Assembly Members Present: Art Motta (MEChA), Haedyn Christie (QSU), Cristal Gonzalez (SANAI), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Yang Kong (Cowell), Seamus Howard (Cowell), Colin Hortman (Stevenson), Kyra Brandt (Stevenson), Ricardo Sainz (Stevenson), Andrew Paolini (Crown), Alternate August Valera (Crown), Aykezar Adil (Crown), Chandler Moeller (Merrill), Kartik Ashok (Merrill), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill), Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Serene Jneid (Porter), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Suini Torres (Oakes), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Alternate Eric Yuan (Eight), Roshni Advani (Eight), Simba Khadder (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), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

Assembly Members Absent: Michael Markson (Crown), Adham Taman (Porter), Shannon Earl (Kresge), Ray Inoue (Eight), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Louise Cabansay (EVC), Kaysi Wheeler (IVC).

Approval of the Agenda:

Vanessa: Move to move budget discussion to end after all funding requests.

Andrew: Second.

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

Brad: Motion to add a TAPS resolution at the end of new business for ten minutes.

Israel: Second.

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

Vanessa: Move to add small presentation from the Santa Cruz Redwood’s Monumental Campaign presentation after the movie event proposal for five minutes.

Kyra: Second.

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

Ricardo: Motion to add general discussion about sponsorship line item before funding requests for 10 minutes.

Colin: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.
Sam: Motion to discuss changing monthly reportbacks to quarterly reportbacks before budget discussion for ten minutes.

Daniel: Second.

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

Brad: Motion to add five minutes before movie proposal to discuss Letter of Solidarity to Highway 6.

Jackie: Second.

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

Colin: Motion to approve.

Israel: Second.

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

**Reading of the Previous Meeting’s Minutes:**

Chandler: I was attending at this meeting and it says that I was absent.

Vanessa: Motion to approve.

Daniel: Second.

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

**Announcements:**

Roshni: This Saturday is the Journey Through India Culture Show on the 18th at the main stage the price is $8 presale, come through!

Justin: This past Saturday I was at UCB to interview candidates to review students for UC regents. We were interviewing 8 people from northern UC campuses and we picked 5, and they will be going on to further interviewing. Santa Cruz and Merced are the only UCs that haven’t had a student regent. I’m happy to say that two candidates from Santa Cruz made it past the interviews. The director and assistant director of TAPS will be visiting next week, election packets are due this Friday at 5 PM.

Brad: Campus Cleanup Day is coming up on Apr 26th from 10-2:30. We decided to have two starting stations so that students from the west side have a station and don’t have to walk so far, the two spots are quarry and the college eight plaza or right by the porter squiggle. Right after from 3:30-6 down by the tennis courts in the east field we will have a small celebration for our
beautiful campus, there will be an obstacle course and the rock wall will be out and you can make your own t-shirts.

**New Business:**

*Letter of Solidarity with the Highway 6:*

Brad: This week the Highway 6 are going through their appeal process, in case you haven’t heard, all six students were suspended for 18 months, and they have to do 120 hours of community service and they are on stayed suspension where if they exercise their first amendment rights to protest they will be immediately expelled. I personally didn’t feel threatened by those students on the highway. They are good people and they were fighting for a good cause. **I would like to make a motion that would allow Justin to sign this as a student and as the chair of the SUA.** This letter states that we as students did not feel threatened and we think that the punishment should be lifted. I really suggest that you all sign this as well to show your solidarity.

Israel: **Second.**

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

Brad: **Motion to table Movie Proposal indefinitely.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

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

*Santa Cruz Redwoods National Monument:*

Vanessa: This campaign seeks to turn 5800 acres of the former Redwoods into a national monument. This will allow the area to be fully restored and open to the public. This can happen through Congress or a presidential signing. I’d like to get the assembly’s consent and support and if possible if anyone could take a couple of the pledge sheets and to see if anyone wants to also support this. The pledge sheets do not require any personal information. You only need your first and last name and the city and community you are from. This way it shows more people in support of this campus. Everything else is optional. **I’d like to exercise my right to move to have a solidarity of the assembly supporting the campaign.**

Colin: **Second.**

*TAPS Resolution:*

Brad: This is based on the news we got last week and more information that we’ve been searching up. We did just write this and we are open for edits next week.

[Reads resolution]
Israel: Just to sum up what’s happening, the permits that undergrads get are increasing by almost twice as much as staff and faculty permits. They are increasing our fee to park here and giving us more of the burden of the parking fee and they are saying that this is to offset their debt. The revenue they would generate from this would only be used to maintain parking regulation, it can’t be used for any other means. They are being really shady about this and part of it is to create more parking in the long marine lab, but considering we are paying twice as much as anyone, we probably won’t even park there.

Brad: Some of the revenue they are making is being set aside for parking at Social Sciences 3, which hasn’t even been approved, and it doesn’t even exist on this campus. For me, I would like to see that $200,000 and set it aside for students instead of a project that hasn’t even been set. One of the other issues too is that they want this revenue to go to sustainable transport options, but they still plan on charging students $40 a quarter to use the bike shuttle. It’s not solving anything and it’s creating more harm.

Kartik: I just wanted to add on, that I think that TAPS is displaying the same kind of arrogance that other campuses do, and they are just taking advantage of the undergrads since they believe that we can’t do anything about their irresponsible spending.

Sam: I’ve heard that the increasing cost was to offset the price inflation. Is that reasonable?

Brad: This is my opinion, but raising the price of parking permits is just going to discourage students from parking on campus.

Israel: One of their reports said that the last time they measured traffic was comparable to levels in 1993, when there were half as many students, so in part I think they’re trying to make up for that revenue but since they have such a large carry forward it doesn’t make much sense, and they don’t even have plans to build anything.

Discussion of the Sponsorship Fund:

Franchesca: I’ve been keeping track of the sponsorship fund and the general fund, and up to last week, the balance in the sponsorship fund was around $2000 and if we fund Kresge completely it will put us in a deficit of around $2500. In the general fund we have about $11,000. I just wanted to let y’all know before the funding requests come up.

Vanessa: The deficit is only if we allocate from that specific line item right?

Franchesca: Yes, the $10,000 that was put into sponsorship at the beginning of the year has been basically spent.

Sponsorship from Collegiate Team of Engineering at Santa Cruz:

Sergio: Right now we have 7 members and they are diverse in major and level. We have addressed several problems at no cost and we have gotten sponsorship from several departments
already. We are doing an effective job right now without money but we are running low on money, especially my own personal fund for college, and I can get the material here at the odd times of the night, but we need $1550 to continue. I’ll admit that is a lot, but these problems are big and they will save lives. In Haiti, the UN has strived to have more education there, but any type of innovation that is brought becomes a target from criminals. We were able to create three different energies, one looks like exactly like a tree or shrubbery, one looks like pavement, and we use electrical signals and the pounding force from the cars will create energy. It’s a shame because energy is going around everywhere but no one is using it. I’m also doing the Advocate America part of this. I have a little bit of experience when it comes to this. This is about helping minorities that aren’t being helped to the fullest. I’ve had friends that had to drop out because they couldn’t handle the stress. For the first time you go on a computer and you talk to someone and they will listen, anonymously. A lot of people don’t see the importance of listening. Some people listen to reply, not to understand. It ends up in loneliness and basic segregation and eventually suicide. I have two years of experience working on a hotline. It’s completely doable with no help from anyone, I scratch out lab hours when no one is using them and I use Crown classrooms when no one is using them. I need to find people who are willing to help me on this and it comes down to that. Mental health is not really regarded as a thing now, but it is the number one reason why people drop out and depression affects half a million people annually. It addresses issues locally and globally. Anytime anyone is able to afford the program, it would all be used responsibly. I know that this is a lot that I’m asking, but please have confidence in me, I have done a few great things, I went to the last school ranking in the LA district, I’ve created 7 clubs, two of which are still active. All I know how to do is grab someone, and tell me what’s happening and we move forward. It’s not about rushing to the finish line, it’s about moving forward. I would really like the support from the SUA. It would mean a lot.

Brad: First I just want to say thank you. You said you’re not smart, but being a student who has gone through some mental health issues, we need people like you to help those who really need help. This is really touching. Also, I wanted to ask, you’re here for a sponsorship request, but how much are you looking for?

Sergio: We have a business plan set up, and I would be more than happy to discuss it with you.

Andrew: Are you here for two organizations?

Sergio: Advocate America is an organization, the engineering team is a team. I’m representing advocate America.

Vanessa: **Motion to extend time by 1 minute.**

Cristal: **Second.**

Shub: The funding is something we can work out, I’m wondering if there are any other aid or support that you would like either from SUA or from individual people.
Sergio: Any other aid would be space and PR. We have made some commercials and we are sending those around social media. We have four basements under Crown that aren’t being used and now they are usable, we are extremely resourceful. Just space, and we need to go to places that don’t create a fire hazard.

Andrew: **Motion to extend 1 minutes.**

Chandler: **Second.**

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

Andrew: Where can we find out more about you and the organizations you’re with? Everything’s available on our website, it’s called advocate.america.wikispaces.com. We are experiencing a huge amount of traffic and it has crashed right now, but I am about to rebuild the server and it should be up and running soon.

*Kresge Pride Sponsorship Request:*

Colin: I just want to hear if anyone didn’t have a positive response from this event. Stevenson said that we should fully fund.

Jose: This is a very important event for our campus, since we lack resources for the queer community and I think it’s very important to have this.

Jackie: Since we had an assault in Kresge based on someone’s sexual orientation I think this is very important for people in Kresge and this could be a response as we don’t tolerate this.

Vanessa: Along with the sentiments of the SUA this is a crucial time to acknowledge the community on campus, and I’d like to fully fund Kresge Pride, $1500 from sponsorship and the other $3000 from general.

Israel: **Second.**

Colin: **Objection.** If we’re going to dip into the general fund we might as well clear out the sponsorship line item.

Simba: I think we should still move funds from general into sponsorship.

Roshni: **Motion to sponsor fully $2611 from sponsorship and $1889 from general.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

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

Brad: I remember this discussion from last year when pride came and they asked the same amount. I really remember the discussion clearly from this, and they did say this, that they are
asking us for $4500 not expecting $4500, and what they’re asking for is $6000 more than what they need and we talked about this last year, and it’s a great tact and I think we should think about this because at the same time, we should still think about it critically and try to be financially responsible because funding them an amount they themselves don’t need from us, I’m hesitant.

Andrew: I think that people are more willing to fund because we have a huge general fund but the reason we have the general fund is because we don’t have an adviser right now, but we should definitely keep that in mind.

Simba: **Motion to add a stipulation that the chair email them whatever they don’t spend please return to us.**

Colin: **Second.**

Andrew: **Objection.** The stipulation is pretty much meaningless because they’ll probably find a way to spend it anyway.

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

Seamus: **Second.**

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

Israel: What brad said, they are using a good tactic, but in my experience, organizations usually get their funding from all their other sources and I do agree that saying that all the money they don’t use to come back to us, they will probably spend our money first and then figure out how to spend the rest of the money. I do want to make sure that we don’t overfund them. I think we should cut back. I don’t agree with the motion and I suggest cutting back the funding.

Brad: This stipulation was also brought up last year, and another thing to add is that without that stipulation, their other option was that they would just keep it in their funds for next year.

Jackie: I think that as much of a supporter of this as I am, I do think that $3000 would be more appropriate.

Simba: We could ask them how much they’ve already gotten. I feel like they might already have what they need.

Israel: If they’ve been fully funded we shouldn’t fund them because they’ve already covered all their costs.

Vanessa: Reserve my right to make a motion. I think it’s interesting to note how we go from two motions to fully funding this, it shows a lot of significance by the entire request of what it actually means to completely fund, after starting to say that this is a large part of a community
that we ought to support for, that was recently part of an assault on campus and then to change this narrative towards “let’s be responsible with our money” after showing full support of this. I think if we’re going to make that stipulation that’s fine, and if we’re going to provide this fully funding and if we’re going to mention QSU in this space, I think we should also ask the QSU representative for their thoughts. Prior to me reserving any rights, I’d like to recommend thoughts from the QSU representative.

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

Seamus: **Second.**

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

Roshni: The way that I’m looking at this, is that the stipulation is standard procedure, and I understand where everyone’s coming from but I don’t see the harm in this.

Alexandra: Reserve my right to make a motion, I think that most of us aren’t discussing the main amendment. **Call to question.**

Chandler: **Second.**

Vanessa: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: **26** | Opposed: **2** | Abstentions: **3**, **call to question passes.**

Vote on amendment to add the stipulation:

In favor: **10** | Opposed: **16** | Abstentions: **4**, **amendment fails.**

Colin: I don’t see why we shouldn’t fund this amount and if they do have extra funds, then great they’re going to enhance the event, personally I wouldn’t just blow the money just for the hell of it and if they have a carryforward and even if we don’t get it back then maybe they can have a better event next year.

Alexandra: **Motion to amend to $3500, from $2611 from sponsorship and $889 from general fund.**

Sam: **Second.**

Colin: **Objection.**

Eric: I’m talking to the people who gave the presentation, and I am part of the organization too, but I wasn’t sure about the funding, and she says they never get fully funded and the years that they have only been over by $100 and orgs have made that stipulation but they’d only get $100
back, and since KMEC isn’t part of SOAR, they start with however money they are started with and any leftover money gets moved onto that. Lowering how much they have now is pretty denting and they hardly ever get fully funded. More often than not, the extra money goes to food for more people. It goes to better the quality of pride in general.

Art: The request changed, but what they are anticipated is about $3000 from SUA, anything beyond that is us showing our full support.

Israel: They asked for $4500, and if we pass this it’ll be $3500 which is above their anticipated $3000 amount which to be seems financial responsible and I think it’s a fantastic event and I think that it achieves everything that an event like this should achieve. I think $3500 is good and considering how our budget looks for this year and next year I would just take that into account.

Andrew: **Motion to amend from $3500 to have $2611 from sponsorship and $389 from general.**

Justin: Is there a second? Seeing none, **motion dies.**

Seamus: **Call to question.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Simba: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: 29 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 2, **call to question passes.**

Vote on amendment to fund $3500, $2611 from sponsorship and $889 from general.

In favor: 23 | Opposed: 5 | Abstentions: 4, **amendment passes.**

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

Seamus: **Second.**

Colin: **Call to question.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

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

Vote on $3500, $2611 from sponsorship, $889 from general.

In favor: 30 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 1, **funding Kresge Pride $3500.**
Franchesca: So like we’ve been doing in the past, the Operations Manager hasn’t been hired yet, the pay for February and March hasn’t been earned so it’s free for us to use, it is $12,500 in total. So there is a lot of money, but I think that Andrew brought it up earlier that this won’t be happening in the future so just keep that in mind.

*Requirement for Monthly Reports:*

Sam: I thought it would be cool if we moved to a quarterly report so that it would be more meaningful and to post them on Facebook.

Shub: I’m in support and a lot of the projects are organized around the quarter and there are months where we don’t have meetings because of vacation and holidays.

Vanessa: While I see some benefit through this, I just see the best part of this is to outreach and the reps are accountable for a monthly report and I think that we are challenged then to promote outreach and that we ought to hold them accountable for that task.

Israel: I agree with previous statements, and I think that quarterly reports actually discourage doing the reports and it doesn’t matter who reads them, we are accountable to the students that we are representing. It has two parts to it, it’s not just representing your college, it’s representing your university.

Vanessa: I think this is a slippery slope where people from different spaces who have resistance for the SUA space, where some people are questioning the abilities of what goes on here and with the representation here that has a high turnover rate, I would not want to wait a whole quarter to see what had been done or what hadn’t been done. I think it creates cause for critique of the assembly.

Art: Going back last year, when reports were due last year, the chair from last year did not recognize the student’s vote, I haven’t seen that this year and that may be a way to incentivize students to fill out those reports, and last year it was a lot of outreach for me since I was representing a college. This year I am representing an organization and I report back on a weekly basis. When I was a college representative I not only presented back to the government but I made an effort to go out and talk to people. If we have a report every four months, people will not be looking for that, but if we have one that is more frequent, that would allow more accountability. I think we should also bring this back to our constituents and see what they think.

Shub: **Motion to pick up the movie discussion.**

Brad: **Second.**

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

Vanessa: I have a quick announcement, I’m asking for two volunteers who would like to gather signatures for the Redwood thing and your incentives are going to be downtown at 4 PM at the
Santa Cruz Warriors game, free tickets to their playoff game, anyone who is interested in this please contact me. You’ll be meeting with the vice chair of something and you’ll get the swag materials and the entire game will be inside.

*Movie Event Proposal:*

Shub: Last quarter I brought up the idea of having a movie on campus and to have an event where more people can attend. Brad had an idea of relocating it to classroom unit 1 and 2, and these rooms are available after alumni weekend, the dates I have are May 1 and 2\textsuperscript{nd}. We are planning on having a double feature in one hall and another in the other hall, we could get more student orgs to be involved in SUA to have food stalls outside, and we could get in touch with restaurants and stores downtown if they want to have food on campus. In addition to the movies, I have reached out to the Film Production Coalition and they are super excited to showcase students’ works. I have reached out to movie licensing companies and the plan I have right now is a double feature of Jurassic park, $600 the lost world is something and I was also interested in having the Lego movie playing in the other hall and that would be $750. I’d like to split the rest of the $150 for cleanup and stuff. That’s a $2000 budget.

Brad: We went to Lucy and I think that the Dean of Students is in charge of student life, and I know that maybe in the future we can strike up some kind of deal where if we fund a portion they can fund us a certain portion. I think that it will be something that we can sustain. Crown College also has reusable things that we could use for this event.

Suini: I would suggest collaborating with the college to pitch in something. I would also recommend changing it since the some of the seats are broken and just changing the location because for the people on the west side of campus it’s a trek.

Sam: Back in elementary school, we used to have movie night as well and we had an industrial spotlight, and I think it would be really sick to get a spotlight.

Art: This is great way to get students involved. We just need to make sure that events don’t clash with ones that have been anticipated. **Move to approve this idea and move forward with a May 1\textsuperscript{st} date.**

Roshni: **Second.**

Haedyn: Usually the first Friday of May is the kickoff to May is so gay, and doesn’t Merrill have Glitter Ball?

Andrew: **Objection.** We might have to recheck that date.

Brad: **Move to extend time by 10 minutes.**

Lance: **Second.**
Kartik: **Objection.**

Vote to extend time:

In favor: **14** | Opposed: **15** | Abstentions: **1**, **no extension of time.**

**Budget discussion:**

Justin: The budget that I’m proposing is mostly based off of last years, and we had a committee that suggested new things last Wednesday, this is open for discussion. SUA’s only source of funding is Measure 8, $7 per student per quarter, I assumed an enrollment of 15000 undergraduates next year. SFAC has decided that they are giving us $12303 for summer fees. From that our total revenue is $327,303. In the past there was transition pay and summer pay, but I cut that, and officers now make $1000 per month every month. For interns it says that we have to allocate $900 per intern per quarter. I also added money for the parliamentarian just in case the amendment passes. There’s also pay for two extra interns for the chair. The director of student life pay is under the IVC and the two extra interns. It says in the bylaws that we have to pay the elections commissioner $1000 and the associate elections commissioner $800. When people run in the SUA elections, each candidate is reimbursed $125. This year we are allocated $3000 and I made a more liberal estimate, and I projected that we’d have 2 candidates per position. The SUA advisor has a budget of $75,000. I reduced the cost for office supplies from $1300 to $500. Mail services charges for how much mail you receive, SUA doesn’t receive a lot of mail so we don’t have that much charged, but we get charged around $117 so that is why it is $150. I simply merged the copy and printing expenses together. Measure 8 requires us to pay $0.67 per student per quarter for UCSA. USSA needs $0.50 students per year. I increased chair travel from $1000 to $2000 since this quarter we met with staff in the government’s office and also the chair also sits on the student regent committee, last year’s chair had $5000 for travel and I had $1000. Our total expenses are $360,960, with a deficit of $33657.

Vanessa: Prior to people reviewing the committees or looking at the budget, I would recommend us looking at this critically after talking to our respective spaces.

Justin: So one thing I forgot to mention, the reason I’m bringing this so early is so that we can approve this before the elections, and it will be a more honest assessment of what SUA needs and should be doing.

Shub: Speaking of the survey, the survey’s out. Share it and we don’t have 71 responses right now and I was hoping for 300 responses. I was aiming towards the end of this month or the first week of next month. You can find it at tinyurl.com/SUAsurvey.

Andrew: If we wait for the elections results to come in, we won’t be able to avoid the politics of the election.
Max: So as we get further along into budget discussions that if I see any attempts to drag this along further than it needs to, I will call you out because I’ve seen this budget being pushed to the last possible time that it could be discussed and time and time again I have seen bills passed and other political agendas and it’s bullshit and it’s annoying. Please don’t extend budget talk any longer than it needs to. We’re gonna have to make tough calls at the end of the day and we can’t just keep waiting to make those calls. Thank you.

Vanessa: We want to let people know that with or without the survey, what our proposal looks like.

Art: This is good that it’s on a google document, could this be compared to past budgets?

Justin: In previous year’s budgets, usually we have the current proposals compared to past budgets, and those budgets can be found on the SUA website. The reason I didn’t do that this year is because I felt that the last budget was really confusing. As for these names of the programming items, Student academic senate is something that the CoAA is affiliated with, it is for programming for the student academic senate and the office of the CoAA. Same for the rest of these programming items. It’s been understood in prior years that those are the officer’s programming line items.

Art: Some of the items on this proposed budget are somewhat dependent on the election outcomes, so it would good for us to post this before elections season starts.

Justin: Some of these line items would be changed in the amendments didn’t pass.

Shub: If you’re going to propose an edit to a line item, also concurrently propose an amendment to the bylaw. Just double check it.

Justin: I will go ahead and run through which ones are mandated by the bylaws: officer pay, intern pay, elections commissioners pays those numbers verbatim, reimbursing candidates, UCSA is measure 8, USSA is optional, RSO is mandated if funds permit.

Francesca: Just some guidelines, first realize the context of where these revenues are coming from, and instead of those $7 going to your friend its going to us, so we should be responsible for those funds. Just keep in mind to be responsible with those funds. One of the problems that I had to deal with was that there wasn’t a paper trail from anything from last year. For example the sponsorship fund, if you’re going to propose something, make sure there is a process that goes with it.

Committee Budget Proposal:

*Changes made:*

Andrew: There was one proposal for the IVC to make the pay for officers hourly, and then to cut officer pay by $100 per month per officer which is $1200 per year which will help with the
current deficit by saving $7200. There’s a proposal to cut the pay of elections commissioner and associate elections commissioner in half. There’s a proposal to cut college elections commissioner pays completely. There is also a proposal to cut the Congress conference from $6000 to $4000, and to pull out of USSA completely, and sponsorship funding to be cut completely with the stipulation of a bylaw that SOFA would change the funding guidelines to any student organization can come in for funding.

Seamus: This proposal has a $4,000 deficit compared to a $33,000 deficit.

Vanessa: I think cutting a lot of the advocacy areas like the congress conference and the EVC something I think that that is atrocious that less than a handful of people were able to attend the conference. These cuts are not allowing students to attend several conferences. We need to keep this body as an advocating body, if anything we should be funding more.

Seamus: **Motion to extend time by 5 minutes.**

Ayke: **Second.**

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

Brad: The reason behind cutting UCSA congress is because this past year at congress we had multiple members that went that rarely participated in the event, and we still had students not participating. If there were less students we might be able to hold students more accountable. This conference also allows every person who is at the conference to get a vote and because UCSC brings the smallest amount of students we have a vote that is so small in the overall scheme of things. Money is in politics, and so we thought that cutting back and holding students accountable for the work that they’re doing would be in the best interest for SUA and the school at large.

Simba: I’m curious about the SUA advisor. What do they do?

Justin: Basically any unit on campus even SUA that is student run or student led needs to have a staff advisor and this is the person who is responsible for financial transaction. Also they are there to advise the officers on policy matters, they help secure travel advances and paperwork like that.

Max: We had this person called the operations manager who would handle POs, incredibly slowly but it was okay. Either way, she handled it all and it was less work on the officers and she threw events for us. Our advisor for the last few years has been Lucy, and she was really good at first, but she started slowing down last year and it’s gotten really bad. It’s getting really hard to meet with them. Usually we don’t have to piggyback on them, they do things for us. They make things work for us really smoothly. Programming last year without a staff members was really difficult for us.
Justin: This position would in some ways be the CPC of SUA.

Shub: I realize that it’s too late to do anything about it, but I’m against the position in general. We have to realize the difference between essential line items and luxury items. As Franchesca said earlier, does the SUA advisor have that kind of impact on the students who are paying fees to SUA?

Israel: I completely agree with the last statement, but I just want to make it clear to everyone that these aren’t the only options. This year, our budget is already in my view pretty bare boned, and I think this should really show you all what dire need we’re in of more funds because we’re cutting into meat. We’re not cutting into fat, we’re cutting into the meat of what we need to get done, and we didn’t make any of these cuts without thinking of the impact that it’ll have on the student body and I think it’s important to see how directly these line items affect students. I’ll admit that I was the person who suggested pulling out of the USSA since a lot of its work is focused specifically on making college more affordable. I think they will be fine continuing their work. I realize that there is a huge advocacy part on our part but we need to think about what the students need on campus.

Max: **Motion to extend time five minutes.**

Andrew: **Second.**

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

Max: So the reason we have the advisor, our operations manager quit. The dean of students has stepped up to help us while we try to hire the next operations manager. Besides, we don’t want to be affiliated with the university and we want to be our own independent body. They took us in as pity and I don’t know if they’ll be able to offer that kind of help next year. We’re stuck in a bad situation and we need to start paying for our advisor.

Brad: Being an officer, I didn’t really understand the hardship of not having an advisor until this year. We have sat in the dean of students office for hours for a five minute meeting with our advisor, and if we have an advisor in our office they are there for us. It is very difficult. I can’t even meet with them because they’re so damn busy. It’s not helpful because it’s hard for students to learn and to grow as leaders.

Kartik: While it’s a difficult time to not have an advisor, is there a way we could reduce that amount?

Justin: We are able to pay no more than $75000 for this position per year. Take this back to your constituents, I just want to see a fountain of ideas. SOFA meeting tomorrow at 7 PM, and please help clean this room.