SUA Meeting 2/10/2015

Assembly Members Present: Art Motta (MEChA), Haedyn Christie (QSU), Nazareth Velazco (SANAi), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Yang Kong (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), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Gul Taneri (Kresge), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Suini Torres (Oakes), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Roshni Advani (Eight), Ray Inoue (Eight), Eric Yuan (Eight), Lance McNeil (Nine), Shubhankar Sharan (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Daniel Iglesias (Ten), Vanessa Sadsad (Ten), Brad Mleynek (OD), Max Hufft (CoAA), Israel Molina (CoD), Louise Cabansay (EVC), Kaysi Wheeler (IVC), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

Assembly Members Absent: Seamus Howard (Cowell), Ricardo Sainz (Stevenson), Serene Jneid (Porter), Adham Taman (Porter), Sam Shaw (Nine).

Approval of the Agenda:

Kaysi: Motion to amend to add 10 minutes after the SUGB presentation to present resolution on behalf of SUGB.

Max: 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 Previous Meetings Minutes:

Colin: Motion to approve.

Roshni: Second.

Michael: Objection. Motion to change Selini to Saalini.

[No Second]

Lance: Motion to approve.

Roshni: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.
Announcements:
Andrew: I’ve been working on SUA survey, it’s almost finalized, going to be holding a meeting to discuss how to get out to the student body. We are trying to have a meeting next week so please sign up.

Israel: There is also the student panel from 12-1:30 PM at Stevenson Fireside Lounge and also a multicultural career conference Sat Jan 28th at Stevenson Event Center and Pachanga and this is a concert that they put on together at the Porter Dining hall on March 7th at 8PM.

Suini: For the SUA logo we are still accepting submissions. You can submit at suaod@ucsc.edu.

Ayke: Crown and Merrill are having their annual semi-formal on Feb 27th and ticket sales are tomorrow $2 for crown Merrill $3 for all other students, all proceeds will go to three charities. Please come out!

Dylan: Chancellor Blumenthal is going to be speaking at porter senate on Thursday and I think that it might be limited attendance to Porter and Kresge affiliates due to what happened last time he spoke at a student government thing. Also over the weekend students from UCSC and UCB and a delegate from UC Davis met at the UAW office to discuss the 96 hours of action and the result of the meeting is that the three campuses decided to take up that call and raise hell on campus.

Louise: We will be releasing the SLC applications until March 2nd.

Kaysi: On behalf of SCOC, Oakes and Eight will be holding the outreach event next Saturday Feb21st at the OLC which is a dance and the theme is after party oscar’s dance and you can vote on who will win the awards, it’s a great time to know what SCOC is all about.

Brad: Yesterday we held our first campus clean-up day and we separated into committees. Come see me after the meeting to see if you’d be interested in joining any committee.

Vanessa: Along with the Feb 27th free Chipotle, this Wednesday at 1:30 there will be a Know your Rights workshop at Cervantes and Velasquez.

Presentations:
David Terrazas: I met with Justin and Louise last week and I feel that the city of Santa Cruz does not do enough to connect the college and the community. We would like to work with the campus in a more collaborative way. I follow stories about the tuition hikes and I know that those aren’t easy for those who have other responsibilities and for someone who has been there as a student and knows the difficulty of a student, I recognize the importance of the SUA. As a councilmember I want to assure that if there is something that we could do, I would love to help out. There was an assembly bill last year that would allow textbooks to be viewed online. I see
things like rock and roll on the knoll funding request and there are things that the city could also fund. I could help build relations between the city and the university. So I’m here to introduce myself and let you know that I am a resource for you. One of the projects that I’m interested in working on is often times after you graduate, there are not a lot of job opportunities and some of the skills you learn in college may be relevant but recently, we had a group coming into the city that was code for America and we had this programming opportunity and we could take two university students where they do a project with the city.

Andrew: I was actually raised in Santa Cruz County but I feel that housing prices are so high that they would limit people from living here. Is the city been in contact with the university about the housing situation?

David: It’s an issue for residents as well and I think one of the things we are working on is how we can provide increased housing, which does include greater density but we are looking for ways to increase housing for students and those trying to stay in Santa Cruz. We have increased the amount of housing for residents as a county. Some of the things that we have worked on are reducing the costs for development and for renting. We are addressing this through zoning rules and density and that is what we are doing in the city of Santa Cruz.

Dylan: You mentioned tuition hikes and affordability has always been an issue, can we count on you to be an ally in this fight against tuition hikes?

David: As a city we don’t control state law but what happens is that people bring forward resolutions and I would absolutely support a statement as a city to have low cost education. I would definitely bring something forward as a councilmember. I feel like our state has not kept up with the needs of university students to fund education and as a city council man and if I ask my colleagues to prioritize this it would work out.

Roshni: I know sometimes the Santa Cruz locals don’t always have the best opinions about university students, and I wanted to know what ways that students could help mediate that problem, and in addition, regarding safety, there is a lot of petty crime around the city and there is sometimes a lack of city lights and so what can students do with the city council to ensure that we are safe as well?

David: I would disagree with that first statement actually and frankly there are a lot of problem people here who are not the university. I think the university brings much more to the community than the residents here. Most of you live in town and some of you have jobs in town and so you are the part of the city, and I think that people get upset when move out day happens when they have a bunch of free couches on the corner. We need to break the negative stereotype and focus on the positive things that the university gives us. There are far more positive benefits to the City of Santa Cruz than there are negative effects. Now if there are specific issues about lighting and I know that the metro cuts off service and so you might not be able to get back home, and if it is something that you are interested in that we could work together with that.
There was an incident at natural bridges and that is a community issue that I would be glad to take on.

Lance: **Motion to extend time.**

Kaysi: **Second.**

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

Vanessa: I just want to say as a student who works off campus I appreciate your concerns about the bus system and one thing is not being able to get back on campus, so I would love to work with you on that.

David: If there is something in metro services that we can advocate we would love to do so.

Israel: There has been a lack of buses and we are overenrolled on this campus and every morning it is a guess of whether I will get on a bus to school and I know from the few conversations that we have had, metro hasn’t been very responsive so I was wondering what you could do to help us out with that.

David: If there are particular routes that aren’t being serviced, we want to make it a priority for the city as well. We need to reprioritize their resources to meet the needs to university students.

Andrew: I’m glad to hear that the city has been working on the housing issue, since there has there not been that much communication between the university and the city.

David: We could have a meeting and have the council come here at the student union or some other kind of body or have a meeting at the city council to discuss that. It’s a matter of the coordination though. There is a gap in terms of communication and if you are downtown so you might have different perspectives that aren’t being heard from the officers down there.

Ray: I wanted to bring this back to the transportation and Louise and I have worked with TAPS to work on more night owl routes and we wanted to extend the 10 because people who lived on the 10 route didn’t want noise after 6 or 7 PM. Is there anything you can do to help us with that?

David: Maybe it’s not a matter of the route but where people are trying to go. Maybe people want to go from downtown to campus.

Art: You mentioned how public safety is a huge thing that you are concerned with and I just wanted to hear your thoughts on the topic.

David: It is every meeting and it is good for people to come to the council in March, and in my opinion I think it’s that the advertising was a little over the top and I think that following the use and policy of how it’s applied would be better.
Vanessa: Is there any way you could come with someone from the metro board once these meetings started to happen?

David: I think we should have an agreement as well as what the needs are so it’s not like talking about specifics but maybe there is a package of things that I need to focus on and look at the impacts of that.

Louise: I just wanted to let everyone know that TAPS released a survey about what kinds of services you would need and I would encourage you all to circulate it to your constituents.

David: If there are no other questions I brought this about 3 years ago, you have these extra dollars you have from your dining hall, a lot of the university cards allow you to use it in the city and there are certain levels of students that have money still on their cards that live off campus. I wanted to know how y’all felt about using your campus cards off campus. I would like to see something like that happen.

**SUBG Presentation:**

SUGB: I am here to inform the campus of what is going on with the SUGB. Has anyone heard seismic retrofit? The student union buildings in the quarry are both out of compliance in terms of earthquake safety and this has been going on for two years. Two years ago when this was going on, project managers were talking about how to conduct a seismic retrofit. After some discussion and deliberation, it was assessed that the plans were not in the scope of how complicated the student union was. As of this summer, the conversation has been brought back up. SUGB has been talking with the dean of students about the seismic retrofit. These buildings need to be fixed. The conversation that I would like to have is basically that temporary relocation is the issue. We have had this conversation with the Dean of Students since September. The proposal that the Dean of Students have are to put the organizations into the Crown pit, and there are three trailers right now, one is used by Crown Res Life and SUGB has basically said that they don’t think that this is viable. This is a break down of what we have to say to the Dean of Students, and that the Crown pit is untenable and that it is not central and it is not comparable in size, it’s not accessible as well as we have had some safety concerns and SUGB does not agree that it exudes a sense of professionalism. Student union spaces are supposed to be extensive study spaces and I am coming here to ask for a resolution talk. I can bring the details of the meeting in September, we talked to the Dean of Students and in October we talked about the seismic retrofit and we discussed that the temporary location was not fit. The project manager went through this and at September there was already a proposal to SUGB. We barely had a safety measurement yesterday and we had a functionality assessment last year. However the decision for this was made a couple months ago. The current space of the Student Union is 8000 square feet whereas the place is less than a fifth of that space. If the proposal goes through the Student Union will be not as big as before. This temporary location will also be for a year and we have had construction projects that have been carrying on for a while and this could be the case here. SUGB has been
proactive by reaching out to colleges and to see what level of support we can reach. We have been sending out letters of support to be signed. This is an ongoing process and we are gathering support continuously. Also this will affect over 150 orgs, Greek life, ethnic organizations and academic organizations because soar will also be affected. If the tenable space is to be the crown space, a lot of these events will be affected.

Unknown: After the intense research that we have done, and taking measurements and functionality, the Crown pit is not going to work, there must be another option.

Gaby: I would like to add as well that many ethnic orgs feel marginalized by being put into the crown pit, and if that’s the message that UCSC wants to send then there are a lot of orgs that would not agree with that.

Shubhankar: I think that we understand that the crown pit is a terrible place. Are there any ideas for alternatives?

SUGB: Since January we have been looking for space and reaching out to the campus to see if any have spaces around campus. The Crown Library could be seen as an alternate space, another space we have been looking for is the community room at College 9/10 but it may not be enough space to house everyone and finally the building between College Eight and the College Eight bus stop but we don’t know which organization is controlling that building. Those are the spaces that we are actively looking at. There have also been conversations to possibly use the bookstore and hopefully as a permanent location spot, because the Bay Tree book store is something that you would like to see the Student Union look like.

Max: I was going to add on the resolution, and anything that says that we want it to be put into a different location altogether. I got a print out of an email recently and I noticed some rather interesting language and there was a half ending of a sentence that was almost something of a concern that it may delay retrofitting and I have some problems with threatening language like that.

SUGB: There was a letter sent to the Dean of Students where SUGB was talking about the non-negotiable and the response was that the seismic retrofit has to happen and there are repercussions to the retrofit not happening anytime soon. The response didn’t address anything about a different spot but only focused on the fact that it had to happen.

Ayke: Motion to add 5 minutes.

Max: Second.

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

Ghandi: I think it’s important to note that the bookstore operates in a $500,000 deficit and I think if that kind of operation is running I think we should condense it.
SUGB: Now that you mention that, every student is paying $90 per year which goes to the student life facility which is a part of the student union and so next year because we technically won’t have that space, the maintenance costs for that building will be flexible money for us to work with.

Dylan: First I wanna say that this whole thing is fucked up and I was wondering if it would be friendly to mention in the resolution that the bookstore should be somewhere we could relocate the Student Union.

Max: Is that student life facility the sunset one?

SUGB: The student life facility will sunset by 2017, where the student union will not be funded anymore.

**SUGB Resolution:**

SUGB: A lot of the language is from the support letters from the colleges themselves.

Kaysi: Just to put it into perspective, the Redwood Building takes up 8000 square feet but the trailers only hold 1500 square feet. So we think that it’s only fair that we get at least half of what we use already. That space holds a lot of different orgs and there are a lot of people here tonight to make sure that we are not put in the Crown pits. That includes SUA, the six officers are standing in solidarity with SUGB. Although Alma is our adviser, we are not going to be put into an alternative space while everyone else is in the Crown pits. This resolution calls for a space that is accessible, safe, functional, and professional, central and or close to bus lines, and major pathways and of comparable size. This also calls for the six officers of the SUA to draft a letter to the dean of students to stand in solidarity with the SUGB. If we do find alternatives, the orgs will be scattered around campus. And we thought that the SUA could help to support this and help to make Alma reconsider this.

Art: This is an issue that is very pertinent for students and I think for this body that wants to be more outspoken this is one of the ways that the SUA could show their support for the 150 student groups that someone suspend the bylaw so that we can pass this now.

Kaysi: In regards to this resolution, it is not of urgency although it would be great to push it, but we have until next week to debate it.

SUGB: We have also sent out letters to colleges and orgs that have supported this, and Alma and others do have an idea of the resolution and we are trying to meet with EVC Galloway and she is in full support of making sure that alternatives are found. She thinks that the bookstore is completely viable to use.
Dylan: Reserve my right to make a motion, I think we are all very knowledgeable of our constituents on the basis of what they think they would want, and if you could see a way that your college could object, please object but I motion to suspend bylaw C.10.a and C.10.b.

Brad: Second.

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

Art: Move to adopt.

Louise: Second.

Brad: Objection, there might be suggestions to add here, like something about the bookstore and getting our message clear, also since we have a lot of students here, I would like to start dialogue and throwing out suggestions of what we really want. I think we can ask for more.

Ghandi: I would recommend the bookstore and Kerr Hall as well, they have a lot of admin offices and conference rules and if they are kicking us out for a year then they can move out for a year too.

Max: Would it be germane with the space to take a five minute break to get something together that would be really spicy to put into the resolution? Move to have a five minute recess.

Justin: I’m calling a five minutes recess.

Max: Motion to extend recess by 10 minutes.

Vanessa: Second.

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

Max: Motion to add 15 minutes.

Vanessa: Second.

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

Ghandi: We have a couple of things for the whereas clauses.
Max: Whereas the students have yet to see a plan implemented to build a larger and more professional student union comparable to the one introduced in 2007/08.

Ghandi: There’s another one that says “Whereas the BayTree Bookstore operates in $500,000 deficit and can be scaled down to accommodate some student organizations”, We also have therefore clauses: “Therefore let it be resolved that the SUA and SUGB call on the University, the Dean of Students, and Executive Vice chancellor Galloway to relocate students to viable options that include but are not limited to the location of the BayTree Bookstore and offices within Kerr Hall” and then Therefore, let it be further resolved that SUA has supported SUGB's governance and demands that SUGB remains the sole governance body over the redwood buildings throughout the renovation period and in the future.”

Colin: **Motion to amend those into the resolution.**

Jose: **Second.**

Kaysi: **Objection.** Motion to change in the first therefore the “relocate students to viable options”, that should be “relocate students and organizations”

Vanessa: **Second.**

Max: **I want to add an amendment to the final therefore clause, it would read “Therefore let it finally be resolved that the six officers of the Student Union Assembly shall draft a letter no later than February 28th”**.

Oscar: The reason I say 28th is because the deadline for the release of the trailers is March 1st. By then we should reach a decision with the students.

Max: The rest of that clause will stay the same.

Dylan: **Second.**

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

Max: I would put both therefore clauses in the order they are listed here after the first one. And the two whereas clauses I would put them right after the square footage one.

Sally: In regards to what Kaysi was saying, would that go under the last phrase, when it says some student orgs, does that mean the five ethnic orgs, or what are we talking about?

Kaysi: SUGB was thinking that SOAR and E squared would share the space, and to not remove them so far off from where they are originally. All the other tenants would have to be spread out over campus however the second floor of the Bay Tree could be used as well.

Sally: Who would be in charge of determining which orgs get that space?
Oscar: We’ve only done research towards the second floor, which comes out to 5000 square feet and if we use the first floor that would be more than enough as well.

Max: **Acclimation.**

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

Alexandra: **Motion to add more whereas clauses after the fourth whereas clause.**

Justin: The whereas clauses will be inputted as: (1) Whereas moving these facilities to a remote area will further decentralize the campus (2) Whereas the SUA and SUGB believe that making these spaces/resources less accessible to students will lower retention rates of students.

Max: **Second.**

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

Vanessa: I would like to amend this resolution by adding the marginalized notion with the previous amendments from Alexandra in the 7th whereas clause.

Oscar: If we could get rid of the “some” student organizations because we want to support all groups.

Brad: **Motion to remove “some student organizations” to “tenants of the SUGB”.**

Art: **Second.**

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

Max: **Motion to amend and put that after the third whereas clause. “Whereas moving the tenants of the SUGB marginalizes students and orgs which utilize the services available in the spaces”**

Ayke: **Second.**

Kaysi: **Objection.** Could we move that to the original whereas clause that Alexandra made where it says “moving these facilities to a remote area will further decentralize the campus”.

Max: **Rescind motion.**

Kaysi: **Motion to extend by five minutes.**

Alexandra: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**
Max: Motion to amend the whereas clause that states moving these facilities to a remote area will further decentralize the campus to “whereas moving these facilities to a remote area will further decentralize the campus, and marginalizes students and organizations which uses the available services in those spaces”

Michael: Second.

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

Max: Motion to roll call vote.

Kaysi: Second.

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

Art Motta (MEChA) Yes, Haedyn Christie (QSU) Yes, Jose Cadenas (Cowell) Yes, Yang Kong (Cowell) Yes, Alternate Imari Reynolds (Cowell) Yes, Alternate Roy (Stevenson) Yes, Colin Hortman (Stevenson) Yes, Kyra Brandt (Stevenson) Yes, Andrew Paolini (Crown) Yes, Michael Markson (Crown) Yes, Aykezar Adil (Crown) Yes, Chandler Moeller (Merrill) Yes, Kartik Ashok (Merrill) Yes, Alexandra Kasper (Merrill) Yes, Alternate Roxanna (Porter) Yes, Dylan Quitiquit Hoffman (Porter) Yes, Winnie Sidhu (Kresge) Yes, Gul Taneri (Kresge) Yes, Jackie Roger (Kresge) Yes, Suini Torres (Oakes) Yes, Kiana Coleman (Oakes) Yes, Tamra Owens (Oakes) Yes, Roshni Advani (Eight) Yes, Ray Inoue (Eight) Yes, Eric Yuan (Eight) Yes, Lance McNeil (Nine) Yes, Shubhankar Sharan (Nine) Yes, Ramneet Bajwa (Ten) Yes, Daniel Iglesias (Ten) Yes, Vanessa Sadsad (Ten) Yes, Brad Mleynek (OD) Yes, Max Hufft (CoAA) Yes, Israel Molina (CoD) Yes, Louise Cabansay (EVC) Yes, Kaysi Wheeler (IVC) Yes.

In favor: 35 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 0, resolution is adopted.

Max: Motion to recess five minutes.

Justin: Seeing no second, motion dies.

Max: Motion to move all funding requests to before new business.

Andrew: Second.

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

Kaysi: Can we all recognize that this is a big deal for all orgs and SUA and I would like to thank everyone for coming out to this meeting and being a part of it.

Funding Requests:

Rock and the roll funding request:
Rock and Roll on the Knoll: What we are imagining this year is to see this on a much larger scale. Our anticipated turnout is 1200. We opened our applications a few weeks ago and we have 20 musicians who have applied. We want dozens of art installations and we want to invite those kinds of artists to present there. We are taking all precautions that we can to make sure this is safe and fun for students. A few of the ways we are planning for students to be safe is that when night falls it will be dark out and we will have police there from 7-10, and in addition, we are also having a medical booth there which is all student staffed which is a new organization on campus and they will be providing basic first aid and there will be EMTs there as well. The most money is for the stage, the generators and art supplies. One of the art projects is for everyone to integrate social justice, diversity and community and one was that we are doing that is having an express yourself section. We will be having canvas sheets as well. We are having sanitary stuff and food as well. We will be asking security from the dean of students. We are also asking for money for unexpected costs. We are also trying to have lights for the dark, water will be available and promotion like flyers, and medical supplies and tech crew which will be 15/h. overall it comes out to 6450. Our student council already allocates 2000 and we just received a scholarship from a family who’s student passed away a few years ago for 2000. We are asking for 1500.

Kaysi: **Motion to extend by 5 minutes.**

Roshni: **Second.**

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

*Violence Prevention Convention Sponsorship Request:*

SAFE and SHOP and External affairs is hosting this convention apr 23 and we will be circulating information about sexual violence and abuse information. On apr 23rd, there will be a convetino at the porter dining hall and we will be inviting laci green who is going to be a keynote speaker. The venue fee is 150 a day and the tech crew will be 90, promo will be flyering which is 80 and we will be inviting a local slam poet which will be 350, we are anticipating 375 students and the total of this event is 895. What SAFE thought would be good for this year is if we could record this around campus and downtown so that students could relate to this topic better and just knowing that these resources exist would be nice for students. The dean of students actually funded this part completely. We are asking SUA for 200 to cover the rest of the costs. We are also waiting for other colleges. We are asking for 95.

Kaysi: Are you still waiting to hear back from anyone else?

Ghandi: We haven’t presented at Oakes or gotten on the agenda for Porter and Kresge.

Vanessa: **Motion to fully sponsor 95 out of sponsorship funding.**

Roshni: **Second.**
Jose: **Objection.** I think that they should go to all the colleges and as a Cowell rep I am insulted that they have not come to our senate and I feel that the colleges are more than willing to fund this.

Roshni: **Call to question.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

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

In favor: 24 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 7, **fund this 95.**

*Trans asterisk conference sponsorship request:*

Andrew: I like this event and I would suggest 2000.

Shubhankar: I think we should fund this as much as possible and I think that it is awesome that we are funding something more of a legislative conference and a student group instead.

Lila: While student council really supported the idea of this event, we felt that there would be more things on campus that would be more impactful but we still wanted to show our support and at least partially fund.

Colin: With that said, the kind of feel that I could was similar to Lila and that we should partially fund and I was thinking that the registration and half the transportation amount, which would be around 800.

Brad: I’m always opposed to thinking about other programs coming up and that we should save our money, we should be looking at these as individual events and what this individual event means to students. I’m in support to fully fund.

Justin: We have 4205 in sponsorship.

Haedyn: So last meeting I made an announcement about a trans vigil that happened Friday night and there was a lot of call to action and don’t think its necessarily fair to think about what things could affect the campus more. Trans students feel they have not received enough acceptance from this university of home, and this group went to QSU for funding and this is something that the IVC has been struggling with, and I would like to see that because we are supposed to represent the students on this campus, the funding group that was most connected to this org has been denied funding.

Michael: Reserve my right to make a motion, I do think that it is a good event to be funding and I don’t think that its fair to say that there are other events that might impact more, and it should be looked upon its own merit. **Motion to fund 2200.**

Roshni: **Second.**
Kaysi: **Objection.** I just want to say that this is a very important event that we should support, they don’t feel very supported on campus and it is in two weeks and I feel that they probably really need the funding. I would like to fund the transportation, registration and hotel, which is enough and a little bit more. In terms of food they can find funding or they can pay for it themselves.

Israel: I just want to echo what Haedyn and what Kaysi said. There have been a lot of issues with QSUs funding and I think that this is a great way for SUA to step in and say that these students matter and this is important to the students. Trans students don’t see a lot of representation on campus in faculty, admin or anywhere on campus. I think we need to fully fund this event.

Vanessa: Echoing that this is a well needed conference that is being held at UCR and some new students can meet and get that extra outlet that they are not receiving here, that could contribute to a larger community that we could foster here. I would like to move to fund the 3344 for the three line items that Kaysi mentioned. With a stipulation that it is spent on the first three line items.

Lance: **Second.**

Colin: **Objection.** The body that I am representing has asked me to move on and I think that these conferences should be supported just because the sponsorship was created for non-RSOs. I was going to motion to make it 900.

Israel: Blender is a non-RSO.

Colin: I thought that the sponsorship fund was for non RSOs and seeing as we gave 900 to each RSO, that we should give blender 900 too.

Brad: RSOs have more resources to get more money, but non-RSOs don’t have that many resources, and that is one of the big reasons that the SUA moved to fund the non-RSOs.

Alexandra: Every time I look at a funding request I look at how widely and deeply it is felt. This conference is a deep issue and it would be a really good thing to fund. This conference is one of those times where they can feel comfortable in a space to make other trans students feel more comfortable on campus. This is a really important thing for us to contribute to. I am in favor of funding 3344.

Max: **Motion to extend 5 minutes.**

Kaysi: **Second.**

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

Lila: I was in that meeting too and although we were questioning the food, now that we have a stipulation that it will be spent on the first three line items, I think that as a Stevenson rep that we
should absolutely fund this conference. Having a roommate who is transphobic is a very difficult thing to go through and this conference would be huge for them.

Roshni: Call to question.

Kaysi: Second.

Roy: Objection.

Vote to vote:
In favor: 30 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 1, call to question passes.

Vote on amendment to make 2200 to 3344 with stipulation it go to the first 3 line items
In favor: 27 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 3, amendment passes.

Vote to fund blender 3344:
Andrew: I think that we should look at each event based on its own merit since we have a limited amount of money.

Michael: I do not like the stipulation that it will only go to the three line items.

Kaysi: The only reason I thought it would be okay to do that is because you are responsible for paying for your own food, and the money that we use for sponsorship is to make sure that they get there.

Kaysi: Motion to extend by five minutes.

Jose: Second.

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

Roshni: Call to question.

Max: Second.

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

Vote to fund blender 3344

In favor: 28 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 1, funding blender 3344 with stipulation of first three line items.

Discussion of campaign elections period:

Justin: On the board is the campus elections timeline, what I want to call particular attention to is the voting date start on May 12 and end of May 18th. That voting is done online. SUA needs to
decide how long we want candidates to campaign. Last year it was two weeks the year before it was a month. This way we can decide what the rule is going to be. We can have a discussion now and bring it back, whatever you all would like.

Brad: I thought last year’s campaign was good, I think two weeks is fine and I think that during the middle of the quarter is exhausting and I think two weeks is fine. I think we should worry about what that campaigning is instead.

Vanessa: I think there should be no limit for campaigning and my only exception is anything abusive.

Justin: The elections bylaws have to be eligible before campaigning.

Louise: I’m going to speak from my own experience, it was very difficult to meet with many orgs especially if you are running by yourself. I would like to see another week for seeing orgs.

Kaysi: For me personally it was already enough time by the time week 2 came around and I feel like if we extend it for a longer period of time that we suggest that we remove slates in generally just because its difficult to compete against a slate which gets a lot more funding and I think that everyone should just run independently and run on their own platforms. In my opinion two weeks is already long enough and I would only like to see it extended if all candidates ran independently.

Colin: What is the difference between a slate and independent?

Lila: Every candidate can either run together or run by themselves and they can campaign to students that way, but in the students eyes they are slates and independent.

Kaysi: In the past its always been two slates running against each other and last year it was just slugs united and independents, one chose to put together their resources where the independents had to work alone.

Israel: I was going to ask if we ever had a discussion of what constitutes campaigning.

Justin: Our bylaws do provide some definition of campaigning but it is not very clear.

Max: I’ve ran in a three week campaigning and two week. The two and one campaign period was exhausting and I’m just considering the weight of this on candidates and there are times where there are so many orgs that you can meet with that you can’t meet with them all. I am very supportive of the two week and you can’t reach every single person on campus as you’d like and its up to the candidate for where the priorities are. Also can we keep voting on time?

Vanessa: I recognize Louise’s point in terms of not having enough resources with other students, I would like to eliminate campaigning for the week of voting and to extend the campaigning prior to that period. I would like to get a clearer stance for this for everyone.
Alexandra: When does this need to be finalized?

Justin: We are going to be bringing in candidates for elections commissioner and associate elections commissioner and they are responsible for making the elections packet and they need to get that in 21 days before the campaign period starts.

Alexandra: Is it possible to get an ad hoc committee for this because I think there are going to be a lot of discussion for this and I think it is important of having a set idea of what we want. I feel like these are discussions that need to be had one on one.

Vanessa: Does whatever the elections commissioners go? Or do they bring it back here?

Justin: There are specific procedure for the elections commissioner once its been formed, they are only allowed to make new rules after the packet Is turned in.

Vanessa: Would the ad hoc committee follow the elections commissioners or would the elections commissioner listen to SUA?

The commission reserves the right of power to establish rules, in addition to the those outlined in the code such that it provides transparency and opportunity for all SUA candidates. Upon approval of such rules, the SUA elections commissioner must submit these to the assembly, provide valid reasoning within 24 hours. The assembly may overturn these rules and after the petition for candidacy is due, the commission shall institute no new rules. In terms of this assembly establishing rules that is something that we can do.

Vanessa: So the body would be able to oversee the ad hoc committee and the elections commissioner?

Justin: Yes.

Jose: Reserve my right to make a motion. I think that elections is a very difficult process but I also think that we should reserve more time for it and I motion to table this to next week.

Roshni: Second.

Vanessa: If there is a committee do they have to waive their right to run?

Justin: Members of the elections commission do have to waive their right to be candidates, but for the ad hoc committee that is up to the assembly.

Lila: Objection.

Vote to table:

In favor: 19 | Opposed: 8 | Abstentions: 3, tabled to next week.
Closing remarks:

Justin: We need to clean up this room, and we need to bring the round tables in here again.