Assembly Members Present: Art Motta (MEChA), Haedyn Christie (QSU), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Yang Kong (Cowell), Seamus Howard (Cowell), Alternate Roy (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), 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 Cabansa (EVC), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

Assembly Members Absent: Ricardo Sainz (Stevenson), Colin Hortman (Stevenson), Kyra Brandt (Stevenson), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Nazareth Velazco (SANAI), Kaysi Wheeler (IVC).

Approval of the Agenda:

Andrew: Motion to add 10 minutes before presentations to talk about the SUA survey budget.

Chandler: Second.

Israel: Objection.

Andrew: Rescind, motion to add 10 minutes after presentations for SUA survey budget.

Michael: Second.

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

Dylan: Motion to add 10 minutes after the SUA survey budget to discuss a resolution denouncing the denial of due process to the Hwy 17 six.

Roshni: Second.

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

Dylan: Motion to approve.

Roshni: Second.

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

Reading of the Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

Vanessa: Move to approve.
Michael: **Second.**

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

**Announcements:**

Jose: Starting this Friday Cowell and Stevenson is having a study zone, from Friday night 6 PM to midnight, Saturday is noon to midnight as well as Sunday and Monday through Wednesday 6-12 AM with snacks and coffee if you bring your own mug. On Monday study supplies will be handed out.

Adham: Porter is hosting porter studying slug starting on Friday night.

Vanessa: Tomorrow the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity is holding a fundraiser at Pizza My Heart which will help to fund the org and trips for students who are visiting law schools.

Shubhankar: Instead of announcements could we change that to “public comment” as well?

Dylan: On March 18th the regents meeting is happening at UCSF, people are organizing to go up there to protest tuition hikes. I know right now there is a plan to protest outside the building and to protest at public comment. If you’re interested please contact me somehow. I might try to move funding tonight to rent a bus which may or may not happen depending on numbers through our organization.

Brad: Crown college is transforming the Crown/Merrill community room from 7-9 pm to a Harry Potter event it’ll be a nice study break, come through!

Justin: First, the elections commissioners are working away and the positions for candidacy are on their way, and the student regent nomination process is moving forward. They have reps reviewing applicants and then those people will be selected for interviews. This weekend I was with the northern campuses while reviewing applications and we had about 8 people for interviews.

Jose: This week Cowell is having Women’s Equality and Empowerment week, so tomorrow there will be a program called Women on Top and Fay Crosby is going to be talking later there will be free pizza at the Cowell Conference Room.

Justin McClendon: I was wondering if we could get a report on the council of presidents.

Justin: I’ll send that out.

**Presentations:**

*Collegiate Recovery Community*

Vanessa: **Motion to table the collegiate recovery community.**
Kartik: **Second.**

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

**SUA Survey Budget:**

Shubhankar: We have gone through the questions and are now moving to talk about what kind of prizes we want to give out to students.

Andrew: These are just our ideas and we just want to get SUA’s input on this budget for the prizes.

Brad: How is the survey going to be sent out?

Andrew: We are going to do class raps and hand out flyers, mass emails as well.

Shubhankar: Any social media presence. We were planning on having a flyer campaign but that’s might be reconsidered at the time. The goal right now is what items we want to give out to students. We are debating about the GoPro.

Brad: I’m not sure how effective class raps will be for online surveys. Announcing that in classrooms could be helpful but the success of the class survey has been dependent on the campus wide email and that is the most success we’ve had with surveys.

Max: I don’t really care about the GoPro but I think the other things are pretty cool. If anyone is on payroll in SUA you can’t win prizes.

Shubhankar: To address the class raps, it would be the link to the survey.

Justin: If you want to send a campus wide email just contact me and second, I got an email from our presenters, they will be here soon.

Francesca: What is the timeline for buying these things and handing them out?

Andrew: We were going to ask for funding this or next meeting and get the prizes soon.

Shubhankar: We plan on getting the survey out by week one. **Motion to allocate $850 from general fund to go towards SUA prizes.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Aykezar: **Objection.**

Andrew: The $850 is just to make sure we have enough.
Max: I’m in support of this, and since we are in discussion about the budget, we’ve been doing really well with it and I’m just saying that we should be spending all our money because they are student fees. However, this does mean that we are going to have less of a carry forward.

Brad: $850 seems like a lot and I think that the iPad and the bookstore gift cards are good enough.

Alexandra: I just think that’s a lot of money for these prizes and I know that these prizes are for enticing the students to take the survey but I am not sure that the amount of prizes we are buying is good.

Vanessa: Reserve my right to make a motion, in attendance with what Brad and Andrew are saying, the initial cause for the overall survey was to help SUA stay relevant and serving the interests of the students I’d like to move to allocate $650 towards this prizes budget.

Brad: Second.

Jackie: Objection.

Shubhankar: So basically having the iPad and the BayTree gift cards right now would be $600, where would the extra $50 go?

Vanessa: The iPad is consistent with the other surveys going on and then the BayTree is consistent with student needs but I think that we could conclude it at an even $600.

Roshni: Motion to extend five minutes.

Vanessa: Second.

Michael: Objection.

Vote to extend time:

In favor: 25 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 3, extension of time by five minutes.

Vanessa: I’m rescinding my former amendment.

Jackie: I reserve my right to make a motion, amend to $600.

Roshni: Second.

Sam: Objection.

Michael: Motion to table until after presenters.

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

Israel: Motion to take up presentations from the table.

Daniel: Second.

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

**Collegiate Recovery Community**

CRC: Our working name right now is Slugs in Recovery, we are located in Kresge 153. We are students who are either in recovery from alcohol or substance abuse or students who have been affected by that and allies. We have a couple events that are coming up, we have an open house on the 13th. Y’all are welcome it’s a great space and we have a kitchenette area and we have a lounge and study room. This is to provide students with a safe space to feel the pressure to drink or use drugs or feel the pressure of other students drinking. Right now, members are given access codes knowing that they can study in that safe space, and there are grounds for becoming a member but we’re working on the guidelines. We are now starting networking and outreach, it is a vital resource for students who are struggling with those kinds of issues. If you or anyone you know is a student here who might benefit, come on down. Our goal is to have an event every week.

Dylan: I work for a Santa Cruz program that is looking for students to do activism regarding recovery and substance abuse, would that be something that we could collaborate on?

CRC: Absolutely.

Rachel: Is the space just for the group or is it a shared space?

CRC: We are on a quarterly rental space and we are working in conjunction with shop, we are getting our own space now. It’s just for us right now.

**SUA Survey Budget**

Vanessa: Motion to take up budget again.

Lance: Second.

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

Andrew: We’ll probably get rid of the GoPro anyway, but at this point the amount of prizes we need to buy is $750 not counting tax, so if we’re only funding $600 we need to cut something else from there.

Brad: Reserve my right to make a motion, the iPad mini and the BayTree bookstore cards would be great, call to question.
Roshni: Second.

Vanessa: Motion to roll call.

Alexandra: Second.

Max: Objection.

Vote to roll call:

In favor: 0 | Opposed: 22 | Abstentions: 7, roll call fails.

Vote on amendment:

In favor: 26 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 3, amendment passes.

Brad: Motion to extend 2 minutes.

Vanessa: Second.

Jose: Call to question.

Michael: Second.

Vote to fund SUA survey $600:

Shubhankar: Acclamation.

Vanessa: Second.

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

Resolutions:

Resolution Denouncing the UCSC Administration Unconstitutionally Denying the Right to Due Process to the Highway 17 six.

Dylan: Basically guaranteed by the US constitution is the right to due process, what that involves is that when you are given a legal punishment, you have the right to a trial, and this is to prevent people from being imprisoned indefinitely. In this case, we are looking at the fifth amendment which applies to the federal government and the 14th amendment which applies to the states for the requirement for due process. The UC is a state run institution. In the Braxton vs Municipal court, the supreme court concluded that the university administration could suspend the right to due process and administer suspension under the case that the students are a violent threat to other people on campus and their presence on campus puts people and property of severe danger of being hurt. The American Civil Liberties Union has the guide to student rights, in that guide it advises that you have the right to due process and what that manifests as in college context, is
that you get an oral or written notice of the charges and you get an explanation of the evidence and an opportunity to attest those charges and you also get a hearing. [Reads Whereas clauses] I want to add that specifically the denial of due process, the students were suspended before they were officially charged. Their suspensions without due process is denying them of their housing and food and necessary health care and it is a suspension going through finals, so they are in severe danger of failing their classes. This type of punishment has 0 precedent on the UCSC campus especially how quick the turn around was without the due process, and this is the administration who claims to be the original authority on questioning authority but that seems wrong since they are violating our constructional rights. [Reads last Therefore clauses] So I want to be very upfront in that we discuss this and I would like to vote on this tonight. Every day we wait on this, there are more student hearings and for the rest of the week the other four hearings are going to happen and we need to react to this quickly because this will be a factor with considering these hearings.

Dylan: The part that I am particularly concerned with is if the administration sets a precedent where they can literally throw out our constitutional rights in order to intimidate students and that’s just wrong.

Jackie: Kresge parliament was in favor overall.

Max: I don’t really know what’s going on, and I don’t think a lot of us have a clear picture of what’s happening on the administration side. At the same time there are a few things that we need to know. To me it sounds like they are suspending for now and deciding what to do.

Dylan: UC judicial services has issued punishments for the sake of intimidating students, what people are theorizing right now is that they are taking these actions so that students are discouraged from doing activism. Student judicial have dropped charges from my head and that kind of intimidation is something that admin does. This could open a real investigation on student judicial services and it is really important that we look into that.

Sam: **Motion to extend 15 minutes.**

Lance: **Second.**

Kartik: **Objection.**

Vote to extend time:

In favor: **26 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 3, extension of time.**

Andrew: They are probably doing an interim suspension which will decide if there are actually punishments for anything. As of right now, the student judicial committee is having a meeting soon.
Dylan: The ACLU who we have been talking to find the idea of interim suspensions to be unconstitutional so regardless of what the student handbooks say I think we need to consider what the lawyers are saying here and to not just blindly accept what administration is doing.

Justin McClendon: This is section 53, emergency suspension, the policy that is bold is UCSC specific and the one that is unbolded is UC wide specifications.

Rachel: I’ve been hearing some confusion about the student handbook so just to clarify, the student handbook does not supercede any law right?

Justin: Yes.

Dylan: **Motion to suspend the bylaws requiring us to wait a week and vote on this resolution tonight.**

Jose: **Second.**

Andrew: **Objection.** I find it ironic that on this resolution we are condemning the university for taking away our constitutional rights, and yet here we are passing this without representing our colleges.

Adham: This is a matter of urgency since finals week is next week and frankly, if you’re going to bring up the bullshit of going back to our colleges’ opinions, this is a matter of due process.

Andrew: Crown student senate was even more against suspending the bylaws.

Roshni: **Call to question.**

Dylan: **Second.**

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

In favor: 22 | Opposed: 3 | Abstentions: 7, **suspension of bylaws to vote on this resolution.**

**Debate on Resolution:**
Shubhankar: College Nine had overwhelming support for the resolution, your opinions of the actions, the issue is that the due process was violated.

Adham: This is a dangerous precedent by the school, if we don’t stand up for our fellow students they can use this to intimidate us in the future. A yes vote on this would mean that you support due process, a no vote would mean that you don’t support due process, and an abstention would mean you don’t care.

Max: It says here that you all want a letter by the 15th, if we try to rush this, we are trying to influence a lot of people in conduct. That is the end goal. I want them to see something that we really thought out and had a lot of input from the students. What I think we should do is have
some kind of meeting for Friday which falls within the timeline proposed, and from there, all the
governments would have a chance to talk about it and we can put out a campus wide email, and
those people are the same people who have to discuss about this. So if we put a campus wide
email and have some kind of opinion on this, it’ll come out with something with much more
support behind it. I think it’s gonna pass anyway but it’ll have a lot more weight on it.

Dylan: I understand the sentiment on a lot of people having input regarding if the punishment is
something that good, and the decision is going to be made by Friday, there will be four more
hearings and we need to influence what will happen and it will put pressure on admin to make
the right choice here and to respect the constitutional rights of students. The City on the Hill
Press had a poll asking if students thought that the punishment was good, over 800 students
voted against the punishment, a high percentage of students which participated in this poll.
Compared to how many students vote during a whole week of elections, this is a lot, and I think
the SUA needs to move to support student constitutional rights. Finals are next week and these
students could fail their classes since we decided to not act right away.

Michael: Reserve my right to make a motion, I do understand due process, the problem I have
with the resolution, there are passages which focus on the actions taken by the students and I
don’t think that this should be a focus on the resolution. I motion to add immediately after the
first let it be resolved, “therefore let it further resolved that the SUA neither condones nor
condemns the actions taken by the Hwy 17 six.”

Andrew: Second.
Dylan: Objection.

Louise: I’m against adding that just because it is making our stance as neutrality and that is
taking a stance on the actions, I would like more student input into this resolution and that kind
of conversation should not be added to this one night discussion. I would like to keep it as a
resolution of due process.

Ray: Motion to extend 10 minutes.
Lance: Second.

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

Sam: This isn’t just about our opinion, this is about our job. If you go to our constitution, our
constitution states “Student Voice. Student Power. Student Action.” Now Section A, our
activism, civic participation, discussion, debate, and awareness of public issues from a variety of
perspectives and viewpoints. The SUA shall use that voice to serve the individual and collective
needs of the undergraduate student body at UCSC.” The point here is that this isn’t a threat to
these students only, but also for the future of the students who also want to do activism.
Max: If there are hearings happening this week, then why make the letter deadline sooner? Let’s just amend it.

Ray: Reserve my right to make a motion, I think pretty much everyone has made their mind up on this amendment, call to question.

Seamus: Second.

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

Vote on amendment:
In favor: 5 | Opposed: 25 | Abstentions: 2, amendment fails.

Dylan: Call to question.

Roshni: Second.

Andrew: Objection.

Vote to vote:
In favor: 20 | Opposed: 5 | Abstentions: 7, call to question passes.

Jackie: Motion to roll call.

Roshni: Second.

Andrew: Objection. I think that a roll call vote could be used to bully people into voting a certain way.

Vote to roll call:
In favor: 15 | Opposed: 10 | Abstentions: 6, roll call passes.

Art Motta (MEChA) Yes, Haedyn Christie (QSU) Yes, Jose Cadenas (Cowell) Yes, Yang Kong (Cowell) Yes, Seamus Howard (Cowell) Yes, Alternate Roy (Stevenson) Abstain, Andrew Paolini (Crown) No, Michael Markson (Crown) Yes, Aykezar Adil (Crown) No, Chandler Moeller (Merrill) No, Kartik Ashok (Merrill) No, Alexandra Kasper (Merrill) Yes, Dylan Quitiquit Hoffman (Porter) Yes, Adham Taman (Porter) Yes, Serene Jneid (Porter) Yes, Winnie Sidhu (Kresge) Yes, Jackie Roger (Kresge) Yes, Suini Torres (Oakes) Yes, Kiana Coleman (Oakes) Yes, Tamra Owens (Oakes) Yes, Roshni Advani (Eight) Yes, Eric Yuan (Eight) Yes, Sam Shaw (Nine) Yes, Lance McNeil (Nine) Yes, Shubhankar Sharan (Nine) Yes, Daniel Iglesias (Ten) Yes, Vanessa Sadsad (Ten) Yes, Brad Mleynek (OD) Yes, Max Hufft (CoAA) Abstain, Israel Molina (CoD) Yes, Louise Cabansay (EVC) Yes.

In favor: 26 | Opposed: 4 | Abstentions: 2, resolution is adopted.
Funding Requests:

Campus Clean Up Day

Brad: Just to clarify, I came last week for the campus clean up day, and was asking for $2500, a suggestion for $1000 from SUA programming and $1500 from the General Fund. I will be abstaining since this is my program.

Andrew: Motion to fully fund.

Israel: Second.

Adjournment