**Assembly Members Present:** Art Motta (MEChA), Haedyn Christie (QSU), Alternate Ray (SANAI), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Yang Kong (Cowell), Colin Hortman (Stevenson), Kyra Brandt (Stevenson), Ricardo Sainz (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), Serene Jneid (Porter), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Shannon Earl (Kresge), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Suini Torres (Oakes), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Roshni Advani (Eight), Simba Khadder (Eight), Alternate Noah Thoron (Eight), Lance McNeil (Nine), Shubhankar Sharan (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Daniel Iglesias (Ten), Vanessa Sadsad (Ten), Brad Mleynek (OD), Max Hufft (CoAA), Israel Molina (CoD), Louise Cabansay (EVC), Kaysi Wheeler (IVC), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

**Assembly Members Absent:** Seamus Howard (Cowell), Sam Shaw (Nine), Cristal Gonzalez (SANAI), Ray Inoue (Eight).

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Simba: *Motion to add 15 minutes to talk about SUGB before old business.*  
Roshni: *Second.*


Colin: *Motion to approve.*

Vanessa: *Second.*


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

Michael: *Motion to change to Saalini.*

Adham: *Motion to approve.*

Colin: *Second.*


**Announcements and Public Comment**

Colin: Relay for life is May 30th.

Kyra: Rock and Roll on the Knoll is on May 23rd you can check it out on the Facebook page
Simba: There’s a meeting with Larry tomorrow who’s in charge of TAPS. If all goes well, the web and android version should be released on the Playstore and on the website by next Monday.

Shub: On the movie event, we will be pushing that to May 30th. I spoke to a couple of orgs to see if they wanted to be involved in fundraising but that they would like to have more time to do that. Our event is towards the evening. The other thing is that the new Jurassic Park movie is coming up on the 30th as well. If you want to get involved let me know.

Serene: On May 12th in the quarry from 12-1 SFAC is holding a town hall presentation of where your money goes. LSS, CruzCare and OPERS will be talking about student fees.

Justin: I have a couple things, yesterday was the last council of presidents meeting. There were a couple things, we talked about tuition and where that is. We’re waiting on the state for their budget. There were some graduate student issues and we had a discussion regarding mental health, a component of the student service fee increase. Another thing was talking about sexual assault on campus, and I brought it up recently because UCSC has been added to the Department of Justice’s list of campuses under federal investigation for mishandling sexual assault cases. As some of you know, there was an incident off campus where an alleged rapist was kicked out of a party and now the people who kicked him out are facing conduct charges. So I brought that up and Napolitano staff offered to look into the issue to make sure our campus is handling that correctly. The last few meetings have been going on pretty long. I really want to ask everyone to stay throughout the meeting. If you leave the room, your college has less of a voice here. Campaigning began last Friday and I don’t see any problems right now, so please keep the SUA space neutral.

Haedyn: Queer Prom is May 23rd from 9 PM - 12 AM at the Kresge Town Hall.

Louise: This Saturday we are having the beyond bars conference on May 9th from 12-4. It is a workshop series with community groups that work with juvenile youth and the school to prison pipeline. There are a bunch of community orgs coming on campus and this will be held at College Eight. There are a lot of ways to get involved and we will actually be having a replica of a jail cell. We will also be serving lunch. To follow up on the budget discussion, UCSA just had its last meeting and in our undergraduate committee, we decided to reform the voting procedures for the next year. I will be presenting at UCSA’s next meeting in June to present a new standing procedure for how voting will happen at UCSA Congress. If you’re interested to help, let me know. At UCSA, we passed a resolution how the judicial actions were taken on the highway 6. That resolution called for police oversight. Tomorrow there will be a huge lobby corps meeting in the Muwekma Ohlone conference room. We have 20 bills we’re talking about and we’re going to see the budget, which will come out. On Thursday, there will be the Prop 13 kickoff in Sacramento. Prop 13 will finally bring some revenue into higher education. More information is in that bunch of things that I just passed around and more information I’ll be at the lobby corps meeting. Student advocate to the Regents applications are out.
Art: There have been some updates on the national level. They try to figure out how much money they want for budgets. They decided they want to cut billions from higher education. Roughly 45% of students at UCSC rely on the Pell Grant to access higher education. We’re contacting republicans and letting them know how detrimental this is to us. We have a meeting with Congressman Sam Farr to discuss new ways to fund. There is a proposed 163 billion for higher education is proposed to be cut, and we need to get organized. If you’re interested in meeting Sam Farr, please send an email to myself or Louise. Next Tuesday in the MPR is the Cesar Chavez convocation at 7 PM right before this meeting.

**Presentations:**

Black Experience Team

This is a collective of students, staff and admin. We are here to help solve issues that affect black students on campus. So essentially where we’re coming from is that historically there has been a lack of representation of black students on campus. We are here today to let the campus know that we are trying to increase African/black students here on campus. In terms of our timeline, basically every year hate bias reports that are done and submitted to the university. In the beginning on winter quarter there was also a town hall for African/black students on campus. Essentially from that and throughout fall quarter, a team of black students, faculty and staff meet to solve these issues on campus. When we talk about critical mass we are talking about the feeling that students feel on campus where they feel represented. Another definition of critical mass refers to the point when there are enough minorities in a setting that individual minorities no longer feel uncomfortable because they are minorities, they no longer feel an interfering level of identity threat. In terms of enrollment capacity, black students have the lowest enrollment rate. In terms of graduation rates, we have been matriculating at the least percentages out of the minorities.

Regarding out emerging themes and recommendations, this is going to be something that we can connect outside and inside the classroom and have conversations about this. We are thinking of reinforcing cultural competency online. We are also thinking about having an advisor for those students who need more help. We will be providing training and coaching support for faculty to utilize academic validity strategies to increase engagement and participation from ABC students. We are trying to build awareness for interventions in conferences. We are also hoping to develop connections to historically black colleges.

Recognizing that there have been many issues with black students in terms of housing, we looked at surveys that black students have filled out and residential assistants and seeing what they have had to deal with. We were hoping to have a program like alcohol.edu except for doing that program based on cultural competency. We want to have more multicultural conversations and talk about microaggresssions. We were also hoping to have an orientation for incoming black frosh to help them develop a sense of community.
Campus training – cultural proficiency. We want people to understand what microaggressions are and stereotyping on campus. We want to develop and online diversity assessment for all incoming students to set expectations of respect appreciation for diversity. We want the development of diversity facilitator team to provide ongoing diversity related trainings on campus.

Last is Hate Bias Advisory report and recruitment and transitions of primarily frosh and transfer ABC. Essentially if there is a hate bias incident, you can submit a form online and they will get back to you and help you deal with the situation. At this point we are trying to figure out how to improve the system of reviewing those forms. We also want to recruit African black students and we are going to different black student spaces to get them to vote on it. A hate bias may be something that affected a student due to their race or identity. Hate crime is an actual physical attack.

Imari: I know that it’s been brought up about having more support for students in the LGBTQ community.

BET: There is still work being done on that and we are looking at the intersectionalities of identities and talking about different levels of identity. We’re still looking for a solution.

Student Government Survey

Shub: Before we get started, some preliminary biases that we may have, we got 1046 responses out of 15645 students. However, people who are friends with SUA members are more likely to respond, people who have never heard of the SUA are less likely to take the survey. Also, people always want what they don’t have. If we’re doing something well and it’s doing well, they won’t pay attention to it.

Andrew: The first question was if people had heard about the SUA before. Most people have heard of SUA at 80%. Regarding SUA interaction, most people do not know what we do here.

Brad: The next question was how often people have interacted with the assembly and 67% of the voters had never had an interaction with SUA and 27% had occasionally interacted with SUA. This is the big issue is just that we need to interact and just be out more. As much as some students believe that tabling isn’t effective. We need to look more into the future of how to properly reach out to the assembly.

Shub: This question “What was the method of your interaction” the top three were student organizations, senates, and friend with rep or officer. Student Organizations isn’t us interacting with us, that’s when they are asking for money.

Vanessa: This question was “do you feel that SUA is accessible/approachable?” 80% of students don’t think we are accessible enough.
Shub: In the custom responses for this, at least 20 or so people said that the meetings should be open to the public, but our meetings are accessible. In addition, some people didn’t know when or how to speak during the meeting.

Brad: To add onto that, outside the space there were quite a few responses that they never see SUA out there. We need to do a better job of interacting with the student body and reaching out to students.

Andrew: There is a little bit of bias here if you look here, the conferences didn’t get too much attention, but people went to the Holi festival and Edge of Eden.

Brad: Most people have heard of these events, but 50% of students haven’t attended these events. We need to figure out why. I think there are a lot of events that we do well in the advertising department and I think that conferences we can definitely set that up. I would be interested in hearing how students heard about conferences.

Shub: This question was “did you know that previous events were organized by the SUA”, and 67% of students don’t know that we were involved in many events on campus. It’s not that great and I hate to say it but part of our ability to support students and if we don’t have the students who know about us, it becomes hard for them to come to us.

Andrew: Earlier on this year we were arguing that we should or shouldn’t have our logo on everyone’s stuff that we fund. We need to have some way to let people know that an event was organized by SUA.

Shub: This next question was to ask participants if there were any strong opposition to what we were doing right now, and only 9% don’t want us to continue. However, the people who were in the middle of the spectrum maybe need a different event to make them interested.

Andrew: A lot of students like the idea of music festivals and these are students opinions of what they want us to host or fund more. The top two were music festivals and cultural programming and the least two were other and talent competitions.

Shub: Students want to see speakers and workshops on campus and they want to be involved in more movements.

Andrew: One of the questions that we had was how the students would like us to reach out to them, and they would like us to table in the quarry and have more interactive events.

Shub: All students would like to see conferences, speaker events, topical campus wide workshops and increasing quality of student and funding student groups. A lot of people doubt SUA’s actual power to influence administration. What this shows us is that we might be having more programs for students but the students are actually telling us to directly influence and
impact change on this university. The next steps for this survey is to parse through the free responses and see what the most common theme is.

Brad: There is also on the survey itself, it shows a summary without information. We can get that information out and we can give the college reps to have more active things to do.

Kaysi: A lot of these issues are things that I have heard from different organizations and my office and staff has been working on a project for the last couple of months and we’re not ready to present it, but in a couple weeks we will be presenting to SUA, however it is called the Students of Solidarity Council and it’ll be a branch from the IVC office where it’ll be a council made up of reps from any different organization on campus or office that is part of UCSC. There is a lot more to it but I just want to say that for the workshops and speaker events, that’s something that this will be hitting on a lot more.

Serene: Two things that were issues with students were that they didn’t know what we did and they were skeptical of our power. My original thought was that we could have some advertising in the quarry plaza to show all the different events that are happening or all the things that we are funding, just permanently there. Another thing was that they are skeptical of our power on campus, maybe one way to get rid of that is to just do little things that help the students have a better experience.

Adham: So increasing quality of student life, when it comes to admin, we don’t have that much power, and we’re passed so many resolutions. There’s not that much we can do with admin, but in terms of other stuff regarding bureaucracy, we could make those processes easier.

Andrew: In terms of us not having a lot of power, we do have a lot of power in some ways, when we got the offices out of the crown pit, that was changed. A lot of students said that they like music festivals, but when you see the short responses, they say things like they want more music festivals, but the longer responses talk about us getting out there, or they say things like they want public forums.

Imari: I was going to say that I think the biggest problem with people not knowing about SUA, but tabling at orientation is good so that students already know about SUA when they set foot in the campus. I think that there should be another email sent out to students so that they know what is going on. We need to focus on more outreach.

Israel: We do table at orientation and Brad and I were talking about how to make it more effective next year and we think it would be good for officers to have their internships ready by then. On top of that, brad and I have a volunteer list of students who are interested in getting involved in SUA.

Max: I love how y’all blew up the numbers to put things into perspective. That being said, in my freshman year, I also believed that we needed to cut all the other things in our budget and officer
pay to make room for festivals and for fun events because the school doesn’t do anything. As I sat in SUA more, I realize how important everything else is. Regardless, I think we should look at this data and keep it in mind while we’re discussing the budget.

Simba: A lot of people who took this probably know someone in SUA, but I do feel like the reason people don’t know about us is because not many people want to go out to the conferences, or they are not into the political side of things. That’s why people say things like “yeah, I want music festivals”. I feel like in SUA you need to be a little different, to come out for a couple hours on a Tuesday night and that’s why they ask for music festivals. I feel like we do lose touch with what the “average” student wants at UCSC. I do feel like conferences are underappreciated because people have a hard time understanding the importance of it.

Jose: I want to say that I agree with the whole music festival thing, but also with the calendar idea is a good idea and if Justin wants to pull it up, we have a monthly handout and we have all our programs on it.

Andrew: Our campus is so decentralized and I feel like based on the responses here, I think that to get students together, there were a couple of students who specifically mentioned campus cleanup day. People want more things that bring people together.

Vanessa: There are two insights from the average students that they see other students in terms of concerts, in terms of speakers. There’s been talk of Hilary Clinton, and in the last meeting someone said 2 Chainz. A lot of our campus is polarized in terms of music taste, there’s EDM and hip-hop. Later tonight we are going to be discussing the budget. There’s a disheartening thing knowing that we are a historically decentralized campus from our college senates, as we are called upon to be an advocacy body. When we deal with a small budget compared to other campuses whether it’s out of states, other UCs or the CSU system, that incorporates the associated students inc., including other schools who may have concerts more often. They can easily put on a Cornel West event or host other events that showcase different music types. I mean, UCLA spent the equivalent to our entire budget to host a Hilary Clinton event. This is why we need to figure out where our budget is going to look like. While we pay $7 a quarter for our student government and $10 for our senates, that $17/quarter is usually doubled or tripled elsewhere and the resources are more abundant. If we really want someone to come here, this is going to be a daunting path to see where we stand in about an hour from now, and I hope we’re all ready for that.

**Resolutions:**

**Resolution to Invest in the Middle Eastern Peace Process**

[Reads resolution]
Something about all these organizations that we have been asked to work with is that it really calls to recognize and work towards having its self-determination for both Israeli and Palestinian people and by not acknowledging that they should be able to live in a place of their own. We also wanted to say that we created this bill as a collaborative group with non-Jewish and Jewish students on campus. This is a collaborative effort by many students. We want to offer positive solutions.

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

Brad: **Second.**

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

Presenters: So the parent’s circle is an organization that is about 10 years old and this brings parents together who have lost loved ones to the conflict. Their slogan is “we don’t want you here” often Israelis and Palestinians do not have the time to talk to the other side. It is dehumanizing. It is coming from both sides.

The Peres Center for Peace is designed to help both the Israeli and Palestinians. They are trying to build up both sides of the conflict. The Middle East investment initiative is dedicated to create a direct finance facility specifically designed for small and medium sized enterprises. I can’t understate the importance of having economic stability. The MEII helps to stabilize the economy.

The EcoPeace Water Project is a non-government organization that fosters a regional approach to water conservation and sustainability and renewable resources involved Jordanian, Palestinian, and Israeli environmentalists. Their main focus is the environmental stability of a shared water source for all groups.

The Shades of Negotiation is through the Harvard school of law and the goal is to bring together Israeli and Palestinian government officials.

Roshni: have there been any resolutions similar to this that have been passed in the UC system or the nation?

Presenters: Irvine.

Shub: I’d like to commend you all for describing the specific organizations that you want us to focus on.

Andrew: So here you’re just asking that the regents invest in these organizations that help to promote the peace process?

Presenters: Yes, not necessarily money but also cooperation with this peace process and to educate other people about this and to bring about awareness.
Art: you mentioned that it was a collaboration of students, how many students were there?

Presenters: At a meeting there were 10 students, there was a majority of Jewish students but there was one who identified as Palestinian, he will be presenting to college senates.

Simba: Was there a specific group that got this together or was it just a bunch of students?
Presenters: It was a bunch of students who happened to be part of different organizations.

Simba: Did you try to reach out to the Arab clubs and organizations on campus?

Presenters: I’ve been working with a couple various students and Muslim students association to get a kosher space to talk on campus.

**Funding Requests:**

**Float to Vote Dive-In Move Sponsorship Request:**

Adham: This event sounds great. Except for the polling thing. A fourth of people that will benefit from this referendum are going to be there.

Max: I’m going to completely disagree. If somebody wants to hold an event in an anti-athletics place, they can come and ask us for money. I think we’re all a little sketched out, and I’m going to put my face to them. If they do end up violating and we can recharge the money. This event will happen regardless. If it’s successful, we just promoted a very successful event and that could be good for future. Let’s give them the benefit of the doubt. If they do something wrong, we can recharge them.

Shub: Regarding how we are conducting ourselves in the presence of those who are for the athletics. Minorities don’t always extend to ethnic groups. You can’t really say that we can’t support student athletes. I agree with what Max said and we should trust them to have a good event. Another thing to think about is that they are doing this, they are doing our job. We have had a historically low voting turnout.

Colin: Reserve my right to make a motion. I want to extend what max was saying, there could be people protesting there and it wouldn’t be part of the polling place. **Motion to fully fund from general fund.**

Max: **Second.**

Roshni: **Objection.** College Eight was mostly against funding this, an interesting point that a senate member brought up is that the SUA is supposed to be an unbiased space, and we do support events that promote voting, but we would rather have the elections commissioner put this on.
Israel: I think that this is going to be a good event, but given that this event is funded by shop, I think there could be some misconstrued. Another thing is that a staff member asked for money. This wasn’t organized by the students. I highly recommend to not fund.

Brad: First, I want to say there’s always pros and cons to referendum and that’s something that needs to be publicized in the future. That is a thing, also, going off what Max and Colin said, they are planning to have campaigning for all the referendum and the constitutional amendments. That’s the only time during the event that will be happening. The polls will be where you swipe your ID. There won’t be polls next to the pool. Another thing, someone can go out there and educate students, but regardless this could be a great event. Every single referenda this year is heavily being pushed by staff. Being an author of constitutional amendments, I’ve had so many emails asking me what I’ve been doing. It’s really wrong. Overall I’m in favor of the event.

Vanessa: It doesn’t matter where the polling place is, and the same people who will be voting already know what they’re going to vote like. When you go to the polling place, you’ll vote how you wanna vote. The staff member that came here emphasized that she could uphold that unbiased position. The same people who are hosting the polling places could also have a different opinion.

Kaysi: Motion to extend 10 minutes.

Max: Second.

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

Simba: First I would disagree that the locations wouldn’t affect how people vote. I could imagine that being in a place like OPERS that will skew the vote a little bit. I think they should have the event, but I don’t think it’s our place to fund this. We could try to do our own thing and talk to the elections commission. Especially because I’ve heard people walking by OPERS and random information is being told to people, like our mascot is going to go away. I think that if they want to put on this event, but if they want that money, they’ll find it.

Daniel: I’d like to live in a perfect world, but this seems like a really cool event that we should support, and this is what we have to work with.

Andrew: If people are really concerned about them being biased, those people could go to the event themselves, but honestly we really need to get things passed this year and if they’re going to be encouraging people to vote, we need to get people to vote. I don’t know if we should fund this at all since they could find their own money.

Kartik: I’d like to respectfully disagree, I think that this is money that could be used elsewhere. I would say that we shouldn’t be trying to finance their propaganda campaigns.
Kaysi: Reserve my right to make a motion, I would like to remind people that if something has been said, please keep the words germane, call to question.

Adham: Second.

Vote to fund fully:

In favor: 16 | Opposed: 14 | Abstentions: 6, fully funded.

Simba: Reserve my right to make a motion, I think that we should at least not put our name on it. **Motion to stipulate to ask them to not place our name.**

Kartik: Second.

Israel: Objection.

Vanessa: I think that if we are funding, we need to stick with our own guidelines.

Max: I’m gonna be a little real with y’all, this fee’s not gonna pass. I think we’re all pretty much decided on this event. If we just talked about people who don’t know us. I think we all have our minds made up about this.

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

Roshni: Second.

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

Israel: Although I don’t really see the publicity aspect of it, if they want to put our logo on it, and I don’t really like rubber stamping our events, but if we’re going to fund something, we better not pretend that we didn’t fund it.

Louise: Our logo for funding an event versus our logo for looking that we endorsed something. We always make a difference between endorsement and sponsorship. If they advertise it in such a way that is vague, I think we should let them know that we are funding, and not endorsing it.

Kaysi: Since you all passed this, we have to hold ourselves accountable for this, and hiding the fact that we funded this would probably not be great.

Kartik: I would like to say that it was not an overwhelming majority vote that this should be passed and I think that it is disrespectful to the people who voted no on this. I don’t like how on top of giving them the funding, also put our name over there in order to basically increase anger within the student body about $117.

Tamra: We already funded it, and that’s already public information.

Michael: Call to question.
Kiana: **Second.**

In favor: 3 | Opposed: 26 | Abstentions: 6, **motion fails.**

**Immigrant Youth Empowerment Conference Sponsorship Request Deliberation**

Adham: Reserve my right to make a motion, this looks good to me, **motion to fully fund from general fund.**

Kaysi: **Second.**

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

**SUGB:**

Simba: I was told from people here that we’re in the fiat room, and apparently we aren’t in the fiat room anymore because it wasn’t viable for office space. Then SUGB passed something wherein if we aren’t talking directly to SUGB, they won’t fund us. I’d like to know what’s going on.

Justin: We were originally told by the EVC that the fiat slug space as our temporary office while the Student Union building is being reconstructed. Then I got an email to Lucy Rojas. There are issues about rewiring, unfettered access, refrigeration unit, and the drop down gate and the restrooms. In my opinion, these will be inconveniences, but we can deal with it.

Kaysi: I met with the tenants of the redwood building because there were some concerns with SUA, SUGB and admin. Admin is making us run around figuring out things that they have screwed up for us. EVC Galloway already told us that there are ways to work around this. We should definitely bring this up to EVC Galloway. SUGB has been the leading group in finding space. I’ve been talking with Oscar and Gabrielle who are in charge of SUGB and they had me send an email to EVC Galloway to ask what’s going on, and they are under the impression that SUA was going to be squeezed into the apartments. That is why the fiat was brought up. We are still waiting to hear from EVC Galloway. SUA is to find their own location, but they will still be considered tenants of the redwood buildings.

Simba: Another thing is that they said that if we didn’t work with them, they wouldn’t fund us. It would be great if we could have some reps go there.

Kaysi: The thing with SUGB is that they go around in circles in their meetings, which is why we get split up into smaller subcommittees. They should still be helping us with the funding services. That definitely needs to be addressed. I don’t know where the confusion is going, and it’s a whole big fricking mess right now.

Daniel: I guess to directly answer your thing, I’m also part of SUGB, and the general consensus there is that we understand that y’all aren’t going to be using the Cowell apartments, and there
was actually a desire that y’all release an official statement that you’re not using the Cowell apartments.

Andrew: You said that Galloway already said that the fiat space was okay but these people from housing said it wasn’t okay. If Allison Galloway say it’s fine, does she have authority over the people below her?

Justin: I’m just not sure how final it was regarding that space.

Kaysi: To me it already seemed that it was tenable.

**Old Business:**

**Proposed Bylaw Amendments:**

Colin: One little thing that was brought up at our meeting, that the elections commissioner pay and that it saves a lot of money and from people who have had that position, they feel that it seems like being underpaid.

Justin: We still have a deficit of $20,557.

Max: **Motion to pass the bylaw amendment for Section E.2.A.III for officer pay.**

Chandler: **Second.**

Andrew: If someone thinks that there’s another way to cut money, we need to cut from somewhere.

Simba: Reserve my right to make a motion, I realize that they may be underpaid, but we need to start making cuts. **Motion to pass the elections commissioner and associate elections commission amendments.**

Jose: **Second.**

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

**Fiscal 2016 Budget Deliberation**

Shub: **Move to make the budget reflect the new bylaw amendments. To cut $1200 from each officer pay line item and to cut $500 from the elections commissioner and $400 from the associate elections commissioner.**

Kaysi: **Second.**

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

Louise: **I move to cut $1000 from print and copy expenses**
Vanessa: Second.

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

Simba: Motion to cut officer pay by 100 for all 12 months.

Adham: Second.

Art: Objection. The math’s wrong.

Vanessa: Call to question.

Max: Second.

In favor: 30 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 2, motion passes.

Shub: I know we collapsed programming recently, and this is still one of the biggest chunks of our funding. I know that everyone’s iffy about cutting funding for student organizations.

Adham: I’m very against cutting funding for student organizations. Can we just scrap that position? We’re doing fine right now.

Justin: We can’t, we’ve already gone through the job process and we’ve already done salary negotiations.

Brad: I do want to echo Adham’s point, and I know that we’ve been talking about how we’ve been overpaying for UCSA dues. Right now, if we were able to fix the measure, our deficit would almost be deficit. I think we should keep funding, however, and we need to deal with what we have and not bank on us getting that from the chancellor.

Louise: Conferences are near and dear to my heart and not many students get to go. These issues help students get involved. They are expensive things to do, and if advocacy was cheap, we would have a very different school. I would like to cut 3000 from the student of color conference and 3000 from student lobby conference. Bear in mind that these are the easiest to fundraise from.

Colin: Second.

Vanessa: Objection.

Brad: I’m a little split on this and after reading a lot of the responses from the survey, one the biggest things I saw was please do not cut student of color conference. After going this year, I understand what this conference is about and it was a really cool experience. I’d encourage people to split the motion.

Andrew: Motion to split the question one of the student of color conference and one of the cut the to the student lobby conference.
Chandler: Second.

Vanessa: Objection.

In favor: 31 | Opposed: 3 | Abstentions: 1, question is so divided.

Discussing cutting $3000 from SOCC

Max: Reserve my right to make an amendment, I just want to quickly point out that all future cuts to the budget should have stipulations that the money can roll back to us. Motion to stipulate that the money comes back to us from UCSA, that these line items be restored to $12000.

Jose: Second.

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

Imari: I think the student of color conference is great, but I don’t see how it benefits the campus and it benefits those who go, and I went to the conference but I didn’t see how it benefitted the campus as a whole.

Serene: Reserve my right to make a motion, motion to table both questions.

Roxanna: Second.

Imari: Objection.

In favor: 17 | Opposed: 8 | Abstentions: 9, motions are so tabled.

Serene: How much does the chair travel?

Justin: Last year’s chair had a $5000 budget for traveling and decreased my traveling to $1000, and it’s been difficult, I’ve had to compensate from my programming budget.

Serene: If you go up to mail services, I noticed that the line item was increased to $150 a month, is that necessary?

Justin: I put in a $150 just in case it goes over.

Serene: The LegCon travel, it’s for board members only, how many people does $2000 take?

Louise: it depends how many people are board members, usually we have 1 or 2. That covers a flight across country and it doesn’t even cover all of lobbying and we couch surf for a while. For general board member travel that’s all couch surfing. If we want to lobby in DC for one time, that’ll cover one person.

Serene: Move to take up the two questions from the table.
Ayke: Second.

Simba: Objection.

In favor: 21 | Opposed: 7 | Abstentions: 7, motion passes.

Kaysi: Motion to extend time by 15 minutes.

Max: Second.

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

Jose: Call to question.

Imari: Second.

Vote to cut 3000 from student of color conference with the stipulation that the money will be restored to 12000 if the chancellor accepts our request for reforming measure 8:

In favor: 22 | Opposed: 3 | Abstentions: 9, motion passes.

Simba: Motion to add the same stipulation.

Israel: Second.

Brad: Call to question.

In favor: 31 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 1, motion passes.

Louise: Motion to add a standing rule that if there is sufficient carry forward, that should there be enough in the general fund, we will restore the line items that were just cut.

Simba: Second.

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

Simba: Motion to cut from $150 to $117.52 for line item 2112.

Lance: Second.

Kaysi: Objection. Mail varies from time to time, and if there’s no buffer, we’d need to find other money to pay for that.

Isarel: I just want to say that not giving ourselves a buffer with things that are inconsistently charged, that is financially unstable.

Michael: It seems silly to not have that buffer there. If we have to keep anything, that seems like we should keep it.
Lance: Justin, over this past year, has it gone up from $117?

Justin: we haven’t had it go any higher than that.

Colin: Reserve my right to make a motion, we need to find somewhere else to cut bigger and most likely temporarily, call to question.

Max: Second.

In favor: 2 | Opposed: 22 | Abstentions: 10, motion fails.

Andrew: Reserve my right to make a motion, line item 2111, in the budget committee we figured we’d cut it in half. Motion to cut 2111 from $1000 to $500.

Kaysi: Second.

Brad: Objection.

Max: $500 is fine, we’re going to end up paying toner and it’s going to be really expensive. We’re talking about color and black and white. I’d say $500 is fine, anything lower is just pushing it.

Kaysi: Call to question.

Max: Second.

Adham: Call for Acclimation.

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