Assembly Members Present: Art Motta (MEChA), Haedyn Christie (QSU), Nazareth Velazco (SANAI), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Yang Kong (Cowell), Seamus Howard (Cowell), Colin Hortman (Stevenson), Kyra Brandt (Stevenson), Roy Petito (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), Serene Jneid (Porter), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Alternate Shannon (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), 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: Ricardo Sainz (Stevenson), Gul Taneri (Kresge).

Approval of the Agenda:

Brad: Move to amend the allotted time for the elections commissioner and associate elections commissioner to an hour each, which would put us at ending the meeting at 11:30. This meeting has been called the annual midnight meeting. We should extend time now.

Chandler: Second.

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

Colin: Motion to approve.

Chandler: Second.

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

Reading of the Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

Adham: Move to approve minutes.

Chandler: Second.

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

Announcements:

Andrew: We had a meeting about the SUA survey last week Thursday, there will be another one this Thursday at 5PM, and I will be sending out email reminders. This will be at the SUA office.
Justin: Downstairs is a deconstructing Ferguson event and I have a flyer here. One of the events is Friday March 6th from 5-8 PM at the Oakes Learning Center called Resisting State Violence in California Student Speak Outs and Panel Discussions. The other event is on Saturday March 7th at 10 AM, its in the resource center for nonviolence which is on Ocean Street, and that event is Poetic Imaginers Against Violence.

Nazareth: The Student Environmental Center is has Earth Summit and they are accepting proposals for artists and I’m going to pass around that information.

Andrew: Crown and Merrill are having a dance called the Red Carpet Affair at the Crown/Merrill Cultural Center until 9:30. Tickets can be bought at the Crown/Merrill dining hall, $3 for non Crown/Merrill people and $5 at the door.

Louise: SLC applications have been extended until March 4th, and we are still waiting for a campus wide email to be sent out and be sent out soon, tomorrow we will be having an info session for the SLC application, at the Muwekma Ohlone Conference room tomorrow at 7.

Brad: Crown college is having the annual social fiction conference and its really cool, its going to be happening March 5th through March 7th, on March 5th at 8PM there will be a movie showing and pizza will be served, on Friday there will be social fiction conference inside the crown Merrill dining hall. At midnight there will be a screening of Robocop at the del mar and on Saturday mar 7th there will be more panels and discussions and keynote speakers.

Max: So we are in the middle of the CLASS survey we are about 10%, please tell people about the survey we need more people and hopefully we will be getting more people taking that soon.

Dylan: Friday is the privatized minds art show at the art bar, just a reminder it is a free event, it’s gonna be great, come out Friday night. Starting Monday the 96 hours of action will be taking place, going on until Thursday and there will be several rallies going on and by my understanding, they are going to march off to different actions, but I would like to call on all the reps and officers to get out there and be a part of it. If we are gonna be good reps to the students we gotta be part of this.

Brad: Campus Cleanup day we will be having another meeting next Monday at 7PM in the SUA office. We will be going over the things that we already talked on but also doing more concrete planning and finalizing budget. Get involved!

Suini: The SUA logo contest is still going on until the end of the quarter.

Vanessa: I wanted to remind the assembly there will be the course blueprint event and the week after the same organization is holding a law admissions panel featuring admissions representatives from McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific and then Golden Gate Law as well.
Kaysi: The FSA is putting on a dance and all tickets are $5 all proceeds go to a fundraiser for $5000 to build a school in the Philippines so that children can get education, so if you want to buy a ticket talk to me and spread the word.

Justin: There was talk about people from SUA going to events that we have funded, and this past weekend there was a unity showcase put on by the FSA, and several organizations that we funded performed there like Tangroupe, Cruz Steppahs, and Haluan, and they were all very great.

Brad: The CSA’s banquet will be going on in the Porter Dining Hall this weekend.

**Referendum Sponsorship Deliberations:**

Cruz Care:

Justin: Sponsorships require 2/3rds vote to pass.

Seamus: I would like to say that no matter how I feel about this, I don’t think it is up to us to see if it will pass or not, so we should just put it on the ballot.

Max: I think students should have the right to just vote on all of the them, and I don’t see any of these just building a bridge to nowhere and I still think that all students should have a chance to vote.

Shub: **Motion to sponsor.**

Chandler: **Second.**

Roshni: **Objection.** College Eight was against it, **call to question.**

Chandler: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **call to question passes.**

Vote to sponsor this referendum:

In favor: 27 | Opposed: 6 | Abstentions: 4, **sponsorship passes.**

**OPERS Athletics Fee:**

Colin: Stevenson wanted to see students vote on it, and although a lot of them didn’t really like the fee, I convinced them that campaigning against it would work out and they also believed that they should just let students vote on it and put it on the ballot.

Shub: We would like the OPERS athletics to stress that they have exhausted all other forms of fundraising. **Motion to sponsor.**
Chandler: **Second.**

Adham: **Objection.** Porter could not see us sponsoring this at all, **call to question.**

Chandler: **Second.**

Dylan: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: 11 |Opposed: 17 | Abstentions: 8, **call to question fails.**

Dylan: I really don’t want us to get carried away with the rhetoric that we just need the voters to decide on this and that we need to put it on the ballot anyway. This referenda uses a lot of rhetoric that they are supporting student athletes, but what I see here is a way for admin to exploit sports students to raise more donations from others, and that is the plan for what the funding is going to. I also don’t think that the students ought to be funding an admin cash cow and I think we ought to not sponsor this because the way that this rhetoric is being proposed is misleading since it is leading the voters away from how the admin is looking at the referendum.

Kartik: I just want to say that this cost is a ridiculous increase, and this university is primarily an academic university and students should not be paying athletics such high fees to subsidize student athletes when this is something that the university should be paying for.

Roshni: Reserve my right to make a motion, I think College Eight wasn’t in support as a whole but **I motion to remove the annual inflation with respect to the consumer price index.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Shub: **Objection.**

Roshni: **Call to question.**

Chandler: **Second.**

Roshni: **Withdraw my call to question.**

Alexandra: I imagine that some people may say that we need the inflation costs because they will always go up, but I was at a meeting for the Council of Student Fees and I actually talked to students from other universities about inflationary costs and how they felt about it and generally what people believe is that these things should only be there that is vital to the operations of the university. In addition, the inflation is very dangerous for students.

Ray: I agree with Alexandra, the 5% may increase fees and one of the main points was that there was no sunset clause and there isn’t a thing that says this stops now and it just keeps going.
Roshni: **Motion to extend time by 5 minutes.**

Chandler: **Second.**

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

Andrew: I was gonna say that with this debate and people talking about how we should let students vote on it, I agree that we should think about our own opinion and we shouldn’t just pass anything and to an extend that people here are more informed about these things.

Brad: **Call to question.**

Michael: **Second.**

Vote on Amendment:

In favor: 25 | Opposed: 8 | Abstentions: 3, **amendment passes.**

Adham: I know that the person who came here wanted to be in division 2 so that we can have more attention being brought to our school, but personally if athletics department just ceased to exist, Porter College would be very happy.

Max: Most of this fee is going towards division 3 travel and we are in division 3 right now and whether this fee passes, nothing’s going to change and the reason that this is being formed is because Allison and some other high admin decided that they weren’t going to fund division 3 sports and the athletics team just realized they needed more money. They were wondering what to do now, and to cut sports out of this school completely is a horrible idea. Even if its for really shitty schools at the end of I think it’s important for our students to compete against something and we have really great athletes here because our school is very academically driven. They aren’t here for the sports, they came here for the majors. I think that to be fair I want those people to vote on that referenda and personally I’m going to vote no because I don’t want to pay this fee but I know that there are people on this campus who want to vote yes.

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

Chandler: **Second.**

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

Colin: Some people’s arguments while the athletics director was here was that we are an academic institution and not a sports institution. I think that increasing our fees for the athletics won’t make us any less of a research institution.

Roshni: **Call to question.**

Seamus: **Second.**
Vanessa: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: 18 | Opposed: 14 | Abstentions: 5, **call to question fails.**

Shub: I would like to clarify, the only reason D2 was mentioned is because there are no other D3 schools and going to D2 would save us hundreds and hundreds of travel costs. Also this seems like a lot of personal opinions and not the actual language of the referendum.

Dylan: The way that this referendum has presented itself has skated around the fact that they are really trying to expand sports programs so that that money can feed into admin’s pockets. It is very exploitive of student athletes and of the community. The guy was talking about the plans for the athletic department and different ways to raise costs on people trying to buy tickets and how it would validate our degrees as if it wouldn’t already be validated by the work that we put into them. And I think that’s a lot of bullshit and I don’t want to think that the admin is putting in programs so that they can validate their degrees.

Max: Honestly I think we need to stay on topic of this particular referenda and I think that expanding our sports programs is a great idea and this fee doesn’t even go there, it’s really just for keeping the status quo at this school and to me that’s huge. Beyond that, if people have a problem with how sports affect schools, which is huge, I’ve taken a class on it and I’ve read a book on it and I don’t think not sponsoring this resolution isn’t addressing the problem at all.

Brad: **Motion to extend time by two minutes.**

Kaysi: **Second.**

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

Roshni: Reserve my right to make a motion and I don’t think that any assembly members wouldn’t know how to vote because y’all have gone back to your colleges, **call to question.**

Seamus: **Second.**

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

In favor: 25 | Opposed: 9 | Abstentions: 4, **we are sponsoring this with the conditional amendment.**

Learning Support Services:

Roshni: **Motion to sponsor.**

Seamus: **Second.**
Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes, we are sponsoring this referenda.

Constitutional amendments:

Brad: So I just wanted to say thank you for being here for this long ass meeting. One thing that I didn’t mention last week is that I’m writing a stipulation clause for this and what things would happen starting July 1st and what things would wait a year and be implemented the following cycle. If this were to pass, the majority of this would be enacted on July 1st, 2015 except for the removal of the organizing director office and the addition of the VP student life office, since some students may be running for that position. With that, I just wanted to share some opinions, this is pretty much identical to the previous years and it has just not be passed in the past. There are some things that I disagree in, which is for Article II Section A, points f-l, discussing all the actions and holds, I’m whatever about it and I can see why it’s there but I can also see that it doesn’t have to be there.

Roshni: Motion to sponsor.

Chandler: Second

Roshni: Rescind motion to sponsor.

Vanessa: I reserve my right to make an amendment on this referenda particularly to section B the parliamentarian position, no matter who is in the chair position in any year, I do not think its presiding officer duties shall ever be diminished, I think it loses its credibility to its entire position, that being said I do value a parliamentarian position as a conciliar consultant and expert for this exact role. I think a parliamentarian already has its roles and duties defined whether you have the National Parliamentarians Org Robert’s Rules of Order or in anywhere else that has a rule of a parliamentarian. I think that we should have a parliamentarian that is a consultant to any chair, whether it be Justin or chairs afterwards after Justin leaves, but I don’t think that we should remove the notion of the chair being the presiding officer, I think that that is a distinct role but rather to have Justin or simply the entity of the Chair completely and continuously looking at a book but rather someone having someone who is an expert to his left, or to her left or the left of the chair refer to this person as the independent expert of Robert’s Rules and parliamentary procedure. I would only want to remove section A and have it be replaced with a definition of a parliamentarian and sponsor conditionally.

Colin: Second.

Roshni: Objection. I don’t agree with it.

Shub: I am against removing that particular clause because I feel like the chair never really governs the meeting that way because it doesn’t allow the chair to be a part of the meeting. I would like to see the chair to be a part of the meetings.
Dylan: my only concern was the part where you removed the word “organizing” from that position because organizing has a specific aspect to that that the student life position.

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

Chandler: **Second.**

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

Max: I reserve my right to make an amendment, I think that if we are going to put the parliamentarian as the expert, that seems like a useless position since we’d be paying them $300 a month to be an expert on Roberts rules who might be consulted once or twice a meeting whereas we could just have the chair do that instead. On the other hand, this position was made because sometimes chairs will manipulate stack and language and they enter the space with their own political ambitions. The parliamentarian would be decided on who the assembly wants to lead the space. That is why the position is in here and that is why it is created, **motion to divide with sponsor and sponsor with condition.**

Justin: We can’t do that.

Israel: Reserve my right to make a motion, I just wanted to talk about the holds because I think that it gives way too much power to the officers since they have the power to veto anything that the assembly does. **Motion to sponsor by removing the previous stipulation and remove holds.**

Kaysi: **Second.**

Vanessa: **Objection. Motion to extend 5 minutes.**

Kaysi: **Second.**

Roshni: **Call to question.**

Chandler: **Second.**

Andrew: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: 28 | Opposed: 6 | Abstentions: 3, **call to question passes.**

Vote on amendment:

In favor: 33 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 2. **Amendment passes.**

Seamus: Reserve my right to make a motion, I feel that a lot of discussion is pretty productive but it takes a while to pass constitutional amendments and I think that to the creators and the
amount of effort that they put in. Motion to amend add to the bottom of page 16 to add a clause that would give the assembly to amend the constitution by a 3/4ths vote.

Andrew: Second.

Dylan: Objection.

Brad: Motion to extend by 10 minutes.

Louise: Second.

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

Max: I think that everyone’s made up their mind, and I would support this if it was for grammar only.

Brad: There is already a clause that states that.

Shub: I disagree, I feel like as the governing body of the students, the students should be allowed to vote on the changes that we make to our constitution.

Roshni: Call to question.

Max: Second.

In favor: 0 | Opposed: 30 | Abstentions: 8, amendment fails.

Vanessa: Reserve my right to make a motion to amend Section b to add a subsection c to define the position of a parliamentarian.

Israel: What would the language be for that?

Vanessa: “A Parliamentarian is an expert in rules of order and the proper procedures for the conduct of meetings of deliberative assemblies. Parliamentarians assist organizations in the drafting and interpretation of bylaws and rules of order, and the planning and conduct of meetings.”

Daniel: Second.

Roshni: Objection. I would like to see the language written out.

Vanessa: I think that each position should have a definition in the constitution.

Roshni: Where are these job descriptions usually placed?

Justin: We just have lists of duties.

Roshni: Rescind my objection.
Michael: **Objection.**

Brad: **Call to question.**

Chandler: **Second.**

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

Vote to add stipulation:

In favor: 24 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 12, **Stipulation passes.**

Brad: Reserve my right to make a motion, in article 3, section a, subsection 3, subsection l, **move to add stipulation to add campus organizing director to list of appointments done by the External Affairs office.**

Israel: **Second.**

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

Dylan: **Motion to amend to add organizing into the student life position so that it becomes the vice president of student life and organizing.**

Michael: **Second.**

Colin: **Objection.**

Justin: **We have to table until next week.**

**Resolution Campus Action to Educate Against Hate Motivated Acts:**

[Reads language]

Art: I recommend all of you to talk to this with your constituents and communities. These kinds of things have been happening and it has not been acknowledged by admin or the police.

Jackie: I really believe in this cause but I think that you should be considerate of those people who were involved.

Art: I have not spoken with anyone who was directly involved in that incident, but this is a larger picture of acts that continue to happen on our campus, and I do ask that people do acknowledge that this is an issue here.

Jackie: I think that for the people that were involved they may not want this whole story blowing up since it is a sensitive topic and very traumatizing.

**Sponsorship Requests:**
Cycling team:

Reggie: It was interesting to hear the conversation about the OPERS fee and I felt a little roasted there by porter. Just to give a little background, we are a club sport here at UCSC and we get tier 1A funding and we get $3000 from the school annually, and another way we get money is from the Joshua Alpa Marine Foundation so our operating budget is about $8000. I have here the map for a Gran Fondo which is a short to long distance group ride, people get out and socialize and it is not a race. Different organizations will do this for different reasons and we are doing this as a fundraiser and we want to connect our campus cycling community with the community cycling people. We are planning on staging this in pinto lake part which is in Watsonville. We talked to the department of public works, SC county parks, CHP coastal division, the UCSC Sports Club Office and the Santa Cruz County cycling club. I think this is a really great way we can connect with the community. For the budget, I have taken a lot of things out. The Santa Cruz cycling club has given some funding. I am asking for $1000. In the fall we asked for money for an event which happened this weekend and buses were rerouted around campus, and if you go to the third link, I can show you a couple things, this is the why for this event. If you click on some of these photos, you can see different schools and tying this in to why collegiate sports should happen is because we hang out with these guys every weekend and I have made very valuable connections with other people from other schools, and we pay for travel costs and lodging.

Francesca: Why are you calling this a bare bones budget?

Reggie: some participants will get prizes and one thing I did remove is the university van rental but someone at OPERS is going to comp the van for us. Porta potties are required by the county and there are very few things we could do without on this budget.

[Closed Session]

Justin: Pending amendment motion to change Student Life to Student Life and Organizing.

Brad: Don’t know how I feel about it. Don’t want to be biased since it’s something I’m bringing to the table but I don’t know if it makes a difference. We already have an organizing director.

Shub: **Call to question.**

Lance: **Second.**

Max: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: 15 | Opposed: 5 | Abstentions: 5, **call to question passes.**

Vote to amend Student Life to Student Life and Organizing
In favor: 2 | Opposed: 18 | Abstentions: 5 *motion fails*.

Unknown: We could possibly give responsibilities of Student Life to OD but would be hard?

Unknown: **Call to question.**

Unknown: **Second.**

Vote on amendment:

In favor: 22 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 2, SUA will be sponsoring these constitutional amendments with said stipulations.