SUA Minutes 2/3/2015

Assembly Members Present: Art Motta (MEChA), Haedyn Christie (QSU), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Yang Kong (Cowell), Seamus Howard (Cowell), Colin Hortman (Stevenson), Kyra Brandt (Stevenson), Andrew Paolini (Crown), Alternate Saalini (Crown), Aykezar Adil (Crown), Chandler Moeller (Merrill), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill), Serene Jneid (Porter), Gul Taneri (Kresge), Suini Torres (Oakes), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Roshni Advani (Eight), Ray Inoue (Eight), Eric Yuan (Eight), Sam Shaw (Nine), Lance McNeil (Nine), Shubhankar Sharan (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Vanessa Sadsad (Ten), Brad Mleynek (OD), Max Hufft (CoAA), Israel Molina (CoD), Kaysi Wheeler (IVC), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

Assembly Members Absent: Nazareth Velazco (SANAI), Ricardo Sainz (Stevenson), Michael Markson (Crown), Kartik Ashok (Merrill), Dylan Quitiquit Hoffman (Porter), Adham Taman (Porter), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Daniel Iglesias (Ten), Louise Cabansay (EVC).

Approval of Agenda:

Shubhankar: Motion to add 15 minutes to talk about survey questions after funding requests.

Sam: Second.

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

Colin: Motion to approve.

Vanessa: Second.

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

Reading of the Previous Meetings Minutes:

Colin: Motion to approve.

Vanessa: Second.

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

Concurrence Items:

Matchbox Magazine (Requested $1000, SOFA recommends $900)

Art: Objection.

Muslim Student Association: (Request $400, SOFA recommends $400)

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.
Colleges Against Cancer (Request $1500, SOFA recommends $1250)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

Theta Pi Sigma (Requested $600, SOFA recommends $600)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

Fish Rap Live! (Request $581.60, SOFA recommends $581.60)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

Surf Team (Request $1404.61, SOFA recommends $700)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

Scientific Slug (Request $1500, SOFA recommends $1250)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

UCSC Circus Slugs (Request $1550, SOFA recommends $700)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

Brain Mind and Consciousness Society (Request $3000, SOFA recommends $1500)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

Chinese Student Association (Request $801, SOFA recommends $801)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

Japanese Student Association (Request $300, SOFA recommends $300)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

Korean American Student Association (Request $900, SOFA recommends $745.40)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

American Red Cross Club (Request $300, SOFA recommends $0)
Colin: Objection.

Delta Sigma Theta (Request $2000 SOFA recommends $1300)
Brad: Objection.

Vietnamese Student Association (Request $1200, SOFA recommends $1000)
Ray: Objection.

Mock Trial (Request $1000, SOFA recommends $500)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

National Society of Black Engineers (Request $8000, SOFA recommends $3000, with recommendation that they find more cost effective transportation)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

Tangroupe (Request $400, SOFA recommends $400)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

African Student Union (Request $427, SOFA recommends $427)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

Haluan (Request $645, SOFA recommends $645)
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, assembly concurs.

Announcements:

Shubhankar: I have an update on the UCSC app. Things are moving a lot quicker. We are looking at designs and looking for a prototype by the end of this week and we are working on it with a couple students who actually reached out to us. I have a folder on the drive of the UCSC app. Take a look, any feedback appreciated.

Suini: For SUA logo, we have flyers we are putting up around campus and we have the bus stops covered. We have decided for the due date to be Friday Feb 20th. Just take a look, encourage others to draw something.

Chandler: Me and a few other people are making an app, and we already have the dining port done.

Brad: So an email was sent out last week about the campus clean-up day, we will be having an organizing forum next Monday Feb 9th from 730-830 at Merrill cultural center, we will have different subcommittees that people can join. So if you are interested in getting involved, this is a great opportunity to get some hands on experience and do some programming, there will be pizza.

Justin: Associate Elections Commissioner is up on the ER system under ER number 6430, but not the elections commissioner. Donna Blitzer, the director of government relations, and various other orgs on campus and within the community have sent a letter to the First Lady Michelle
Obama asking her to visit Santa Cruz county and/or UCSC. I have also been contacted by Howard Heevner who wants to have a slug parade downtown Santa Cruz next October.

Art: Last year I was a rep for Porter College and this body was able to allocate $10000 to a Ivan Mercado memorial fund. Ivan was a transfer student last year and Feb 11th will be the one year mark when he passed away. We were able to fund a scholarship fund of a total of $20000 for students across the university. This scholarship may be going out next quarter. There will be stipulations for this, but any student who is involved in any community will be eligible. Thank you for this body.

Brad: At the end of this quarter, Crown will be hosting its annual social fiction conference march 7th and 8th and on the 6th one of the RAs and main organizers of this conference is having an art gallery and is searching for artists to display their work. If you want more info I can have the email contact on the minutes. Contact Anissa at abenabba@ucsc.edu for more information.

Haedyn: This Friday at the Oakes upper lawn at 630, there is a Trans memorial vigil, it is being put on by Blender and the Queer Trans People of Color group.

Vanessa: I want to invite other people to the Blueprint LSAT event and they will be catering with Chipotle. It will be a J. Baskin 152 on February 26th at 9.

Funding Requests:

Blender Presentation:

Vanessa: Motion to move this item after Holi Festival sponsorship request deliberation.

Shubhankar: Second.

Vanessa: I rescind my motion.

Blender: We are here today to request for our attendance at the Trans Asterisk Conference. We will be taking a contingent down to UC riverside. It is about a 3 day commitment and we are expecting 24 people. We are also working with the Cantu Queer center, we are asking for funding for the registration fee and transportation, and we will be asking for food money and accommodations. Hopefully we won’t have to charge students for this. Total amount is 6500, that’s three days with vehicles and gas. That is 8 meals in total and one meal provided by the conference. There are a lot of reasons why our community here and the contingent at the conference could benefit from this, there is going to be a large network there and a large trans community. This is a rare opportunity for trans students to connect with others, where we could address issues that affect the trans community. We are planning on meeting with other trans leaders across the country and talking about issues that affect trans students on campus. What we are hoping to gain from this is to be able to address these issues, like gender neutral bathrooms, and most often trans students live in hostile situations. By coming to this conference we will be
gaining an understanding of trans issues and have an idea of how to deal with these issues on campus. We are asking $3000.

Lyle: Are you asking for money from the Cantu Queer Center?

Blender: We are leading a contingent to the event and we are working with the Cantu Queer Center. We are also working with the Women’s Center as well.

Suini: When is the last day to apply?

Blender: Feb 6th

Vanessa: Does the $3000 contribute to the total budget or is it another allocation?

Blender: It is part of it, we have priorities for what we are going to allocate this money for, first is housing, then transportation and finally registration fees and food. We will have to charge participants for the registration fee if we do not have enough. We are asking for money from all the colleges except Crown and Colleges 9/10, 9/10 because they don’t fund this kind of conference and Crown because the deadline passed in the beginning of January.

Brad: There should be a link on the crown student senate page, and if you submit that by Friday at 4 PM, you can get on the agenda.

Shubhankar: I’m the college nine chair and we would love to hear your funding request. Vanessa: From College Ten we would also like to extend our hand in this as well. Blender: We also went to QSU and they had no funding to give us as well.

Roy: Are there 24 students going or is that what you’re budgeting for?

Blender: We are still accepting submissions and we have about 16 right now.

**Holi Deliberation:**

Roshni: Reserve my right to make a motion, how much are we funding?

Israel: $2500.

Roshni: Motion to fund Holi $2500.

Suini: **Objection.** I’m not opposed but there is a lack of education and last year it was more of a party than an educational event.

Israel: We are actually working a lot on having education at this and on top of that we want to make a QR code on the flyers and banners that will have more information about the event and
history. I am also working with ISA to integrate this better. We are hoping to maybe include a performance in there.

Andrew: Crown has had some of the same reservations.

Roshni: Call to question.

Seamus: **Second.**

Vanessa: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: 16 | Opposed: 8 | Abstentions: 4. **call to question passes.**

Vote on sponsorship:

In favor: 26 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 2, **funded $2500.**

**Survey Questions:**

Shubhankar: Brad contributed a lot of questions last night and I just want to see how y’all feel about this and hopefully we can get this out by tonight. [Reads survey questions]

Vanessa: Suggestion to put e.g, regarding what type of conference because I don’t think people would know what these things are. In addition, is there any way we could have an example of the SUA budget in a public space so that people know where the money is going in the first place?

Justin: If you want to have a bird’s eye view budget of what specific categories money is going to, I can have Francesca get something together like that.

Colin: Are you going to cut off the survey if they don’t know what SUA is in the first place?

Shubhankar: I would like them to even if they don’t know us to give us their input on where they would like resources to go.

Colin: In addition, how much did SUA prioritize them, maybe how would you prioritize students would be a better question.

Jose: Two things, the first one, my recommendation is to not put SLC, and my question is how are we going to encourage students to take this survey?

Shubhankar: We were going to give them a list of pie charts and let them choose from variations of that pie chart.

Sam: We established if you’ve heard of the SUA and if someone has interacted with you but we haven’t asked how that person interacted.
Justin: So Jose mentioned that we should expand SLC, I imagine that there will be a lot of people who don’t know what USSA and UCSA are so we should probably spell out all acronyms.

Art: In the interaction question, I think it would be great to have an open ended option for this question. Most of these are close ended questions and I think open ended questions would be better.

Seamus: We can modify number 5 and maybe have an expansion to let people explain themselves.

**SOFA Re-Considerations**

**Matchbox Magazine**

Justin: They requested $1000, SOFA recommended $900.

Max: **Call to question.**

Roshni: **Second.**

Vote to fund Matchbox Magazine $900

In favor: 28 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 0, **funding Matchbox $900.**

**Red Cross Club**

Justin: They asked for $300, SOFA recommended $0.

Alexandra: SOFA recommended this because the CPR training would only be offered to members and not the wider public and we already have classes at OPERS for CPR for about $10.

Jose: I can’t find anything on the OPERS page for the pricing of the classes and I am still unsure of where the $10 came from.

Lance: Even taking that into account, when looking at the American Red Cross, they were charging $90 if they were going to have any student outside of the org and any student who was eligible for the class had to do service hours to get access to this kind of service.

Justin: I went and looked on the rec website and they do have some CPR class offerings and they are all $56.

Serene: I was wondering if it was $56 if you have a student ID card or if you’re using the gym.

Lance: Even looking at $56, it’s still cheaper than $90 per student.

Andrew: One of the complaints was that this event was going to be exclusive to the club members, but then in the SOFA minutes, the Red Cross Club said “We are trying to open this to
the community as well”, I don’t understand exactly what that meant, maybe the minutes were abbreviated because they couldn’t get it all down, because I don’t know what exactly happened and if that’s exactly what was said.

Lance: So I guess when they said they were trying, that’s when the price comes in for the students to get all the funds, but that doesn’t necessarily mean that the service hours will account for the price, and this shows that their priority is members.

Jose: One thing is that this club is that it is open to anyone on campus.

Roshni: Call to question.

Seamus: Second.

Vote to fund $0:

In favor: 19 | Opposed: 4 | Abstentions: 5, funding $0.

Delta Sigma Theta

Justin: They asked for $2000 and SOFA recommended $1300.

Brad: So this is a really cool event, I went to it last year and it was happening just before the Edge of Dden festival, there was music and they had a rock wall and I enjoyed walking through and talking to the members of the club and it was a really fun day. It’s also right in the middle of the Quarry. I would like to see this event grow and make this a more popular event to go to. I would suggest $2000.

Brad: Move to fund 2000.

Israel: Second. Point of inquiry, how much do we have in the budget?

Justin: The VSA requested $1200.

Israel: Rescind my second.

Kaysi: Second.

Colin: Objection. I would be a little more open if suggestions were made of where we would pull the other money.

Kaysi: I think it’d be great because it is happening on alumni weekend and the alumni association doesn’t want the students to do anything and this would be a great event for the alumni to attend and make it a larger event than it already is.

Vote on amending from $1300 to $2000.
In favor: 16 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 8, we are considering 2000 for Delta Sigma Theta.

Brad: Call to question.

Roshni: Second.

Seamus: Objection.

Vote to vote:

In favor: 5 | Opposed: 15 | Abstentions: 8, call to question fails.

Seamus: Where is the money coming from? These are all good orgs that we are funding. I don’t want to pick out one organization and that is a really tough decision.

Israel: Can we see the whole list?

Max: Reserve my right to make a motion, difference is $700, motion to fund $1300 from SOFA fund and $700 from sponsorships.

Roshni: Second.

Colin: Objection. I think that’s a great idea but I think we tried doing that last quarter and I don’t like the idea of saying that “we went over the budget, let’s dip into sponsorship”.

Andrew: We tried to dip into general fund, not sponsorships.

Brad: Motion to amend to take the extra $700 from general fund instead of sponsorship.

Roshni: Second.

Colin: Objection.

Jose: What would we use the general fund for?

Justin: General fund is unallocated money, it doesn’t have any specific purpose.

Max: Call to question.

Roshni: Second.

Vote on secondary amendment:

In favor: 27 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 2, amendment passes.

Shubhankar: I don’t like pulling money from other places when we go over budget.

Roshni: Motion to add 5 minutes.
Seamus: **Second.**

Suini: I think this would be very beneficial to the campus and it’s basically a festival, it sounds like a really good idea.

Brad: I understand that we have had to do some cuts to certain line items, but we have 20 great opportunities and I feel that $700 out of $1000 isn’t that much. We have programs coming up and if we are trying to do small events to get SUA’s name out the budget shouldn’t be that large, so I think that $700 shouldn’t be a problem.

Shubhankar: Since we are willing to use this money flexibility that we should also use more money to fund more organizations. I just want it to be fair for everyone.

Jose: **Call to question.**

Sam: **Second.**

Vote to fund Delta Sigma Theta, $1300 from Winter RSO and $700 from general fund.

In favor: 25 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 3, **Amendment passes.**

Brad: **Call to question.**

Kaysi: **Second.**

In favor: 26 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 2, **funding $1300 from Winter RSO and $700 from General Fund.**

**Vietnamese Student Association**

Justin: They requested $1200, SOFA recommended $1000.

Shubhankar: This is the only group that hasn’t received full funding, and I would suggest that we fund the full amount.

Max: I just want to know why SOFA didn’t recommend full funding.

Alexandra: It’s because $1000 is being donated to charity and it seems like that money isn’t going to the students. That doesn’t even fall into the guidelines of how student fees should be handled.

Kaysi: I know the VSA president and I know the show, the money they requested is for the show.

Shubhankar: **Motion to amend to $1200, $1000 from Winter RSO and $200 from General fund.**

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

Vote to fund VSA $1000 from winter RSO and $200 from general fund:

In favor: 24 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 4, **we are funding the VSA $1200.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**