intentions, no provocative language, use I statements, and no false accusations into single motions.

Chandler: **Second.**

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.** Main motion right now is language use.

Bi: That means respectful language.

Michael: Objection.

Bi: **I withdraw.**

Andrew: Point of clarification, I thought that was swearing.

Karthik: Is there a way to combine the two?

Brad: That’s what we’re doing.

Justin: The main motion right now is to assume best intentions. Are there any objections? Seeing none **motion passes.** The next question is no provocative language, are there any objections?

Lila: **Objection.** I feel we should be able to swear if that’s what we feel. We need to express ourselves and we are all adults here and I’m sorry if saying “fuck” offends you, but it’s my right to say it.

Art: I agree.
Andrew: I don’t know if that’s really appropriate for a language like this to use “fuck” and we are trying to be somewhat professional.

Dylan: As a representative from Porter College and I know that sometimes swear words are used and I think we could experiment with it in this space.

Seamus: I think freedom of speech is good, but can someone who’s uncomfortable can they use a point of privilege?

Karthik: I think that provocative language is ambiguous so even if someone says fuck, somebody could still be offended.

Justin: We are going into a vote to add no provocative language to the community agreements.

**Yes: 3 Opposed: 13 Abstentions: 13, Motion fails**, community agreements have ended.

Brad: **Motion to add 5 minutes to community agreements.**

Karthik: **Second.**

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none motion passes. The current motion is to add no false accusations to the community agreements. Any objections? Seeing none motion passes. The next question is use “I” statements. Any objections, seeing none motion passes. Now we are going to move on to approving this year’s community agreements. Are there any objections?

Adham: **Objection. Motion to amend “no snapping” to snapping is prohibited while people are speaking.**

Brad: **Second.**

Seamus: **Objection.** We already had this debate.

Max: Considering this was a motion already passed by the assembly would we need 2/3rds vote?

Justin: Just simple majority.

Lila: **Call to question.**

Bi: **Second.**

Andrew: **Objection.**

Justin: Now we are going into a vote on the call to question.

Brad: Point of order, could I suggest that we do roll call?

Justin: Let’s do that after the vote of call to question.

Call to question vote:

**19 yes, 1 no, 9 abstentions,** call to question passes, we are going into a vote.

Brad: Motion for a roll call vote.
Andrew: **Second.**

Art: Point of clarification, last year we went straight into a vote.

Justin: Actually Roberts’ Rules does require a simple majority and a second. Any objections to having a roll call vote?

Seamus: **Objection.**

Justin: Vote to roll call vote.

Yes: 20 No: 5, abstentions: 6, we are going into a roll call vote.

Haedyn Christi (QSU) Abstain, Art Motta (MEChA) Yes, Seamus Howard (Cowell) Abstain, Yang Kong (Cowell) Abstain, Lila Blackney (Stevenson) Yes, Colin Hortman (Stevenson) Yes, Alternate Andrew Paolini No, Saalini Sastry yes, Michael Markson (Crown) Abstain, Alternate Bianca Moncada-Martin (Merrill) No, Chandler Moeller (Merrill) No, Kartik Ashok (Merrill) Yes, Serene Jneid (Porter) Yes, Dylan Quitiquit Hoffman (Porter) Yes, Adham Taman (Porter) Yes, Carl Eadler (Kresge) Abstain, Alternate Juan (Kresge) Yes, Winnie Sidhu (Kresge) Yes, John Alcala (Oakes) Yes, Keante Marshall (Oakes) Yes, Suini Torres (Oakes) Yes, Simba Khadder (Eight) Yes, Geovanna Moreno (Eight) Abstain, Shubhankar Sharan (Nine) yes, Ramneet Bajwa (Ten) Yes, Niles Sterner Yes, Alternate Daniel Iglesias Yes, Brad Mleynek (OD) Yes, Max Hufft (CoAA) No, Louise Cabansay (EVC) Yes, Kaysi Wheeler (IVC) Yes.

21 in favor, 4 opposed, 5 abstentions, motion passes. Snapping will be prohibited when people are talking.

Justin: We are out of time and we need to extend time.

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

Louise: **Second.**

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none **motion passes.**

Shub: **Motion to approve the community agreements.**

Michael: **Second.**

Justin: Any objections, seeing none **motion passes.**

**Presentations:**

**USSA Presentation:**

My name is Alexandra, I’m the VP from USSA.

I’m Aja Campbell just graduated from UC riverside

USSA is a national, student-run student-led organization and we work on higher education at the local, state and national level. Overall we have 1.5 million students across the country. I work at the bidding at the students. My term is one year long. Aja is your point person on the west coast
and our national student board of directors is 40 students and they are the primary decision body for the school. UCSA is your state wide student organization. Your representative on the student board is Art who sits on the national board. USSA was created in 1947 at the National Student Association for veterans who were trying to reach higher education. In 1978 we became the USSA. All the decisions that are made at the USSA are affecting your life and these organizations act as a way to help your voice be heard and to make sure you are part of the decision, at the local, state and national level. Education is a right and should be accessible for any student regardless of their socio-economic background and identity. We want to increase access and affordability across the nation and to help students on campus as well. We have a couple different programs, we want to strengthen and developing student statewide associations throughout the country and they are being effective. We do student labor action projects who support student workers and labor solidarity, started in the late 90s we build relationships between work and students. Electoral action projects is our national voter campaign, where they are building electoral power for students.

GROW is a weekend long training which has an intensive curriculum and its how to start a grassroots campaign and we worked with the Midwest academy training and they are really good at organizing and much alumni. We have a national class of student that we train to be trainers. We are hiring our grow trainers, and the deadline is this Friday. You will go across the country starting your own campaigns.

Campaigns: This last year we have had ending sexual violence on campuses, state of emergency, federal access& affordability. We talk about our priorities for the year and decide the missions for the year.

Right now we have 1.2 trillion student loan debt. This is higher than car and credit card debt. We need to address why there is so much student debt and how to implement policies to bring down tuition and why it was there anyway. We want to work on policies that will benefit you all.

Karthik: What is HR4170?

Alexandra: That makes loans easier to pay back.

**Michael:** Motion to extend time for 10 minutes.

**Juan:** Second.

**Justin:** Any objections, seeing none, motion passes.

Alexandra: Ending sexual violence on campuses: we want to work on organizing resources to campus wide things because there is no funding to make campuses safer and we are trying to on a national level coordinate these efforts to make programs for survivors. We are looking with other organizers to address this campaign. As will all the campaigns like this one, all the organizing will come after the midterm elections and what is likely to pass. We are bringing in folks from all around the country so that we can hit the ground running on all our grounds.
The state of emergency is a state wide and local level, helping students with demands to help retention rates for students of color. This goes out to communities of people who are not reached out to. Josh Odum was protesting in Ferguson and when he came back to his dorm, he was met with threats. The main part of the campaign is how we’re going to make students feel safer here. We are trying to ending racial profiling act. It will help them more grants so that their communities feel safer on campus. Oct 30th is the national day for affirmative action and we will be having a national call and if you want to talk about thing that you want to talk about, you can find out how to get involved.

Affordability all in for the HEA, the Higher Education Act was passed during the 60s and now we are in the process of reauthorization. We are overdue for the re-authorization. It overviews how higher education is run in the US and there are a lot of different ideas for things that students have concerns about. More conversation when we know our place in congress and different things. Federal aid isn’t keeping up with the rising cost of tuition. It’s not making sense considering how much tuition has skyrocketed. Colleges are profiting from Pell grants. Some schools were overcharging student veterans and there was a lawsuit of that. And undocumented students continue to be kept out of college. Things that could be at risk would be that Pell grants could switch to merit based, and increase interest rates on federal student loads. Some things in the re-authorization of the membership that is being talked about are national action items like expanding Pell grants, student loan debt, etc. your legislator can help you understand how these things affect you. Some things in the last couple of months, a letter was sent to the president, more items regarding Ferguson. We’re also working on the mobilization on banks and college campuses, but these contracts don’t let students know what’s going on so student board wants transparency.

Brad: **Motion for five minutes.**

Michael: **Second.**

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

Alexandra: We want students to get a voice, and I represent students. Right now you all can be a part of the campaigns and I would like you to pass these things to students elsewhere on campus. Focuses on the coming year: we have a veteran’s caucus opening, we are trying to find a spot for the student veteran. Last thing the national student board of directors launched a project to see other contracts, for example the Koch brothers bought out the economics department at Florida State. And students don’t know if what they’re learning is because of a cut or because of something else. The Freedom Information Act is to find out what these relationship look like. We are working with Florida State students to see what these relationships look like across the country.

Karthik: Isn’t the government pumping in more money, which is causing fees to rise because insurance companies keep making profits?

Alexandra: I will be on campus the next couple days, increase of tuition is on a state wide level because of state disinvestment across the country. When the state puts in less, students put in more. We have seen a steady decrease in higher education across the country.
Louise: Another quick reminder, both Alexandra and Aja will be at lobby corps tomorrow and we can see what we can do to bring these campaigns forward.

**Ad hoc presentation:**

Justin: Ad hoc committee was made and they met last Friday and they want to make recommendations to see what should be cut for the deficit. Next week we will have a debate and vote.

Lila: When you calculate the carry-forward, there is a 40 grand deficit. Current allocations are listed on the presentation under “proper allocation”, and I think Justin said we have to approve this tonight because this is the correct information. The originally elected IVC dropped her positive so the current IVC didn’t come until August and money for the 101 operations manager and the IVC should be reallocated. Usually chair doesn’t use programming budget and is 200 less, and we recommend that we take this money to lower the deficit to a little under 2000.

Bi: There was a retreat for the officer retreat and for the assembly, and we are getting rid of the officer retreat and we cut that I half into the assembly retreat.

Lila: 1500 from 181 transition pay, which is to help officers get into their positions, as well as 100 from line item 207 Elections Copier Program. It was determined that a smaller printing budget should suffice the elections commission’s needs.

Ad hoc committee: We also recommended to take the remaining 2000 dollars from 1205 Sponsorship Funding and 1212 winter RSO funding, 1000 each. This is money for funding in winter and it won’t cut away so much from the SUA operations.

Lila: We tried not to cut so much from the budget. And we if didn’t reallocate the money it would go to waste. These are some possible alternatives that could be cut: and we recommend that we cut line item 925 Board member because it doesn’t take 2000 to send someone to Washington DC.

Justin: Just to clarify, this is just a discussion on the proposal tonight.

Dylan: Are the college elections commissioners are now allocated 500 each?

Lila: It comes down to 50$ each per officer.

Louise: So I just want to say that national lobbying effort and board members go to leg con, those were new lines created because we completely cut the legcon conference line item. So this was added so that we could do a more local based lobbying effort for lobby corps and this would severely hurt my office because we wouldn’t be able to do as much.

Serene: Is it possible to get the chart on the previous slide as a hard copy so that we can show this to the governments? Where can we find the budget?


Art: I wanted to clarify, in the chairs budget, last year it was set at 1000 and the other officers were set at 1500 each.
Lila: The original deficit wasn’t a good number. We consulted with Justin and if he would utilize all his money. Not only that, he was going to add someone as communications director.

Vanessa: Who is more crucial to go to the conference?

Louise: Legcon is a grassroots conference and campuses from across the nation converge at Washington DC and they organize there about advocating for higher education for their student constituents and since that was a lot of money, we reallocated that money to those two line items. It is a three day conference and you have to pay for hotel costs, flight tickets and registration costs.

Lila: These are simply suggestions for balancing the budget.

Justin: We will have a debate and vote next week, please discuss with your constituents.

*A Bill in Amending the Charter of the UCSA presentation:*

Louise: The UCSA is a coalition of student government across the UC. We advocate for students at the state level. This is a resolution to amend our charter at the UCSA. Basically these are just good housekeeping rules and to show that we are a non-profit organization and to also set a timeline for when we make decisions and it’s just to show our legal abilities. Then that SUA ratifies this edition to the chart. This is also to make sure that we are more transparent and to have a more strict timeline. In addition to that, we need 50% to have quorum. This resolution also states who will be the alternate if the voting member can not be there. And finally, it states that we cannot do anything to contradict our status as non-profit.

*Budget Carry Forward Re-allocation:*

Justin: This is a considered a resolution and needs a 2/3s vote to pass. We are going to discuss and you will bring this back to the constituents and then we will debate next week. Now we are going to talk about how we need to correct the carry forward. We need to allocate 10% of our budget into reserves. We have the three current allocations from reserves, SUA programming, and general fund. I am asking the assembly to make that allocation and to open question time.

Shub: In terms of the percentage allocation, general funding has been used to fund other organizations. I think we should readjust the percentage values. I would like to stress that we need this money and that it is not a luxury item. Nobody knows about us and we reach out through our funds. We want to show students what we are campaigning for and we should do this for the students. In addition, I think that instead of 10% no matter what, I would like to suggest a state of emergency. So that 5% of something will be allocated for every year until we are replenished. Also, we will continue to repeat that.

Niles: If next year what if we are in a worse financial situation, and that doesn’t account for other bad things that could happen.

Andrew: I agree that tying reserves to carry forward makes sense, and this is probably a year where we need to dip into reserves and put more money in SUA to bring about more outreach.

Justin: To clarify, all the money we have is 11,500 dollars.
Louise: If we do decide to change the bylaws to change how we calculate reserves, that’s a 3/4s vote?

Justin: 2/3ds for bylaws.

Louise: Would we have to declare a state of emergency to change the bylaw?

Lila: The chair advises against declaring a state of emergency and we miscalculated the budget and it’s our fault. And it would set a bad image if we just fixed it with reserves. I am open to declaring a state of emergency but not dipping into reserves to solve things.

Art: Wanted to clarify, in the bylaws it talks about the 10% costs, so was the general fund removed from the total cost?

Justin: When I was calculating the budget I left our reserves, SUA programming, and general fund. That adds to 360k.

Shub: The reason I thought that it would be a good time to declare a state of emergency is because of the money that was unaccounted for over the summer, but that we should go through all the bylaw amendments that we have to make and then declare our emergency and remove that money.

Bi: How long does declaring a state of emergency last?

Justin: The assembly can either spend money from the reserves at any time with a 3/4th vote. The state of emergency is only until you’ve made the budget change.

Alexandra: I think that it might be a good idea to declare a state of emergency and even though it might look bad, it will show people that we need money, and last year I was in that committee but we have less money than we’ve had in the past.

Niles: If we declare a state of emergency, it might be better to take the hard road than to go the easy way out.

Brad: These are hard choices, and I think that this body is not the same as last year’s, and we shouldn’t be blaming last year’s body because we are a new body, and making these steps of declaring a state of emergency to stagger our recovery shows a lot of maturity for our mistakes.

Juan: I motion to extend time by 10 minutes.

Niles: Second.

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

Shub: I don’t think we should worry about our image, instead we should worry about the things we need to do.

Israel: I think that before we go into a state of emergency or rewriting the bylaws, we should follow the bylaw and this is a step into our journey into fixing our bylaws and budget. It’s good that we’re talking about this but we really need to abide by the bylaws. I think we need to correct the allocations.
Andrew: In terms of saying that we should be held accountable, it wasn’t us, it was the previous SUA, but in reality we need that money.

Israel: I reserve my right to make a motion, I motion to reallocate our funds to the correct allocation.

Roshni: Second.

Justin: Seeing no objections, motion passes.

**Take back the tap:**

Brad: Motion to approve this resolution.

Michael: Second.

Roshni: Objection.

Colin: On behalf on Stevenson they wanted to pass it.

Bi: At Merrill there was a majority vote for this resolution with a comment/suggestion for more water bottle dispensers.

Seamus: Wowell was a majority vote, there was concern of what would replace the water bottles around campus. There was also talk about the vendors that dispense the water bottles, would they even consider this?

Suini: Most of the students actually loved the idea but were concerned about the re-usable water bottles. A suggestion would be to give the reusable water bottles to freshmen.

Geovanna: As far as the proposition goes, a lot of members felt it wasn’t necessary because we didn’t have the entire survey of the college and our senate felt that it would be more important to have our students’ voices, and we were thinking about the maintenance costs and we’d like more clarification, and we would like a survey for more students.

Andrew: If we did say that we wanted to supply water bottles for the freshmen, would we have to allocate money for that?

Justin: Any assembly member can make a funding request from SUA.

Louise: A resolution is something that the SUA puts its name behind, and if it advocates for something, that we support this idea and that we sent this letter to the Chancellor saying that this should be a policy, that this is supported by the students on campus.

Justin: To further clarify, this resolution would not cause us to spend any money.

Karthik: From Merrill, we had a majority, but the water quality is abysmal and I actually like the taste of spring water. And finally, people will go out to downtown to find this water, and this will probably not have an affect on the companies supplying the water.
Shub: We pass a lot of resolutions for but College nine is opposed to this because we had a lot of off campus students and it is hard to find water.

Juan: We had a negative majority and we have visitors that come here and they do not have water bottles this will show a decrease in water sales, and more people will go off campus to get water bottles.

Michael: If we wanted to add something to the resolution how would that be?

Justin: Just make a motion.

Michael: Reserve my right to make a motion. I would like to point out that when we brought this back to Crown vote was almost heavily in favor, but we did have concerns about the availability of reusable water bottles on campus. I would like to make an amendment to add a clause about making re-usable water bottles more accessible to the student body.

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

Niles: **Second.**

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none **motion passes.**

Michael: **Amendment to add a clause to the resolution to make re-usable water bottles more accessible for the student body, adding a fourth point to the chair of SUA paragraph.**

Bi: Point of information, what does more readily available mean?

Michael: I would say for incoming students to make free water bottles available for new students.

Max: **Call to question.**

Roshni: **Second.**

Justin: Seeing no objections, we are going to vote.

**Yes: 27 Opposed: 1 Abstention: 1**

Justin: The resolution has been amended at the fourth point to the chair of SUA paragraph to ask the committee provide free re-usable water bottles for incoming students. And now we are going into further discussion on the resolution.

Roshni: **Call to question.**

Max: **Second.**

Suini: **Objection.** I like the increased availability but what about the affordability?

Justin: We are going to vote to vote.

**Yes: 16 Opposed: 6 Abstentions: 7,** we are going to vote on the resolution
Yes: 22 Opposed: 5 Abstentions: 1, Resolution passes.

Justin: Thank you all for being here tonight.

Brad: Something that I found incredibly effective and respectful is if we do have members of the assembly on stack that we try to avoid calling to question especially if there was more discussion, so for the future, just ask if there are members on stack and let them speak so that those voices are heard.

Justin: I want to thank the assembly for allowing us to follow our bylaws.

Meeting adjourned 9:08 PM.