Assembly Members Present: Alternate Michael (QSU), Cristal Gonzalez (SANAI), Yang Kong (Cowell), Seamus Howard (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), Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Adham Taman (Porter), Alternate William (Porter), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Gul Taneri (Kresge), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Suini Torres (Oakes), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Roshni Advani (Eight), Ray Inoue (Eight), Simba Khadder (Eight), Alternate Rohit (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), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

Assembly Members Absent: Art Motta (MEChA), Haedyn Christie (QSU), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Ricardo Sainz (Stevenson), Serene Jneid (Porter), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Sam Shaw (Nine), Kaysi Wheeler (IVC).

Approval of the Agenda:

Brad: Motion to add 10 minutes under presentations before TAPS parking fee for New York Times presentation.

Shannon: Second.

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

Vanessa: Motion to approve.

Daniel: Second.

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

Reading of the Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

Vanessa: Motion to approve.

Roshni: Second.

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

Announcements:

Colin: Relay for Life is happening May 30-31st. Come see me for more information.

Kyra: Rock and Roll on the Knoll is happening and we’re still looking for artists, check out our line up on Facebook.
Brad: Campus Clean up on Sunday from 10 AM-6 PM. If you’re interested in helping to facilitate a group on campus we will have different stations at the different colleges. We’ll be cleaning all over, and if you’re interested in learning waste education, there will be training on Thursday at SUA office from 6-8 PM. We scheduled another one for Friday from 230-430 PM. There’s a google doc on the event page if you want to sign up. You’ll get a t-shirt! All participants will be receiving a drawstring bag as well.

USSA: We will be here all day tomorrow and we will be doing meetings tomorrow. We are here to talk about budget cuts on the federal budget. We will go through a complete update with how the budget will be looking like. Student financial aid services 20 million students in America. If you’re interested in what’s going and how to fight back please come out tomorrow.

Louise: lobby corps meeting at 8 pm at the Muwekma Ohlone conference room.

Justin: Last week SOFA met to hear presentations from registered students orgs, we will be deliberating tomorrow. Last week we met with the exec vice chancellor. Last year we passed a resolution regarding student tenants of the student union and redwood buildings. Now we are talking about apartments in Cowell College and there won’t be new construction projects next year and the SUA office is going to be moved to the fiat slug room, between the bay tree bookstore and the express store.

Max: One of the other things we talked about a lot was the current situation that student orgs have with soar and the advising. We talked about 45 minutes regarding different stories that we’ve heard this year. Anybody wants to talk more, any of the officers can talk to you. I personally wanted to hear more initiative from the EVC, but she did say that she’d look into it.

Louise: Tomorrow from 6-8 at the new room at the health center, Laci Green will be speaking.

Brad: To add onto that, this Saturday is the walk in her shoes event that is put on every day. I think they meet up by the lighthouse on Westcliff. It’s really fun, I encourage you all to go. To add onto the campus cleanup, if you are a student org we encourage you all to table on the east field during our mini celebration.

Shub: Logos?

Brad: I was pretty certain that we had 6, but we actually had four. I’ll send them to Justin now. We can contact these students if you want any of these designs.

Andrew: The last one is kind of okay, I like the tree one.

Ray: I think the tree is the safest option, and I think the slug is adorable but people might think that a slug was too adorable.

Colin: Maybe we can ask the artist if we could get a redwood instead.
Bi: I really enjoy the slug one and I know that it has a cute effect but I think we need some appeal to the student body.

Israel: **Motion to table to next week.**

Daniel: **Second.**

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

**Presentations:**

New York Times:

Thank you all for allowing me to have a few minutes of your time. As most of you are aware, I know a lot of colleges have the NYT as a resource. I want to share some programs that we started a few years ago that really engage citizenry and global awareness. What we’ve done for the student body is that we’ve allowed access to the website. It has complete access to everything that the New York Times has printed. The website is constantly updating. What we’ve done to the readership program 2.0, the New York Times is one of the most respected journals in the world. We have different editions on the website and some for different languages. What we’ve done is taken this resource and provided it in several ways. If your college wanted to provide the New York times we can help out with a discounted rate. We have a similar readership program where students can access the New York Times without hitting the paywall with a pass for 24 hours. For a very robust program we just started a partnership with the library consortium for California and we can actually provide full access for New York Times for only a $1.82 a year for all students on this campus. We have over 900k students who are accessing the new York times daily. In addition, some of the other intentional programs are the leadership program. One of the things that isn’t in there that we’re revamping over the summer is New York Times first year, which is a comprehensive program to help first years develop comprehension skills and other skills regarding real world things. If there’s any interest at all I would love to come back to this institutions and offer these resources.

TAPS:

By the time I give a proposal to the chancellor, the proposal could be very different. There’s a lot of room for flexibility and modification before we send this to the chancellor. TAPS, housing, OPERS are four of the things at UCSC that have to pay for all their own programs via fees or fares. It was 1957 and they decided that parking would only be surface parking lots. They envisioned no biking paths and only parking. In the 1960s, 70s and 80s we’re starting to build parking structures. Right now a surface parking space is 25k. Right now we’re paying off the core west parking structures and we are 15 years into a 30 year payoff. We pay 800k a year. Any new structure we want to build will probably double that fee. Because of that cost, we are trying to not build more parking. What we do is that we try to provide alternates to parking. Some of
those alternatives are the campus shuttles, the metro passes, vanpools and the bike shuttles. Bike programs, bike library. We also have a huge amount of housing on campus compared to other campuses. We have different environmental review guidelines. We have regulations for how much water, how much housing we provide for the students. We have numerous sustainability guidelines and now we also have greenhouse gases reduction. We don’t just put the alternatives in place just to reduce parking. We have 14 different bargaining units that also have a say in what we have to do when increasing parking fee. This has been the total traffic since 1987. Each column is fall or spring. We have about 25k a day and that’s really good because the population of the campus has grown significantly. Also this has to be below a threshold that our trips won’t go over 27k a day. There are two pots of money that we have. Half of our money goes to metro, 40% goes to UCSC transit and 8% goes back to student aid. You can see the parking and programs fee is much smaller than the transit fee. For the parking and program fees pot of money that we have, we have 33% for operations and 23% for administrative support and 19% for loan payments and finally 16% for alternative transportation. We haven’t had a parking fee increase for 9 years. Part of what’s happening is that the better we are at getting people to use alternative, the less they have to park. We’ve actually seen our revenues decline over the last six years. Some of the challenges we have, we have reduced some of our costs and we have accumulated a reserve. We’ve exhausted that reserve and we went into deficit by 70k. We have anticipated construction projects for three years we have been planning social sciences 3 and we are trying to change that with an enhancement from east remote. Enrollment is up. That increases the demand for transit services or if its our own shuttles and it also increases revenue. Even with all these improvements we see that we still have to raise costs. For those of you who have to pay in east remote, we don’t own the lots. We have to pay rent. This year it has been 30k to get more spaces. The lot that is north of the remote, they just cleared a lot of construction and we’re trying to use that. We have a deficit of 1.7 million and we have tried to maintain the service but not expand dramatically. I don’t know what fee increase would balance this step.

Brad: Motion to extend time by 15 minutes.

Seamus: Second.

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

We’re not the only ones in this boat. All the UCs are being challenged by this problem. Riverside Davis and Merced and San Diego are expecting to go in debt soon. Berkeley and UCLA have benefitted from having major sports events and concerts which bring in a lot of money. We are trying to move to raise our cost over the next few years, which puts us up to Irvine. We’ll be as high as the six campuses. We are in the middle regarding the A permit. Our fee proposal would bring that from 66 here to 3 dollars more a year. We’ve had long periods of no change of price. In the early 90s we went four years without a fee increase and when we built the core west structure, fees doubled.
Our fee proposal objectives are shown on the slides. You can see the increases vary from 5-10 percent for the A and R permits, respectively. In this proposal, we are looking for feedback and I want to say that the TAPS budget is the budget most scrutinized on this campus. For years, it’s highly represented, we’ve had three undergrads and that’s been great, but sometimes we have a hard time getting student participation. I have a feeling that having an advisory committee isn’t the best way to reach out. Should we come and talk with you all a couple times a year or should we have town halls? We haven’t been to SUA in a few years either. This proposal we wanted to try the minimize the impact on students, staff and faculty. We will be expanding parking permit requirements. We are trying to put the burden of the money on visitors and short term parking fees. Our pay stations have been the biggest pain in the butt and they have just been awful. We want to take those out and go with a different vendor. We really want to get to a new point of sale system where we are looking at license plate recognition. We are pursuing the east remote expansion and one of the ideas is to create a solar farm over the east remote parking lot. We would also be acquiring electric buses. That’s my dream. We have to change the way we deal with credit cards. One of the things we’re looking at, is that it goes on your student bill. My question is if you think that’s a problem for you or anyone you know. We are trying to move towards more electronic pay.

Brad: First question, why are the increases happening at the flat percentage? The R permit is nearly doubling in percentage and also, has there ever been any communication with the police department where a percentage of fee goes to offset the deficit?

TAPS: The 1.7 million deficit is on the transport fees. They only give us $4 per citation. What we hear from other directors is that parking enforcement isn’t covering their own costs. We are trying to equalize and adjust the permit prices. This is where we want to build the next piece of parking on campus.

Max: Thanks for coming, thank you for supporting the slug shuttle and thank you for having night owls when metro decided to stop running. Are you looking at the master plan for higher education?

TAPS: There is a growing awareness of that model being way out of date. If we had 30k trips per day for traffic, the city would mandate the city to pay a large fee, and that money would be coming from the chancellor and his funds. We’re avoiding a higher cost that would be borne by the university. We want to extend goals to include more of scope 3 and perhaps those monies that are being available for solar panels and greenhouse gas reduction could go towards more alternative transportation.

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

Seamus: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**
TAPS: Part of the struggle on campus is that we’ve lost 20% of our staff in the last six years. A lot of the people you see running around are doing the jobs of 2-3 people. It’s an information kiosk so that you can use the bus tracking system. We had hoped to have that live in fall quarter.

Andrew: If the deficit is in transit, the reason you’re raising parking fees is to avoid parking deficit.

TAPS: That is correct. We are looking into occasional parking for more revenue.

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

Max: **Second.**

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

Seamus: First, why not focus on the 1.7 million deficit, why not put a ballot for that?

TAPS: we didn’t believe we had support from the student body. I can imagine a future in a couple years that the transit district is raising fares. If metro came and asked us for a fee increase, we’d have to go to the students for that fee increase.

Kelly: I think that as a student I would recommend reviewing the 2/3rds increase since students income isn’t as high as staff and faculty, and second that if you’re going to run a referendum, the SUA position for elections is promoting, but it’s the responsibility of TAPS to promote their direct item, so if you have a staff that’s willing to put that referenda out, we can work with them.

Julie: Another thing is that a fee referenda will increase a student fee measure and that just tells students that they’re paying more for what they already have.

TAPS: One of the things that metro is doing is that they will be redesigning their routes. There are talks of it being the Safeway/New Leaf bus. We make up over half the ridership in Santa Cruz County.

Brad: Going back to that comment of paying more for what we already have, I know there’s the proposal for the $40/quarter, and incorporate those into student fees. Why not combine the slug shuttle into there as well? I’ve talked about this in the space below. Referenda don’t have to be just about one thing. It can be a combined effort. We need to start bringing the campus together. I think those conversations need to be had.

Some of you may have seen that we did a survey last quarter, one of the questions was the experience of when you get passed up, and if you’re interested in participating in some focus group. That may be a great group to talk to and talk about an omnibus. We’re also about to launch another survey about the bike shuttle. Currently the cost per ride is $4.46 per person per ride. If we collected half of that as a fare, I don’t know how many people would pay that.
Resolution:

Max: I love Larry to death and he’s helped us out a lot. We might be able to turn some of this angst towards campus administration. We just really need to get central funds for this. I can’t believe we’re paying this much. It doesn’t make sense to me. I think some central campus funds could be spent for alleviating costs for students.

Shannon: Call to question.

Justin: Seeing no second it dies.

Andrew: Some people want to change the language, does anyone want to take a recess?

Israel: I don’t think they really answered any of our questions about how their funding process works.

Michael: It seems like some people want to alter some of the language, motion to table the resolution after funding requests.

Bi: Second.

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

Funding Requests:

Platypus Affiliated Society:

So Platypus Affiliated Society is a new group on campus and we get together left handed tendencies to discuss politics. We have chapters in London, Chicago and New York. This particular event was already held at a different school. I should also mention that we do several other things, we have a publication with a logo of a platypus. We pay for that with our different chapters. We also do reading groups. These are some of the things that we do for the student body. Platypus attempts to bring politically and intellectually engaged students at UCSC in dialogue with one another as well as with political currents on the Left. We will be bringing several activities from the bay. We are bringing in a panelist from LA as well. We do often times draw in local culture for our events. We expect about 100-150 in Kresge 321 on May 20th from 5-7. This early January we hosted an event and it covered topics regarding unionism and how it relates to politics. The participants on that panel were alumni. This is the way we engage conversation. We hope to generate significant discussion and debate. The funding that we need is 935, and we were hoping that you could cover a partial fee.

Justin: About how much are you asking?

Platypus Affiliated Society: I would say $200-400. Anywhere around there.

UCSC’s Talent Showcase:
We are requesting from SUA for $200 for refreshments, $150 for the MPR and rental from Alexis party rentals for $300. This is to show the creativity of the students at UCSC. We are asking for $650 total. It’s a really great show case and I helped last year with it. We are blown away each year with what students have to offer.

Suini: Did you actually pay for the Oakes learning center? You can actually go to Oakes Senate and have it waived.

Franchesca: So the balance in the SUA general programming, last year’s assembly approved for $10,000 but we had to correct that at the beginning so we started off with 2800 instead of 10000 and with the allocation of the campus clean up, there’s $1854.38.

Max: To address previous question, little tidbit of this event, we’ve been cow toeing this, and two years ago it was a hotly debated issue.

Franchesca: Are you going to other bodies for funding?

UCSC’s Talent: Kaysi mentioned that if we can’t find enough then we will resort to other sources of funding.

Movie Event Funding Request:

Shub: I presented this at last week’s meeting. I would like to request $2000, $1900 for the movie licensing and $50 for cleaning materials and $50 for advertising. I have a couple questions too. **Move to fund $2000 the rest from SUA programming and the rest from general fund.**

Shannon: **Second.**

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

Israel: **Objection.** Can we pull up the budget of the event?

Andrew: What movies?

Shub: Jurassic 1, 2 and the lego movie.

Max: How much money do we have in general funds?

$10889.74.

Tamra: For the Lego movie, Oakes showed that movie this year, but we could probably save a good amount of money if the rights are still there.

Brad: When is the event?

Shub: projected is May 2nd.
Brad: What is the itinerary for the day?

Shub: Right now, classroom units 1 and 2 are the locations that we are going to reserve. I’m also trying to get an email back from using the media center. Right now the plan is to have one hall show a double feature and the other hall to show the single feature.

Max: I really think that we should reconsider the date for this because I don’t think it should be at the same time as one of our own events. I think it should be a week or two after got talent.

Brad: Maybe it would give you more time for funding as well. If the thing with the FPC through SOAR, I’m trying to meet with someone who oversees the classrooms and I’m trying to schedule a meeting with her next week.

Israel: Considering that we don’t have a space or time, I don’t feel comfortable funding this yet. I highly doubt that we won’t approve the funding for this, I just want a more solid date and time for this.

Vanessa: Exercise my right to table this discussion.

Daniel: Second.

Colin: Objection.

Vote to table:

In favor: 20 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 6, motion to table passes.

Israel: Motion to add five minutes to discuss other aspects.

Colin: Second.

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

Shub: Another part of the event is that I didn’t want this to be an isolated event, but I also wanted this to be a fundraiser for groups that they choose. In addition to donating to charity, they would also have the option to donate to the CARE program which provides meals and food related assistance to students on campus. They can also donate meals to students on campus.

Brad: we also choose charities at a crown semi-formal event, it’s a little tough if you ask for the donation instead of saying that there will be 2 dollar tickets. It’s really difficult to ask students to pay 2 dollars.

Vanessa: If possible when you come back next week could you give us more of what you have to it. It sounds like it’s a really great idea at its foundational steps.

Shub: The point of this event is to bring the students together.
Seamus: Are you renting classroom unit 2?

Shub: we can probably get it waived since we’re partnering with FPC.

Andrew: You said you wanted the event collaborated with people in the space?

Shub: Anyone’s opinion is appreciated.

Collegiate Engineering Team of Santa Cruz & Advocate America Sponsorship Request Deliberation

Brad: I really liked this presentation. I’m not sure how I feel about the collegiate engineering team because I wasn’t sure about what they were asking for. I think $1550 blindly is kind of a lot of money but I think a little bit would help to advocate their cause. Sergio did mention that they are struggling with the advocate America spaces. They are in the basement of crown library. So I think that it would be really cool of SUA to put in an effort to find a space for advocate America. I think the work that they do is something very important. This year there have been a lot of new organizations popping up. I think that we should help in their efforts to find them a new office. We have a space called the hub and I’m talking to the people there to see if they are okay with us using that space. I know that porter’s housing office might be opening as well. There’s a lot of room to grow and working in the basement of the library isn’t that great, but I would love for SUA to find a space for them.

Jackie: I think that we should email Sergio and ask him for how much money he wants and for what.

Lance: Motion to find a space and to contact him to show us a budget breakdown and connect him with other funding sources.

Roshni: Second.

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

Max: Motion to take up TAPS resolution.

Roshni: Second.

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

TAPS Resolution (resumed)

Max: Move to amend the language so that the title reads resolution condemning any and all parking prices and the therefore let it be finally resolved that it says the vice chancellor. And another clause right before the final resolve clauses that SUA calls on Chancellor Blumenthal to not sign off on any parking price increase and divert some form of simple funds to lower the cost of parking permits.
Roshni: **Second.**

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

Israel: I’m against all increases on parking prices, but the reality is that there probably will be parking price increasing. I’m hoping that we can find a place that we can lessen the burden on undergrads.

Ray: I understand what this is trying to do and I appreciate the intent that it holds, definitely I understand where its coming from but I’m wondering what the solution is. We’ve already brought up relooking at the master plan and I think Larry came to us as a last resort. He has been very transparent with us. I’m not entirely for this resolution just because it’s easy to complain but its not always too easy to come up with solutions. They are trying to make the effort into finding alternative and I think that we should give them appreciation for being transparent with us.

Max: I pretty much asked the chancellor for a solution for this. Honestly, in my opinion, often times admin will come to a point where they need to increase fees for anyone and then they will have our communities make some kind of noise to put the responsibility to the higher administration.

Israel: On top of that, they haven’t been fully transparent in the way they’ve framed the question and the way they have talked about their funding. Just now, they started talking about their pots of money but they’ve barely scratched the surface. They are asking for us to pay for parking at the marine lab and other auxiliary places off campus where undergrads don’t even go to unless for a specific reason. If this passes, a whole generation of students is going to be paying for social sciences 3 without even seeing it. On top of that, the way that their funding structure works, they are talking about a future deficit that is not really that big if a problem in their parking line item that they’ve had a carry forward in.

Brad: Just to reiterate, they’ve had no mentioning of the social sciences 3 funds, and the fact that it took them until now to tell us where that revenue was going instead of when that proposal was made. I’ve been going through the minutes of the advisory committee to see if that number was put out there. It wasn’t until quite later. I agree with you in the sense that there is a lot of complaining here but the entire student body has been complaining. Finally, Sarah Lantham has been going issue to issue putting her foot down and it’s probably time for her to move onto TAPS because TAPS is a big issue, as they have shown us. That meeting has to happen between her, SUA and TAPS to figure out how to solve this. There are solutions but they aren’t immediate.

Ray: Do we know what the success rate of the chancellor saying yes to us?
Louise: when the library was asking for a student fee increase, SUA was like “no we’re not going to let that on the ballot.” The library today is still open till midnight. It goes back to what Max said, where admin goes to the students to make noise to alert higher admin.

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

Rohit: **Second.**

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

Israel: I just wanted to mention that we’re not doing this to completely make noise by ourselves; we’ve heard from other campus units that other important administrative committees are coming out with similar resolutions, so we want this on behalf of the whole campus.

Ray: Are we doing any organizing on the campaign to let other students know about this? I completely understand that we should put pressure but I think we should also put pressure out there in the student body. I like the changes that are being made and I appreciate that but I highly encourage that we do a lot of organizing out there as well.

Brad: Reserve my right to make a motion, I think that we should publicize to the students that they are holding a town hall meeting. I think that would be our best way of outreaching. With that said, **I wanted to amend to strike in the therefore let it be resolved that SUA Chair Lardinois write a letter to strike “condemning TAPS for not releasing a transparent fee increase proposal, TAC for not being fully transparent when presenting to the SUA...at large.”**

Ray: **Second.**

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

Seamus: **Call to question.**

Roshni: **Second.**

In favor: **27** | Opposed: **0** | Abstentions: **1**, **resolution is adopted.**

**Budget discussion:**

Andrew: We’re currently in deficit right now, and we’re overpaying for UCSA and we can either run a referendum or ask the chancellor.

Justin: Measure 8 requires that students pay $7 a quarter to SUA. The SFAC made a preliminary summer fee of 12,303.

Simba: So, about 20-25% is going to an SUA advisor. A member of college eight senate that an average CPC gets paid 48-50k after they’ve been doing it for a couple of years. The SUA advisor
would start at 75k. Last year the budget was 62k the year before that was 69k. The year before that from 2012-2013, there was $32400 for SUA advisor and that included benefits.

Justin: So CPC’s get paid 48-50k. Employees have benefits and that is determined by the university. Our target salary for the SUA advisor is about 55k. So the rest of that is benefits that we don’t have control over. In this year’s budget, we do have the same amount allocated for the SUA advisor, and when we had an operations manager, the job of that person was to solely run the SUA office paperwork. The SUA advisor has more responsibilities.

Brad: To the comment about UCSA, this got brought up so I did a bit of research and when we talked about it seemed that we were paying a lot of more money than we should have, and it says on their site that the flat rate per students is $1.30 per year. UCSA charter members would be expected to contribute more.

Justin: We are overpaying by 71 cents per student.

Brad: I would like to figure that out asap because that 11k that would really help us out. I don’t know how anyone feels about having the chancellor do that for us.

Max: we’ve paid more than this for Latrice in the past and we were scrambling to find money at the end of spring quarter. The main problem that we have with our budget is that we don’t have a big of a carryforward as we have had in the past. We’re spending all our money this year. That also means that we need to plan.

Simba: Why are we moving from an operations manager to an SUA advisor?

Justin: I can elaborate. Prior to fall 2013, SUA was advised by SOAR and my predecessor decided to move SUA’s advising to the dean of students. Prior to that, a year before, the operations manager had resigned the position. When we were moved to the dean of students, there was an understanding that the assistant dean of students would help SUA as the operations manager and the SOAR advisor. This previous summer we began the process of hiring an advisor. We’ve selected our final candidate and are in salary negotiations. SUA can’t afford to pay more than that. The Dean of students office has provided the expenses with the interview process. That’s my understanding behind the history of the position.

Max: We’re advised by the Dean of students not the assistant dean of students. I don’t know why we need an advisor, we just need someone to take care of our operations. We don’t need an advisor, there’s no description for that in the job description. We should not be reliant on high admin.

Shub: An idea was to save us 10k, the sponsorship request line item for this year, I think that we can see that we’ve received considerable request from that line item. How would you all feel about zeroing out sponsorship funding and offering expansion of requirements for funding?
Louise: Thinking about the advising role, I was thinking of sharing the responsibility of the operations manager with another org. Somewhere where we can split this line item with another org.

Brad: **Motion to zero out sponsorship line item with stipulation that we as a body make a bylaw amendment stating that all student organizations, registered or not, may request money from the fall, winter and spring line items, based on the chair’s budget proposal.** It should be for undergraduates for any student ran organization.

Ray: **Second.**

Simba: **Objection.** I think that it should be open to all undergraduates. We have our own discretion here in the space.

Franchesca: I think that making the process open to any undergraduates has its merits, but the problem that I have with not going through the traditional channel of telling SOAR and OPERS is that there’s no official channel so it’s easy for the fund to get lost. To me that sounds like we’re giving cash to someone.

Simba: The reason I bring that up is that I know there are students who are working by themselves who don’t have an organization name. But I’m opening this up for projects. I want to keep it open as possible but to also have our discretion there.

Louise: As far as that goes, we can still entertain funding requests from individual students who are not part of the SOFA process. We’ve done that for other groups and pulled from different line items in the past. The purpose of combining those line items was so that those groups could go straight to SOFA.

Israel: The intent of this addition is whenever any campus org funds something, they have to transfer it through a department. Any group of students can get funded for a project, you just have to go through a department. I doubt that SUA will just dole out cash to students for no apparent reason.

Seamus: **Call to question.**

Israel: **Second.**

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

Brad: Regarding the bylaw, I would possibly look into campus wide email. That would be my best guess is a campus wide email at the beginning of the quarter, stating that SUA is going through their funding request process. Then we have to make it clear in that email that our budget has been changed so that its open to all students.
Vote to zero out sponsorship and to send out a campus wide email letting students know of their funding.

In favor: 14 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 6, motion passes.

Brad: Motion to zero out the college elections commission for $500.

Israel: Second.

Seamus: Objection.

Brad: reason behind this is because the college senate send a lot of reps to a lot of different orgs, there’s CORE, SOFA, SUA that don’t get paid and those are yearly positions, whereas the elections commission rarely meets, it’s only for a short amount of time, so I’m just a little iffy why they would all get 50 but not the other ones. I understand that its an incentive.

Kelly: Direct response, I think that we should take into consideration that these are late night meetings and they have to happen. I think that $50 is a little compensation and I think it’s also almost an abuse to student workers.

Max: When I was in the elections commission, and we had to have meetings, you didn’t do it for the money. You do it for the experience. I wish we could compensate them more.

Brad: could we possibly look into a general elections commission fund, in a sense where there would be a pot of money, possibly for food? Just a suggestion. I just think that we have a lot of things where students do it for the experience and they don’t get paid.

Vote to cut 500 from college elections commissioner:

In favor: 16 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 3, motion passes.