SUA Meeting 11/25/2014

Assembly Members Present: Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Yang Kong (Cowell), Seamus Howard (Cowell), Lila Blackney (Stevenson), Aykezar Adil (Crown), August Valera (Crown), Michael Markson (Crown), Chandler Moeller (Merrill), Kartik Ashok (Merrill), Alternate Bianca Moncada-Martin (Merrill), Alternate Roxanna (Porter), Dylan Quitiquit Hoffman (Porter), Adham Taman (Porter), Juan Calzadaa (Kresge), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Keante Marshall (Oakes), Suini Torres (Oakes), Roshni Advani (Eight), Simba Khadder (Eight), Geovanna Moreno (Eight), Shub Sharan (Nine), Sam Shaw (Nine), Alternate Rachel Kirkwood, Alternate Daniel Iglesias, Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Haedyn Christi (QSU), Art Motta (MEChA), Brad Mylenek (OD), Max Hufft (CoAA), Israel Molina (CoD), Louise Cabansay (EVC), Justin Laridinois (Chair).

Assembly Members Absent: Ricardo Sainz (Stevenson), Colin Hortman (Stevenson), Alexander Kasper (Merrill), Serene Jneid (Porter), Gul Taneri (Kresge), John Alcala (Oakes), Lance McNeil (Nine), Niles Sterner (Ten), Sergio Velazquez (Ten), Kaysi Wheeler (IVC).

Approval of the Agenda:
Art: Move to add 15 minutes at the end of new business to have a dialogue discussion on student action on campus.

Juan: Second.

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes. Any other amendments to the agenda? If none, is there a motion to approve the agenda?

Roshni: Motion to approve.

Max: Second.

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Reading of the Previous Meeting's Minutes:

Juan: On page 27, amend to change adviso to advisor.

Roshni: Second.

Justin: Are there any other amendments?

Roshni: Move to approve.

Lila: Second.

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.
Representative Reports:

Justin: I just wanted to announce that all reps submit a monthly report and I haven’t talk about that but I will send out an email soon later this week. Any other announcements?

Andrew: Point of information, if you were a rep for most of the quarter, would you have to submit a report?

Justin: I’m not sure. I’ll work it out soon.

Brad: Announcements from Organizing Director’s office, I’m starting a constitution committee next week. This committee will be reviewing the constitution and be looking for mistakes or things that could be added or deleted to and from the constitution. And if we do want to change anything, we’d have to put those on the spring ballot. There is a meeting I’d have to go next week Monday and I’d like to start on this ASAP. If you’re interested, send me an email or talk to me at the end of the meeting. Happy Thanksgiving.

Justin: Any other announcements? Now we are going to move on to presentations, but our presenters are not here yet because we’re a half hour ahead of schedule.

Juan: Motion to move the presentations down between new and old business.

Roshni: Second.

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes, we will move presentations down between new and old business.

New Business:

Programming Evaluation Form

Justin: Our bylaws in section F set the guidelines for organizations when they are funded by SUA. One of those guidelines is to submit an evaluation 3 weeks after the event and I don’t have a record of the assembly creating one in the past. This is something that we need to work on. The treasurer is tasked to make sure the stipulations are made. I’ve asked Francesca to assemble a committee to draft such an evaluation. Is there any discussion for what should be on the sheet?

Lila: Expected attendance and then actual attendance is a good way to measure the success of the event.

Juan: A description of what they’re expecting and what actually happened.

Bi: What worked and what didn’t work at the event so that if anyone wants to repeat they have experience.
Israel: The purpose of the event and then feedback from participants.

Bi: Everything about the event and how much they were funded and what that funding was used for.

Brad: A simple question of how did the funding help the organization succeed in the event.

Art: Regarding the stipulations, I think there should be a checklist that they could use to make sure they completed them.

Shub: If we could have someone actually go to the events to see if it was a success or not. If we ask orgs to self-evaluate, we might not get the most accurate response.

Brad: We always encourage people to go to these events, and I think just encouraging the body to go and reminding that we funded them will be a good incentive for anyone to check that event out.

Justin: Any further discussion? Thanks for all your feedback. The subcommittee will review that information as well.

**Recent Student Actions**

Dylan: Point of information, I remember that we moved quite a large amount of money from the operations manager’s pay to somewhere else to balance the budget, where did we move that money?

Justin: We covered the deficit, and then put $1000 back into SUA sponsorship and the rest into general fund. It is around $10,216.04.

Art: I wasn’t here this weekend and I’ve seen posts on social media, I just wanted to get some feedback from those who have been there, and as SUA we are supposed to be representing the student body. I would love to have some answers to questions that students ask at senate meetings regarding recent student action.

Shub: I was personally very excited for this, and there was a lot of dialogue in the building. However recently I feel less welcome there and that my opinions or ideas are not valued as much. I also feel that there is a majority student voice that seems to be silencing other voices. This is just a concern that I’ve had.

Dylan: From what I’ve heard from friends, the decision making process is made in a format that is very different from SUA and going into that space and coming from here, we are used to having some legitimacy. Going into that space where your opinion is your own, it might be hard to understand but if people don’t agree with you, because it will feel more of an attack to yourself. However I do believe that the group is doing well and they have been protesting the tuition hikes and also the student that was arrested at UCSF has been dropped of all charges.
Rachel: I’ve seen a lot of substances being used in that space and I feel that it delegitimizes the cause. If you’re representing UC Santa Cruz, I feel that there’s a certain image that you’re portraying, and your actions in that space also represent everyone at this school.

Brad: I attended a few things that happened in the last week or so. Everyone knows that on Thursday Humanities was occupied and there were quite a lot of students going into the building. There was a dance held, and I was having a terrible night, and it was just really different to see Santa Cruz in this type of political setting and seeing students gather all for this issue and being unified together and having a good time was really admiring and awesome. It was hard to be there and not smile. If this happens more in the future, we need to keep our eyes on each other and have each others’ back. With that said, I did want to bring up the emails that were sent out today by the UCSC police department. I wasn’t there to witness any of the crimes, but it does concern me that these things are happening to students of UCSC. We need to have each others’ backs and we are all fighting for the same cause.

Dylan: Pertaining to the email, of the student with the camera who was supposedly held prisoner, I wasn’t there to see this, but what happened was that the student was taking pictures of students without their consent and that student was being told to leave the space, and was not allowed to re-enter the building. The crime bulletin is false and I just wanted to bring that to the space because it’s complete bullshit.

Israel: I wanted to comment on something that I heard from students. Some students from E-squared and Rainbow Theater felt a lot of pressure from the space to stay there and put themselves at risk of being arrested and I just wanted to bring the concerns that the space wasn’t being quite as welcoming to students who weren’t willing to get arrested and they weren’t paying attention to students who are part of those communities.

Adham: From what I’ve heard from people, not saying I was there, students were not told that they needed to stay in the building and get arrested. People were told that if they felt uncomfortable at any time that they could leave especially minorities and people with past charges were actually encouraged to leave something else. Furthermore, I also wanted to address something that Shub said about not being comfortable in the space. Everyone in that space is autonomous and while someone may not feel comfortable from a specific person, there have been a lot of great political discussion and information being delivered to those who might not have known about specific things and overall it is a good atmosphere. I know there are issues of substances and some students feel it is a joke because of the parties that have been going on from there. But from what I have been hearing, unless you have been there for 6 days and 6 nights and understand what these people have been going through for the past week, you can’t really make a face judgment.

Roshni: I was also going to bring up the email, there was someone who was assaulted in the humanities and the end of the email where it says that please reconsider your intents while going
to that space. Not to degrade anyone but we are more critical thinkers because it is present in our minds, but other students will read that and think “hell no, I’m not going to that protest” and they will not want to go back to humanities. I would encourage you to think critically about it and to tell your friends and to not let it discourage you from what’s going on in the bigger picture.

Shub: Again, personally, when I was there, I was told to my face that my opinions should not be voiced because of my relationship to student government and I was told that I was contributing to a culture of police brutality and academic intimidation. This really discouraged me because it made me feel like I was no longer wanted or my opinions were not wanted. What I’m trying to say is that there is a culture of distrust going on that just by being involved that those students are against the movements and we need to somehow get out that we are also students and we should form some bridges and build alliances.

Juan: I did go today, mainly because it was my job to make sure all the pictures were working and I saw damage to the third floor on the elevator where they pulled out one of the buttons. There has been damage to the building.

Roshni: **Motion to add five minutes.**

Juan: **Second.**

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

Haedyn: Thursday was also a Trans Day of Remembrance and that was ignored by a movement that claimed a lot of solidarity and there was a vigil that happened in town, and it was just not acknowledged. Many people who spend time at the Queer Student Union or the Cantu Center were largely crestfallen by that because there was so emotion and passion going towards that whereas something that was meant to be representative of many lives that are lost due to self-violence against someone’s gender identity was just ignored. I feel that comfort has to do not with your opinion but who you are in that space.

Dylan: Reserve my right to make a motion. I think that this movement, not necessarily the occupation but as a larger student movement against tuition hikes is probably the most important things that we will be facing as a body and I think that a lot of reasons that students have this image that SUA isn’t really representative of the body is because they can’t feel how we are helping them, and I feel that one of the ways we could show our support is by openly showing that we support the movement. I’m hearing criticisms about identity being respected and I feel that the space has a lot of trans leadership within it, has adapted to create safer spaces and non-cis male rooms for those folk who don’t want to be exposed to masculine violence and POC talk spaces based on ethnic identities where they feel they can be heard better. I think the SUA should be behind this and **I motion to move $3000 from the general fund to a line item which we could call Student Action Against Tuition Increases from the general fund.** This would be
set up like an RSO fund or a sponsorship fund where groups could ask for money from the SUA out of this line item.

Brad: **Second.**

Lila: **Objection.**

Bi: Where would this money go?

Dylan: It would be money to fund buses if we needed to get somewhere and it would be for activities for students where we effectively fight the tuition increases.

Roshni: **Motion to extend for five minutes.**

Israel: **Second.**

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

Kartik: I just wanted to continue off of what Roshni said, was there any more information about the email for the sexual assault?

Roshni: Direct response, I don’t think there was sexual assault.

Daniel: I interpret this email to just decide and be careful with whether or not you want to come here. If you want to participate, just take caution.

Louise: This weekend I took part in the closed people of color spaces that students organized and there were a lot of people, people of color in particular, who felt like their identities weren’t being respected and there were a lot of allies using rhetoric instead of supporting those students and letting students speak up for their own communities. They had a student group come in, but they were put last on the agenda and the conversation had gone so far off the subject and those students haven’t been able to speak since that day. There was a lot of rhetoric that students do not have voices in the space and every time an opposing opinion was brought up, it was immediately shot down and not validated, so it was difficult for students to voice their opinion openly without being attacked by a larger majority. I just want to make sure that there is some way to maintain dialogue and to make sure that students feel respected.

Roshni: Point of order, is that motion still on the table? And if it is, is it appropriate to discuss things that are not completely relevant to the motion?

Justin: If we could just focus on the motion, that would help move the discussion along.

Brad: I seconded that motion and just some quick suggestions to think about are (1) Maybe we should just change it to Student Action and there could be other causes that students could go about doing. There have been discussions going on about identity and this fund could be for whatever students would like to take action on. (2) I would suggest having a committee for this
item so that if there is a funding request or if there is student action, that there is a way that SUA can collaborate with them and there is a way that we can help them. They shouldn’t have to ask for money and we should just support them. (3) I think this is a huge topic and making a motion like that will be contentious in this space and our budget is already small. (4) I would suggest we table this to next meeting because I think we need to meet with the senates and discuss this with the different colleges to see if the colleges agree with this or not.

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

Juan: **Second.**

Brad: **Objection.**

Vote to extend time:

In favor: 22 | Opposed: 6 | Abstentions: 4, **We will add 15 minutes to this discussion.**

Rachel: I think that if this is going to happen in the future we should finish the conversation now. Things could change for anyone who’s in the occupation and we need to take care of this right now. In terms of giving them money, I feel it is kind of disrespectful not knowing if they wanted our help or not. I think that although I have my own reservations and I think we should respect others opinions regarding this movement.

Dylan: I was met with resounding applause with this proposal.

Shub: I think that the money should come instead from sponsorship money instead of the general fund. I think this is a great idea.

Justin: I think we need to figure out a way to fund them since they are not affiliated with any department.

Andrew: I think that we should work out more specifics on this line item, like would there have to be a funding request like SOFA when they go through funding requests and what exactly would this money be used for and other specifics. I don’t know if we should decide this right now.

Louise: I had a direct response. I think the sponsorship would be from SUA itself and one of the officers could fund that amount of money that they requested if it is voted on by the body.

Sam: I think this is a pivotal moment and I think time is truly of essence in this situation and I think that it’s important that we’re here to fight tuition and secondly that we need to deliberate if the occupation is the best lever of influence against administration and dissipate any fears about the movement and there is a clear lack of leadership which is making people unsure of this.

Roshni: **Motion to table this until after this presentation.**
Jose: **Second.**

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

**Presentations:**

*Office of Sustainability Water Action Presentation*

Office of Sustainability Water Action Presentation: We are here to talk about water conservation on campus and this year there has been a lot going on and we would like feedback from the students. We are on the drought response team.

The purpose of us coming to SUA is to get your guys familiar with us and to encourage students to report back on how drought measures are affecting students. We also wanted to support student leadership for anything drought related. We have been going to every single bathroom/kitchenette and auditing them for efficiency and we have been putting these signs all around the campus. Also those drought response flyers are only found in state buildings. Santa Cruz has all its water as local. This year we’ve been feeling quite a depreciation of water. The whole city is supposed to reduce water use by 25% because it has been mandated by the city and to do that they have been doing a number of things and we have been looking at different water usages. We have been measuring different flow rates, leaks and we have been encouraging people to report leaks. Throughout the campus, the two biggest users of water are in labs and housing. We are trying to make those places more sustainable and we have been trying to promote awareness on how much water it takes to make this water. We have been retrofitting autoclaves and recycling water that has been used in those machines. We have also been putting shower timers and signage in the locker rooms and we are planning on installing rain catchers that will be used to flush toilets. Once we have 12 inches of rain we will be out of a stage 3 drought. As of now they have been putting down ground cover and mulch to reduce evaporation and they have been installing drip irrigation and soil moisture sensors. There is also a cut back on crops and plants. In addition, we will be having timers in showers in housing and dining. Students will be going through all the residential areas and reporting for things to be fixed or replaced. If you know anyone who would be interested in this, they will be doing this over winter break. Drop Your Own Drip is having dorm competitions. Housing is the most critical area where people need to reduce their water usage. They are also trying to retrofit dishwashers. To help with the drought, you can reduce your water usage on or off campus and inform your friends, family members peers and neighbors about the drought and if you see a leak on campus put in a fix request at fixit.ucsc.edu. Changing behavior is probably the biggest thing you can do help save water. If you have any questions, you can email us at waterteamucsc@gmail.com.

Any questions?

Roshni: Thank you for your presentation, I had a couple of questions, you guys said that the water is local and that we get the water from the San Lorenzo river and I wanted to ask about the nastiness in the river and how that water is being purified.
Office of Sustainability: That water is actually pretty pristine in the highland sand they do have very nice purification process and we are also taking water from another reservoir.

Roshni: In addition, what does it mean to be in a stage 3 drought? And how will we get in a stage 2 drought?

Office of Sustainability: If we get 12 inches of rain. According to the city of Santa Cruz, we have about 3 inches of rain, good because we have something but bad because we have a lot to do. Stage 3 is that houses have to reduce, big businesses are voluntary, and that you can’t wash your house, pavement, or your car and you can’t fill your pool. Stage 2 is voluntary for everyone. Stage 4 is businesses mandatory as well.

Roshni: Have you heard of the resolution from CALPIRG? The resolution is that they want to start a competition between dorms to see who can conserve the most.

Office of Sustainability: Yes we have.

Roshni: Last question; is there a way to monitor how much students are using in different places on campus?

Office of Sustainability: They will feel that next year with the tuition hikes and there is a pilot program on campus that we will be install meters around campus.

Roshni: I would personally like to see that if you know that a certain floor or building, I would like to see those people pay for it. Also you were talking about the rainwater catching system, and I know that as a civilian it is illegal to catch rainwater.

Office of Sustainability: Actually there has been a new law passed to make that legal.

Kartik: I was going to ask and I just met with the rep from CALPIRG and he was saying how he’s going to have a competition between colleges and he’s going to measure it from dorm to dorm, are you going to be working with them?

Office of Sustainability: Definitely wanted to connect the water committee with the campus and making sure that every dorm has its own meeting. There are ways that we can monitor and reward and remind people of how much water certain dorms or colleges are using.

Shub: Thanks for presenting, College Nine voted to adopt water conservation as one of the campaigns this year in senate. We were looking to do a similar competition between the dorms, and maybe we could work together on that. College Nine would be very receptive to helping out.

Seamus: I am a local of Santa Cruz and I remember two or three years ago no one was conserving water and the enforcement of this has been really good. The county of Santa Cruz has this service for replacing old toilets with new toilets. Would it be possible to talk to the county for on campus toilets?
Office of Sustainability: We already have a lot of money going to retrofitting.

August: CALPIRG came to our office hours and correct me if I’m wrong, there is a way to see how much water each building uses, it is mandated by the state,

Office of Sustainability: We can ask about that.

Andrew: I just wanted to give my own experience with this and how if you’re off campus you get billed for water and on campus you can take a long shower, and there has been resentment against the university for using so much water. I think that conserving water would be a good thing for the university to show the community that we are trying.

Office of Sustainability: I do agree with that because some people are afraid that water will run out and by conserving at the university it shows a really big message. In addition, the university uses 6% of Santa Cruz’s water. To put that into perspective, hotels use about 2%.

Sam: I like these ideas of positive incentives and I wonder if we could do a swipe system because people do a ghost thing where people pretend someone is showering and they’re not.

Kartik: I wanted to ask, is it true that the government prevents people from gathering rainwater. Because even the most oppressive places like North Korea don’t prevent their citizens from gathering rainwater. I’m sure it’ll be good to talk to the government as well. Also you said that third degree drought is where they force citizens to conserve water, I think that third degree should be corporations as well because they use ten times as much water than us.

Office of Sustainability: One last thing, if you live off campus, you can go to the Santa Cruz water conservation department and you can get aerators and leak detection kits. It’s free!

**Resume Discussion on Student Action:**

Justin: There is a motion on the table to move $3000 from general fund into a new line item for student action.

Max: I think this is a really good idea, and we should be putting more money into it. I know it’s not perfect, but we can get close and try and that is what we are trying to do here. Beyond that I think that because the action is happening right now, we should be talking about spending right now as well. I think we should be putting funds for the organizing director’s office that they can use whatever’s the protest needs. I can imagine that will be a lot of money for POs and resources. We can offer this to them, they can take it or leave it and I would like to see something done about that.

Justin: Point of clarification what was the name of the line item?

Dylan: Student Action Against Tuition Increases.
Andrew: Point of clarification, what was the motion? Was it to put the money in the Organizing Director’s office?

Max: It’s just a suggestion.

Bi: Call to question.

Kartik: Second.

Roshni: Objection.

Bi: I rescind.

Adham: I think the intent of the motion was to make a new line item for students against tuition hikes and it’s not for the humanities occupation and there will be documentation on where this money goes. This money can be used for food, buses, and I know that some people had concerns with their voice not being heard and this could go to a lot of good things and I think that we should do it.

Lila: I don’t think it is a good idea, I think it would be extremely irresponsible of us to give money to a group of students without having them present to us a game plan. When people come to SOFA, they give a presentation about what they are going to do. I think that if the GA of the movement would come to us and tell us A, B, C, D that would be better and I know that time is of the essence, but I’m not sure if I can represent my college accurately without discussing this with my college. Let’s say this group goes to the Organizing Director, Brad could come to us and request money for that money event. All I’m saying is that we need more information.

Louise: My understanding is that this motion is to simply create a line item.

Roshni: If this line item was created, would there need to be another motion to take out that money?

Justin: We would need a simple majority to take out the money.

Simba: I just want to clarify that this money is going to a line item and it will not go to the movement just yet, and I’ve never heard a student say that “I’m for tuition hikes” we are just making this line item just in case someone has an idea that they want to fund. We should really support this and put this money where action is being done.

Louise: Point of clarification, as the motion stands, it would have to go back to this body, but if it was attached to the organizing director’s office, it wouldn’t have to go back to the body. For example when we make line items for travel costs, it doesn’t have to go to the assembly.

Justin: The assembly does not have to approve if a fund is okay to be used in a certain office.
Brad: So I want to speak on something that has been said in the space. I understand that this is an issue right now that we feel that funding needs to happen now and this is an emergency. While this may be true, this is also an issue that will last the entire year. I mean to be honest I was surprised by this funding request. But do I support it? Hell fucking yeah. It’s very important, but this discussion needs to be had with the colleges. That is what we’re here for. I need to have office hours and to have students come and talk to me about this. I want to be representative of the student body. We are allocating a large amount from our already small budget and we need to be responsible about it. Would it benefit if we made it tonight? Sure it would, we could fund something right away, but is it really necessary? We need to think about our duties and our goals in this space. If someone was upset about that money from your colleges, is that representation of what your college thinks? I really think this is something that should be tabled.

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

Seamus: **Second.**

Shub: **Amend so that the money comes from sponsorship, not from general fund.**

Roshni: **Second.**

Brad: **Objection.** I don’t think this money should go to a student organization and also yes there are a lot of students involved and I think taking money from the sponsorship is not good because the general fund is unallocated money and we shouldn’t be taking money from students.

Rachel: Expanding on what I said before, I would like to further make it clear about our involvement and I want to make sure people know that we are not trying to overstep anything. And we need to explain that if they need it they can take it but we won’t push it on them.

Dylan: I think it’s important to say that we don’t need to ask students if they are against tuition increases. I know there is action being planned for the week of December 2nd. And that event could potentially benefit the event. We need to support the fight against tuition hikes. In my experience, a lot of organizations are planning on taking advantage of that sponsorship funding, and because we do have a lot of unallocated money we could keep that money there for the student orgs.

Kartik: Direct response, there is a growing feeling that 55% of students here don’t pay tuition and they are feeling more alienated from the people doing the protests. They are also starting to say that these are privileged students that are trying to keep on protesting so that we don’t have to pay more, but they actually want to pay more.

Sam: I would like to read the SUA’s purpose on the website “Due to its broad based constituency and its expertise on issues, the Student Union Assembly is the most qualified body to formulate and communicate the undergraduate student position at UCSC on campus-wide, system-wide and nation-wide levels. Thus, the Student Union Assembly shall be the official legitimate voice
of undergraduate students on campus-wide and system-wide committees” going down further, “The SUA shall promote activism, civic participation, discussion, debate, and awareness of public issues from a variety of perspectives and viewpoints.” This is integral to our role, and we need to creating coalitions when we talk about some of the issues that we have and the concerns that we have in humanities. Less of the talk was about the resources that were available. The greatest risk is not having enough money, but us losing this critical opportunity because we’re fractured.

Andrew: Saying something like “I don’t think you need to go to back to the colleges to see if they are against tuition increases”, that language specifically is disingenuous. It’s like saying about the Patriot Act, and I don’t need to explain that. It’s like this isn’t about if you’re against this funding, then you’re for tuition for increases or if you’re for this funding you’re against tuition increases. This is about taking a whopping $3000 into a line item and we don’t have the guidelines for how we are giving out this money to other orgs. I feel like this is something we need to take back to the colleges.

August: Reserve my right to make a motion, first off I am very much in favor and I feel like putting this money aside for a very specific cause, but it makes me uncomfortable to do this so quickly. If there was a specific office that could take care of this money, I would feel much more comfortable with that.

Brad: Direct response, there has been a lot of talk about having this go through my office and I’m going to go back to my first suggestion and make a committee and have this based on what they need. I don’t think that I need to be in charge of this, I would definitely be happy to chair the committee. It also gives students an opportunity to do something.

August: I would like to see some amendments done on the original motion. I also feel like we haven’t had much discussion about the amendment, so I call to question on the amendment.

Michael: Second.

Justin: There is a main motion on the table to move $3000 from the general fund into a new line item, student action against tuition increases. There is an amendment on top of that to get the $3000 from sponsorship funding instead. Now there is a call to question on the amendment, are there any objections?

Shub: Objection.

Shub: I rescind my amendment.

August: I rescind my call to question.

Justin: Now there is a main motion on the table to move $3000 from the general fund into a new line item, student action against tuition increases.
Roshni: I kind of have an idea of what’s going on, but I kind of don’t. My question is how everyone would feel about moving $1500 from general fund and $1500 from sponsorship.

Shub: I strongly support the idea of having a committee, and there should be some form of actual dialogue and to make a plan to see if we can even support it in the first place. I feel like having this money attached to the committee would be great.

Bi: **Motion to table this to next meeting.** I feel like we have a lot of big opinions about this.

Lila: **Second**

Adham: **Objection.**

Vote to table:

In favor: 7 | Opposed: 17 | Abstentions: 6, **motion to table fails.**

Seamus: I completely understand the urgency of the situation and I do feel that we should go back to our respective colleges to discuss this. Why don’t we just make the amount smaller so that it’s more likely to pass?

Dylan: I reserve my right to make an amendment. I think the amount of money we should just put up front, the money still has to come through the SUA and we still make an effort to tell our constituencies and you still have time to talk to your colleges, and we will have time to give out the money by next week. I agree that a committee should be created. **Motion to amend that a committee is established which will be tasked with helping students plan and evaluate requests for funding. This committee will deliberate on the request and to recommend to the SUA so that we can vote on it and have the Organizing Director chair that committee.**

Roshni: **Second.**

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

Seamus: **Motion to extend time by 10 minutes.**

Juan: **Second.**

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

Bi: **Objection.**

Justin: We will now go into a vote to extend time.

Bi: **I rescind my objection.**

Justin: Seeing no objections, **motion passes.**
Art: I am in support of having a pot of money for a line item for student action, and as we have been operating, it has been taking 2-3 weeks for something to be passed. Also, this student body has a point person and one of his officer duties is to make relationships with student movements. The officers have contributed money for transportation and whatnot, and I’m afraid that this $3000 dollars will not be allocated quickly enough. A better way is to attach the money straight to the officer’s budget. There could be something else in the future and I would like to change the line item to student action instead.

Rachel: I also realize that we have other guests here and I think we should vote now. Call to question.

Roshni: Second.

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none, call to question passes.

Brad: Call for a roll call vote.

Roshni: Second

Vote on main motion:

Jose Cadenas (Cowell) Yes, Yang Kong (Cowell) Yes, Seamus Howard (Cowell) Yes, Lila Blackney (Stevenson) No, Aykezar Adil (Crown) Yes, August Valera (Crown) No, Michael Markson (Crown) Abstain, Chandler Moeller (Merrill) Abstain, Kartik Ashok (Merrill) No, Alternate Bianca Moncada-Martin (Merrill) No, Alternate Roxanna (Porter) Yes, Dylan Quitiquit Hoffman (Porter) Yes, Adham Taman (Porter) Yes, Juan Calzadaa (Kresge) Abstain, Winnie Sidhu (Kresge) Yes, Keante Marshall (Oakes) Abstain, Suini Torres (Oakes) Yes, Roshni Advani (Eight) Yes, Simba Khadder (Eight) Yes, Geovanna Moreno (Eight) Yes, Shub Sharan (Nine) Yes, Sam Shaw (Nine) Yes, Alternate Rachel Kirkwood Yes, Alternate Daniel Iglesias (Ten) Yes, Ramneet Bajwa (Ten) Yes, Haedyn Christi (QSU) Yes, Art Motta (MEChA) No, Brad Mylenek (OD) Yes, Max Hufft (CoAA) Yes, Israel Molina (CoD) Yes, Louise Cabansay (EVC) Yes.

In favor: 22 | Opposed: 5 | Abstentions: 3, motion passes. Get in touch with organizing director if you’d like to be involved.

Brad: Motion to move disc golf sponsorship request to now.

Lila: Second.

Justin: Any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Funding Requests:
Disc Golf: We are proposing the installation of a nine hole disc golf course. We are a tier 2B club sport. We are a co-ed sport, no tryouts, no experience necessary. We also coordinate with the youth disc golf organization around town, and it is like little league for disc golf. We do course cleanups as well. We competed for a national tournament in Georgia. Our other resources are from alumni, fundraising, social media and from the community. The major cost here is the labor and materials. We will be creating university jobs as well. A disc golf course would give us adequate facility for us to practice. It is cost effective and we have all the materials. The maintenance of the course would be through university work orders. OPERS will have materials as well and you can stroll around Stevenson knoll with a beautiful view. These are the baskets and we are waiting to put them into the ground. Any questions?

Jose: If you built this 9 hole disc golf course would you have competitions at the school?

Disc Golf: Of course, we will be having good contact with others schools.

Michael: Is there a place where the proposed course is readily available?

Disc Golf: It is in the presentation.

Bi: So anyone has access to this course and Frisbees?

Disc Golf: You can check out equipment like a book from a library.

Kartik: You say that disc golf started here in Santa Cruz, how much has the interest for this grown?

Disc Golf: The first course is back east and back in the 1970s, there was only one brand on Frisbee. That was established in 1980. There is an increase in every year of how many schools are able to get a team for this.

Jose: The total budget is $2000? How much are you asking from the body?

Disc Golf: It’s roughly $2000 because we are still in the approval process, and we have to get the money to pay for it before we actually get a number. It is still in the approval process. I originally submitted a funding request and I thought that it would be done by this November.

Justin: Just to clarify, we do need a number.

Disc Golf: $2000. The total cost of the course is 25-30k dollars.

Lila: You presented to Stevenson, and there was a lot of discussion afterwards about the different line items we have available for it, and I recommend that you come to Stevenson. I was also wondering why you are asking from sponsorship instead of our RSO funding.

Justin: We don’t have any bylaws governing that specific line item (Sponsorship funding). It is up to the assembly if it is appropriate to allocate that money.
Disc Golf: I was let known that I was able to apply for this scholarship.

Louise: I just wanted to ask who do you have to talk to about having this course and how is that process going.

Disc Golf: It has been in discussion for the last couple years. The people approving this are a campus aesthetics council and they want to make sure it looks nice and the restoration people. We are asking for a lot of approval from different counsels. They told us Fall 2014.

**Old Business:**

*Student of Color Conference Debrief:*

Israel: So I would say that student of color was a pretty big success, we brought 104 students to UC Merced. Budget-wise it was all going great until the charter buses messed up my contract and overcharged me. From feedback that I got from students, through survey and word of mouth, a lot of students appreciated the conference for what it was and it was a great opportunity for students to bond and make connections. From the survey, I know that a lot of people liked the mix of workshops but that there wasn’t enough API representation and there were not any workshop spaces for API. Particularly working with students of color that institutional knowledge is maintained, and considering this is the 31st year that this was held, there are still things that that the SoCC needs to work on like saying things.

In addition, there was not enough representation for queer community and from the conference and me being there, I was in the queer space and almost everyone walked out of that and created a list of grievances with the conference, which includes things that should have already been implemented. People want to see more workshops on taking action and to have a pre-delegation meeting. I’m going to be working on a binder to hand to my successor so that they have a better vision of how to timeline and what is essential. Another suggestion from the survey was that a lot of people didn’t understand the action or thought that the action had taken place, which was just a march down the street to the library and speaking there. They didn’t see the action as doing anything but there was a suggestion that if there isn’t an action that fits in, that community service could be done instead. Any questions?

Brad: I was there, I was kind of there as a delegation leader if problems came up. I also participated in workshops and to help Israel out with the hotel situation as well. Another thing that could be passed on for future conferences, I would really like to see SUA take a step helping students prepare for these conferences and to have them hold workshops themselves. A thing with these conferences is that these facilitators have a strong connection with UCSA and it doesn’t give students the opportunity to try out a leadership position. During our campus breakouts, a first year stood up and facilitated the discussion and another student stepped out to voice his concern and it was great to see students take a stand for themselves.
Art: A few things about the SoCC is that it is student run, and as a MEChA rep, I am representing those students. Problems with the logistics and as well as the climate at Merced. Other students were not told that they could lead a workshop or a caucus space and they were left in the dark. That’s why certain students felt alienated. They did speak up which I did appreciate but the alienation could have easily been avoided. I know there were some complaints of the time that we had to leave at, and we ended up sitting on the buses until 6 AM. On the way back from the conferences, one of the buses broke down. In general, it helped people to see things from a different perspective. I would like to see throughout the UC campuses and to facilitate space where students can grow.

Roshni: I agree with what all of you were saying, but I didn’t get a chance to sign up because I knew I was going to be busy and as a South Asian I felt awkward because I was wondering where the hell do I go. I was wondering how the SoCC works as opposed to other conferences because I think that in order to lead a workshop, you needed to submit a request and then that would be approved by UCSA. That might be the reason that people didn’t know about that process. There was also a lack of a deadline notice to submit that request.

Brad: Just advice is to make sure that we are getting the information for these workshops into timelines, so that maybe we can have that on the SUA website. We should make it very accessible to students.

Louise: Just to shed some light, the SoCC is particularly made on a bid system and the campus that runs it has the most control of the logistics. UCSA doesn’t actually have much power there. I can keep these notes in mind and send this to UCSA staff.

**HACK UCSC SPONSORSHIP REQUEST:**

Justin: Hack UCSC requested $2200 from our sponsorship line item.

Jose: **Motion to fully fund.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Art: **Objection.** I am opposed to fully funding this organization.

Rachel: I think we should fully fund them, they came to our senate and the only thing that we had with this is that there is a charge for this event, and it would be a good thing for our reputation.

Andrew: I think we should fully fund them, and this is a good way for students to make connections. I’m from crown and there are a lot of programmers in crown, I feel this is a great opportunity for students to make connections.

Seamus: I think that as representatives for UC Santa Cruz, it is important to represent Santa Cruz in general. This could be beneficial for residents of Santa Cruz as well.
Shub: I think this is something that really benefits our entire community and it helps our students have other opportunities. I feel like us supporting this sends a larger message that we are supporting other branches of the academic system and just because it helps other people doesn’t mean we shouldn’t fund it.

Adham: Reserve my right to make a motion, I think we should fully fund this, we’ve had a week to go to our colleges, call to question.

Michael: Second.

Art: Objection.

Vote on Call to question (Requires 2/3rds)

In favor: 22 | Opposed: 4 | Abstentions: 2, call to question passes.

Vote on the main motion to fund Hack UCSC $2200.

In favor: 20 | Opposed: 3 | Abstentions: 5, Hack UCSC will be fully funded $2200.

Art: I would like to add a stipulation for that. If you can pull up the budget, if that’s okay. I would like to focus on their goals for diversity.

Roshni: Is it possible to add a stipulation after a motion has been passed?

Justin: We would have to reconsider.

Art: Just as long as we are aware of this budget. They are spending over $22,000 for food. What MEChA was concerned with was their goals for diversity. I wish they had taken more time for this presentation, one of their goals is “Increase underreprencesed minority turnout” and in addition, they capitalized Hispanics and did not capitalize African-Americans. MEChA was not opposed to funding them, we were just opposed to funding certain line items, like prizes.

Roshni: Does anyone have any suggestions for where the stipulation would be?

Shub: It is my understanding that none of our money would be going to prizes. Our money would only be going to food, renting the venue. They are expecting around 300 people. I think the money is reasonable for 300 students. I think it makes sense.

Simba: You’re there for 48 hours and these people will be coming from far away places. It is hard to say that we are not going to give you food and it makes sense that that is the cost of food.

Roshni: Motion to adjourn.

Juan: Second.

Justin: Seeing no objections, meeting adjourned.