SUA Meeting Minutes 1/27/2015

Assembly Members Present:
Art Motta (MEChA), Michael (QSU), Yang Kong (Cowell), Seamus Howard (Cowell), Colin Hortman (Stevenson), Kyra Brandt (Stevenson), Andrew Paolini (Crown), Michael Markson (Crown), Aykezar Adil (Crown), Chandler Moeller (Merrill), Kartik Ashok (Merrill), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill), Dylan Quitiquit Hoffman (Porter), Adham Taman (Porter), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Suini Torres (Oakes), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Roshni Advani (Eight), Ray Inoue (Eight), Eric Yuan (Eight), Sam Shaw (Nine), Lance McNeil (Nine), Shubhankar Sharan (Nine), Daniel Iglesias (Ten), Vanessa Sadsad (Ten), Brad Mleynek (OD), Max Hufft (CoAA), Israel Molina (CoD), Louise Cabansay (EVC), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

Assembly Members Absent: Nazareth Velazco (SANAI), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Ricardo Sainz (Stevenson), Serene Jneid (Porter), Gul Taneri (Kresge), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Kaysi Wheeler (IVC).

Approval of the Agenda:

Israel: **Motion to add ten minutes at the end of new business for a sponsorship request for Holi.**

Aykezar: **Second.**

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

Colin: **Motion to approve.**

Roshni: **Second.**

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

Reading of the Previous Meeting’s Minutes

Colin: **Motion to approve minutes.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

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

Announcements:

Suini: I’m working with Annie and Alexandra to do a contest for a new SUA logo. We will begin next Monday Feb 2 until Mon 16th. We will email colleges and have flyers within the next few days.
Alexandra: We wanted to know how you wanted the contest to be judged. We want your input for if we should bring all logos or if we should have an ad hoc committee. Or if you want the organizing directors office to bring some to assembly.

Roshni: Narrow them down and bring them back. With an ad hoc committee.

Vanessa: Ad hoc committee if we can largely get that to other people that would be great.

Andrew: I think you guys should email the assembly logos numbered 1-10 and just have us vote.

Shubhankar: Two weeks might be a short period of time because if the flyers are coming soon, would you be willing to extend by a week?

Suini: We don’t want to have it for too long since people might forget about it.

Ghandi: The application for Rock and Roll on the Knoll is out. We have 15 bands that have applied. Encourage bands to apply and we are also looking for a logo.

Justin: The SOFA deliberation is tomorrow at 8PM and next week we will bring a list of recommendations to the assembly. I put in the request for the elections commissioner and associate elections commissioner to be posted on the ER system so that should be up soon.

Brad: SOFA announcement, last quarter, we funded quite a few things and the events are coming up. The kinetics poetic project is Jan 30- Feb 1st at 8PM in porter dining hall, it would be great if we could send some SUA members out there.

Shubhankar: College nine just got super Mario and controllers for students to borrow, so if you wanna come down, please do so.

Dylan: Students yesterday at the general assembly voted for a 96 hours of action against the tuition increases. That will start on March 2nd and have a variety of actions. I think they were calling for an indefinite campus shut down.

Andrew: It was said indefinitely does that mean for the rest of the quarter?

Dylan: They are planning to initiate in that 96 hours.

Justin: Apparently there is going to be various action for 96 hours and then they will start the shut down.

Israel: The MLK convocation is tomorrow at 7 PM at the Santa Cruz Civic Center.

Michael: I’m here on behalf of Christy Berg, she is doing a study about microaggressions on campus and it involves a mobile app and I thought it’d be pretty cool if you could all take this back to your respective spaces. This is also a paid study.
Louise: Office of external affairs is doing a week of engagement. Tomorrow we are having a Who is Janet Napolitano event at the Stevenson Fireside Lounge from 7:45 – 9 PM and on Thursday we are having a Teach the Budget Event in the Graduate Student Commons from 7-9 PM. Please come out.

**Presentations:**

*Power Structure of the UC presentation:*

Ghandi: I am the Chief of Staff for the external affairs. This Powerpoint is to show how the admin runs the UC. We don’t really know who has jurisdiction over what policies. I wanted to get a whole holistic picture. The UC is a huge association and we have 10 different campuses. We have 244,000 students and we contribute 46 billion for California’s economy. For every dollar we get in research we secure $7 in research. An important thing to know is that the UC is worth 24 billion dollars. The three legged stool is composed of the Board of Regents, UCOP and the Academic Senate. The Board of Regents meets every two months at UCSF is because there are little undergrads there so there will be little unrest there. They make it inconvenient for students to attend the meeting. The regents are the 26 member board and these people aren’t the best for overseeing the UC, and the diversity of the board of regents isn’t that great. It’s a bunch of middle aged white guys. There is one voting student regent. The one right now is Sadia and next will be Avi, we will know the next one in July. There are alumni regents and this year it is Sheldon C Engelhorn.

UC office of the President. There are so many different levels of policy that go on. The main people you should know is Janet Napolitano who is the president of the UC. Next is Aimee Dorr, she is the president of academic affairs. Then we have Nathan Bromstrom who is chief operating officer. Then we have Jagdeep Singh Bacher who is the Chief Investment Officer. Academic Senate, every school has one. This is the governing association for faculty. There is a systemwide academic senate, headed by Mary Gilly. The main jurisdiction is to approve courses and academic requirements. Issues carrying forward from 2012, 2013, and 2014, are compendium, sexual harassment policy, UC retirement plan, and online classes.

Critical Systemwide Committees are a way to get involved in academic senate. The academic council, UC planning and budget, and BOARS, the board of admissions and relations with school. It involves K-12 and the CC, CSU, and UC. They are there to set a track. How do we get students from each step to the next? The biggest issue is over enrollment, community and state transfers. Important cat state government officials Jerry brown, Gavin Newsom and speaker of the assembly Toni Atkins.

Where do you fit in? There are different spaces that you can join, such as the UCSA Systemwide Representative. You apply, we look at your app and you are appointed to different committees depending on what you want to do. There are a lot of misc. committees that just spring up sometimes. There was a committee of Student Mental Health and oversight. There’s also StAR,
Student Advocate to the regents. The UCSA appoints 6 students to be student advocates for each regent meetings hosted at UC SF. Not all regents are easy to talk to. The academic senate here has SCOC which are all open to be part of. Just know that on campus we pay $1400 a month and other UCs is $800. There are a lot of challenges to student reps, such as time commitment and material, as well as a lack of awareness of academic senate accessibility. There is a discrepancy in grad and UG attendance because there is not a continuous attendance, as well as retention and consistency, as well as scheduling between classes.

Other ways you can get involved are through statewide coalitions such as UAW, ASFCME, so don’t be deterred from joining because there are a lot of independent groups, if these are the policies that you would like to tackle. It should be a four legged stool, but we are the students and we should have a say in what the university does. You’re there representing students, and maybe you might not be heard, but it is all about establishing yourself in those spaces.

Tomorrow we will be doing the Who is Janet Napolitano at the Stevenson Fireside Lounge, please come.

**New Business:**

*SUA Campaigns next steps:*

Shubhankar: Justin just sent an email about all the ideas that we had last week. Every campaign and project has its own folder and each folder has a to-do list. For example, organizations and resources, there is a checklist of tasks that need to be completed. It’s like that for the entire thing and when it comes to things like the student government survey, those are just blank documents and the goal of that is to outline a framework or constitutions for those committees. I want to talk about things that need to be done. I held a meeting last Friday and we had a couple people who signed up for things. I spoke with the IVC for which events are feasible. The main idea is the first week of spring quarter which is a drive in movie event, in east remote we will get a projector and an AM broadcaster. We are looking to have food there and also an SUA cook out. Another place we could do is an art gallery and move out to the art and media department, and have a sort of pop up gallery.

Suini: Once we get social media up and running, we want to do a monthly photo contest and everyone can submit to it, either through Facebook or Twitter, the one with the most likes will win and we can go into more detail later. If we could get their picture as the cover photo on the Facebook page, we want to have more interactive social media.

Shubhankar: Should we be offering monetary prizes for winning the contest?

Brad: Suini and I talked about this, and I know there is some rule about giftcards, because if it is at any price that can be redeemed for cash, we are technically paying students, which we can’t
do. I thought that the Amazon gift card would be cool, something like $50, but I have to make sure that we are allowed to do that.

Lance: For the gift card amounts, any gift card is now redeemable for cash, so that would put out any gift cards at all. The company will give that money. There are different websites that will give you reimbursements for the amount that you have.

Andrew: The thing with websites is that there’s a question of the legality of it.

Brad: So the first Friday of Spring quarter is when Holi is happening, so I would caution with that.

Shubhankar: So when it comes to all these projects, just get yourself in there and feel free to go ahead and start typing things up there. I think there a couple drafts for some of the groups. If we could get that going, that would be awesome.

Sam: I threw on my conception of the ambassador program so that we can figure out who the volunteers are from and we want ambassadors for the orgs that we have. We are trying to figure out if they should come from the orgs or if there should be a third party. We want to learn more about the student body so that the orgs know how to navigate the agenda, resolution and also that would be important for the ambassador to provide info on Roberts rules and to talk about opportunities for students in SUA and I also threw a little thing for expanding the ambassador thing for local colleges and universities. So it would be good to coordinate student action.

Israel: If you are interested in getting people outside of SUA, Brad and I have a volunteer list of people who are interested in getting involved in general, so you should look there, there’s like 600 people on that list.

Shubhankar: This is going to be a big deal for SUA, so I want to get people’s feedback on how we should go about creating the system and who’s going to be involved in this and what the structure should be.

Brad: I think the first part of this should be going to orgs and seeing if this is something they’d be interested in. So if we could figure out some kind of survey for the organizations that would be good. We need to figure out what orgs want from us. Advice to take it slow and to ask orgs what they want.

Daniel: I’m very in favor of making this voluntary and if we could ask if they wanted an SUA member sitting on their meetings.

Sam: This is what we were talking about, where we weren’t sure if the org should elect their own rep or if we should assign an SUA rep. For orgs it will always be opt in. The idea of a survey is a good step.
Shubhankar: I want to stress that this isn’t us sending someone somewhere, but the point would be someone who would naturally want to be part of both groups. I don’t just want to send an email because orgs have said that emails don’t do much for establishing relationships. We want people to volunteer and want to do these things. Are there any ideas on how we would reach out?

Daniel: I think just a mix of everything because we clearly don’t have enough members here to send out to all the orgs and if they want to have someone who wants to go, then we should just go with that but we should reach out.

Andrew: I think something else that is important is the SUA programming board but I feel like this committee will put money to good use, and I think that the alternate constitution is the best because having more people involved and spreading the event is better for outreach.

Shubhankar: Does anyone have anything to say about the SUA rep going to each meeting? This is going to be a commitment from a rep from each college.

Vanessa: I definitely support that for retention and consistency.

Shubhankar: I wanted to talk about the student government survey. Concerns were raised of what we should ask students of what they would want to pay more for. So are there any other questions that people would want to put up there in the survey?

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

Kartik: **Second.**

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

Andrew: I think we should another meeting and we need to start organizing people into groups.

Seamus: If they say no, would there be a blur of what SUA does?

Shubhankar: At the beginning of the survey, there would be an introduction of what the SUA does and if they’ve heard about us.

Brad: I haven’t been able to go to the meetings but this survey was something that I’ve been working on since late fall quarter just because I was looking at the possibility of doing a fee referenda for the SUA. Due to events though it seemed inappropriate to ask for more money. I have a couple of questions that are kind of in the range of this. The fourth question which is “what is something you would like to change about the SUA” should be left for maybe a later or second survey. As for the “What is something you would change about UCSC,” we should ask students about their experience and whether its positive or negative. There are students here who would not want to have anything changed. For the surveys, we could list the things that we could possible do including all the ideas that you have, but that might be difficult and with our budget it is almost impossible, so figuring out what the students want is a good question.
Seamus: As a follow up for number one, we should see how people have interacted with SUA.

Brad: So getting out the survey, in two weeks, I get the thumbs up to start seeking endorsements for the constitutional amendments so that they can be put on the ballots during elections. I could hand out the surveys then. I would love to have more assembly members out there in the quarry talking to students and having some way to fill out the survey. For the email, we could go to the campus directory and copy paste all those emails. Class raps are good as well as Facebook and social media.

Shubhankar: When it comes to getting feedback from the survey, I feel like we should incentivize people and we could either give everyone something, or if you complete the survey you can get entered into a raffle.

Aykezar: I know that sometimes when surveys are going on, you can get free study materials at the student union.

Kartik: If there were survey stations in different parts of the campus that would be good too.

Art: It might be ideal for this survey to be anonymous as opposed to something that SUA would want to hear.

Andrew: **Motion to extend by 10 minutes.**

Michael: **Second.**

Colin: **Objection.**

Vote to extend by 10 minutes:

In favor: 1 | Opposed: 19 | Abstentions: 5

Justin: **Motion fails,** no extension of time.

Brad: Whens the next committee meeting?

Shubhankar: Based on what you want we can make more specific meetings.

*Sponsorship request for Holi:*

Israel: I am here to request funding or Holi, this is the Indian spring celebration and I am working with the ISA and TKE to put on this event. Last year was the first time it was put on, and at the end of the year it was the second largest event to Edge of Eden. It is a spring celebration to celebrate differences and indulging fun. It is a very fun event we’re anticipating it to be twice as big this year, our budget has been adjusted to account for that and it is mostly the same except for the color powder and the sunglasses. Total is $13575, we have secured $1000 from TKE and ISA each and $500 from myself, I am asking $2500 from the Sponsorship fund.
The date we have set is April 3rd and that is a Friday on the East field. So as you can see it was a very large event, we are getting the same DJ, who is a Bollywood fusion dance DJ, we’re working on negotiating his price right now.

Suini: What time?

Israel: Still working on it, last year it was 2 or 3.

Art: How much money was donated to charity?

Israel: 1400. Since it is a far larger budget this year, we are going to be working on getting funding from different sources, we might be charging a small fee to get in. We will be donating the charity to Jaipur fund which creates legs for people in India who have lost their legs to unrecovered mines. What is unique is that they allow you to bend your knee which is very important for prayer rituals.

Art: How much money is left in sponsorship?
Justin: $6800.

**Closing remarks from Presiding Officer:**

Justin: SOFA meeting tomorrow at 4362 at 8 PM.