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), Alternate Roy (Stevenson), Andrew Paolini (Crown), Aykezar Adil (Crown), Alternate August Valera (Crown), Chandler Moeller (Merrill), Alternate Bi (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), Alternate Noah Thoron (Eight), Simba Khadder (Eight), Sam Shaw (Nine), Lance McNeil (Nine), Shubhankar Sharan (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Daniel Iglesias (Ten), Vanessa Sadsad (Ten), Brad Mleynek (OD), Max Hufft (CoAA), Kaysi Wheeler (IVC), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

Assembly Members Absent: Ricardo Sainz (Stevenson), Michael Markson (Crown), Ray Inoue (Eight), Israel Molina (CoD), Louise Cabansay (EVC).

Approval of the Agenda:

Vanessa: Motion to strike Divest from Turkey.

Chandler: Second.

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

Adham: Motion to add introduction of a new bylaw before old business for five minutes.

Colin: Second.

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

Roshni: Motion to approve.

Seamus: Second.

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

Reading of the Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

Colin: Motion to approve minutes.

Kyra: Second.

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

Announcements and Public Comment:
Vanessa: Reminder that tomorrow at 7 PM lobby corps will be hosting Paid in Politics event at Merrill cultural center, it will feature local individuals who are paid in politics, including the major of Santa Cruz. The office of Mark Stone will also be there and the Vice Chair of the county central committee, Amanda Robinson as well.

Justin: As you all know voting ended at midnight last night but as of yesterday it was 30.9%. Elections commission will receive the results on Thursday and meet Thursday evening to ratify the results. That’s for the candidates. Chancellor has to approve the referendum too.

Kyra: Rock and Roll on the Knoll is happening on this Saturday from 12-10. There’s a great lineup, there will be food, art and spray paint wall and there will be tie dye going on. There will be slam poetry as well.

Jose: This Friday Cowell at 830 we will be showing perks of being a wall flower.

Simba: Bus app was released yesterday and we have 2-3 thousand users, if you’d like to be a part of it, just tell them my way. Slugroute.com!

Justin McClendon: Yesterday was the UC board of regents meeting and we talked about the global food initiative, and we are looking for testimonials who have had difficulties with food.

Justin: On the subject of the regents, it was announced that tuition increase was going to be postponed by two years but that was a bit misleading. Last Friday student leaders were invited to be on a conference call with Julie Sakaki. Tuition will be frozen for the next two years, but then it will increase to keep up with inflation. Student fees 5% over the next five years and tuition freeze only applies to California residents so they still haven’t decided to increase tuition for non residents. She mentioned a number like 8%. It’s not over.

Jose: There was a rumor that the SUGB body is deciding to put the pool table and the ping pong table into storage and the Cowell body was interested to see those items not be put into storage and we wouldn’t mind to have those items.

Kaysi: There was no mention of that at all during the meeting but we did ask the Cowell and Stevenson reps to ask the senates if they have any space to offer in terms of providing a space for the student union for the computers so that students who commute back and forth over the hill could still have a space like that on campus. It’s up to your two senates to come up with which space is good for you.

Art: Any updates for the location of SUA?

Kaysi: When we met last Thursday, one of the discussions was an option at the library on the first floor, which isn’t a huge room, and its just big enough for storage, and another possibility was using the smallest conference room above the BayTree Bookstore. So right now we are left with the library but we do want to have an office setting.
Justin: The best case scenario right now is using the library and then having another more accessible space that we would use for our main office.

Andrew: Event tomorrow, SCOC crown Merrill, it is a board game trivia night and it will be 5-9 at the Merrill cultural center.

Shub: I spoke to another member of MEChA and they were still confused about SUA’s plans of where they were going to be and they said that no one had talked to them yet.

Kaysi: Right now SUA has a point person, Denise right now and we aren’t asking SUGB’s help anymore.

Bi: Tomorrow fundraiser at 4-9 PM at pizza my heart for relay for life.

**Presentations:**

**Internal Vice Chair Staff:**

So today we will be presenting on this project that we have been working on, it’s called the students of solidarity council. The idea for this came out when we were looking at the past councils that have existed. Talking to alumni and people who have even on campus. The purpose of ESOC was to unite ethnic student organizations to develop coalition between groups. In the IVC office we were looking at different organizations on campus that you may be in. Recognizing that there are a lot of them, there isn’t much collaboration. So the purpose of this is to create that connection. We want to bridge those gaps to create solidarity. It’s really difficult to do a lot of work together and in the council, people learn about the issues that are going on. This council would meet quarterly and it would be a time for interorg communication and event planning. We would hope that different orgs come together and plan workshops for the whole of CUSC and we also hope to build diversity gaps and teach each other about diversity and education and basic leadership skills. Our goal is bridge the gaps in solidarity among student orgs. Our purpose is to serve the needs and goals of our community through cross community advocacy and inter organization education and solidarity in the student movement.

We have created the five pillars of student solidarity. We have leadership, educations, diversity, unification and allyship.

The goal of developing leadership is to help organizations develop leadership skills and present the idea of teamwork where communities can come together and educate other communities and learn from each other.

Education from a community of learners: students are able to come together and discuss how they’ve dealt with certain issues in the past and how they can learn from each other. There’s something to learn from a different organization. We want to engage in community dialogue.
From education of the org, we go to the present day status of the organization and then from there we go to the sustainability of the org in the future.

The next goal is to unify the student body. We hope the SOS community can come together and have panels, discussions and debates to create unity between the orgs. Finally we want to develop allyship between student orgs. What does it really mean to be an ally? Being able to advocate for another organization in your space or outside of that space you show that you really do care and you care about that organization. Being able to come together and being able to say that you understand what kind of issues are happening in different spaces and advocating with those that share sentiments with. The structure of SOS would be a chair, which is an elected students who would be counseled by the IVC and we want the student body to decide. We want to have two program directors and we want a political liaison who would work on bills and legislation to be passed. We’d have the vice chair as well and a speaker of SOS, which would be different from month to month. We’d have a treasurer and a historian/media relations and then final the council members of SOS. We require to become a member you would just fill out an easy app, we’re asking from all orgs so that we can access their needs and we’d have one rep and another alternate/ each rep would be required to bring back information to their respective organization about updates concerning organizations outside their own. Hopefully we could work together to make a conference. Benefits of being in SOS is networking and public speaking. You could build inner org connections. You could also learn how to make your org better and you’d be able to work with the IVC team and assess the needs of the student body and you get to do volunteer activities. So some programs and events that we are thinking of having, call “building a better hashtag” and we’re also having some fundraisers and having a community BBQ. And one for the goals is to have a know your rights day/week-may 28th. Projected timeline is to essentially have an unofficial council meeting and to have recruitment and to have full website and to have the community BBQ. We want to have elections discussions and have the first official council meeting and to have 2-3 workshops each month. Same with winter, but also another survey and organization visiting. The big event will be the know your rights conference. Our website is students of solidarity.wordpress.com. it has all the information that we just talked about.

Shub: In terms of size of the orgs allowed in, how would you go about the process of turning away an organization?

IVC Office: Hopefully by the end of the first full year, we would plan on having 30 organizations. Then we’d talk about if adding more people would be better or at a disadvantage for the council.

Shub: How will you evaluate which groups get priority?
IVC Office: We’re trying to hit the diverse community, and so priority we will look at the big five and then we will branch out from there. If you’re absorbed in being a part of this, please let us know.

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

Max: **Second.**

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

Sam: If someone wanted to stay up to date and help out, how would they do that?

IVC Office: Basically this site will be completely updated by the end of the week and the IVC will be sending out emails. It will be up to the next IVC to coordinate that.

Kaysi: If you are interested in maintaining what we have so far, let me know.

Brad: How are you going to reach out to non RSOs?

IVC Office: We are thinking of asking the student volunteer center and right now we are reaching out to RSO, and hopefully the word gets out.

**Resolutions:**

**Officer Diversity Training**

I’m here presenting a resolution to require officer diversity training.

[Reads Resolution]

There’s a lot of reasons for this, mainly because the current SUA officers do not have to go through diversity training. My background in this is that I spent a couple months sitting down with the different campus units such as caps and there was no program that SUA could jump on to get that training. In addition, the SUA is representing all of the UCSC and not one student knows all the communities. The SUA advisor should help with the training program. And this is just another program that would be added to the training that the officers have over the summer. Diversity training will be mandated across the UC campuses.

Vanessa: Are there any larger goals in terms of coalitions or your office for more of this training whether it would be part of training or orientation for the entire student body? I can only speak on sexual assault training and they do complete an online and in person training. I don’t have any jurisdiction over gender training.

**Investment Bill:**

Spencer: I’d like to walk through the changes [Reads changes]
Max: Move to add the changes that have just been presented to us.

Andrew: Second.

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

Art: Motion to amend with all the amendments in the presentation last week from SJP.

Adham: Second.

Bi: Objection. Merrill Student Government went through all of the concerns and we agreed with some and disagreed with some.

Vanessa: Motion to split each recommended action.

Spencer: We adopted the concerns of #3, #4, and nearly #5. And those are the only whereases they wished address, and concern #2, we kept it in here because we decided it was important to have mutual respect.

Justin: The only one that has been adopted verbatim is concern #4. So we will talk about concerns #2, #3, and #5.

Simba: Second.

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

Brad: Motion to extend 10 minutes.

Tamra: Second.

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

Concern #2:

Boian: We didn’t feel like this satisfied Palestinians and it doesn’t matter what you think, it depends on how Palestinians feel. The other thing is that there’s an additional amendment that we wanted to make to the bill, which was to strike out all the groups that were mentioned in the bill because they all do normalization. Also we weren’t contacted since last week regarding the writing on the bill.

Shub: I’m a little confused, but it seems like both the authors of the bill and SJP have been telling us conflicting things. When the bill was proposed, it was stated that there collaboration from other groups but SJP had not received any communication from the authors of the bill. We weren’t actually able to read the amendments when the authors of the bill came to present.

Andrew: Just in terms of being germane about striking this part is because it’s very debatable if mutual respect is the issue here. I’ll go ahead and say that without mutual and respect then
neither side will be able to come to an agreement. You can’t separate politics and interpersonal conflicts, politics is personal.

Jocelyn: So a couple of things, and if you’d like to pull it up, we have emailed proof to SJP. We never got a response and we talked about normalization to strike everything. By completely rewriting the bill, we do believe that political compromise is very necessary but to say that it doesn’t require mutual respect is not correct. We need mutual respect, even in this room. It’s really important to take these steps to not normalize the conflict.

Simba: I’ve talked to a couple people in College Eight and I’ve talked to them about it, and I try to find people who at least know a little bit about the issue and people who know a lot about the issues. Some things I’ve noticed about the bill is that it trivializes the issue. This has been happening since the 40s, and to say that the whole reason that this isn’t being solved is because people aren’t talking is almost an insult to people who have been advocating for this their whole life. For example, Israel is a much wealthier, richer nation and in some parts of Palestine there isn’t even water running. In most parts of Israel there is water running. This bill tries really hard to appeal to both sides, but from everyone I talked to, there weren’t many people who considered themselves Israeli or agreed with that side who said “I don’t agree with this bill”, but on the Palestinian side, there were many people who didn’t like this because of x amount of reasons. There was so much on one side and so little on the other. Another thing is, when they came and talked to our senate, one person claimed to be half Palestinian and he told me before that he wasn’t, so I asked him if he was half Palestinian and he wasn’t. Another thing is that when this was presented, there were names that were relatively easy to pronounce and those names were butchered during the initial presentation of the bill.

Brad: *Motion to extend 30 minutes.*

Adham: *Second.*


Kaysi: Knowing that this issue is going to take a while and knowing that we have presenters here to ask for funding. *I motion to table this resolution.*

Max: *Second.*

Vanessa: *Objection.*

In favor: 28 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 4, *resolution is tabled.*

**Funding Requests:**

Community BBQ Request Presentation:
The purpose of the BBQ, usually and oftentimes, organizations plan and host events but they are usually for their own org. the purpose of this is to initiate a greater sense of unity. We thought it would be a good way to kick start the founding of SOS. We have a total budget of $700, which is truncated up from $660. One of the things about this, is that having these kinds of events, we almost always go over. Why does this benefit SUA? This supports every student org. we are bringing together SUA and SOS. These organizations serve as a connector on campus. While this will be largely student run, this gives a way for SUA and SOS to partner up. It would also increase involvement in SUA. 40-50% of students are affiliated in SOAR. Together we can serve students better as a whole. Additionally, SOS council is to provide more transparency. The projected date will be on May 29th, which is a Friday.

Roy: Where is the event?

Community BBQ: It will be at the college eight basketball courts.

Vanessa: The campus community and/or the prospective folks in the SOS, how are you reaching out to various orgs for this event?

Community BBQ: We’ve contacted 32 orgs and we’re starting with orgs that we believe have the biggest population. We can only visit so many.

Vanessa: In terms of funding, it sounds like the SUA space was your main source of funding, where else are you asking?

Community BBQ: We have a wide affiliation in the school and we are going to all the college governments.

Vanessa: What is each of your relations within the IVC and the students of solidarity?

Community BBQ: We’re all outreach coordinators.

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

Max: **Second.**

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

Justin: How much in general fund?

Franchesca: $8004.12

Brad: Just knowing what’s happening, it would be nice to get the money today rather than Tuesday. **I motion to fully fund this, 350 from general fund and 350 from organizing director general fund.**

Kaysi: **Second.**
Roy: Objection.

Brad: I rescind my motion.

Roy: Motion to fund $800, and $350 from organizing director and $450 from general fund.

Kaysi: Second.

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

Daniel: What would you use the extra money from?

Community BBQ: Depending on the attendance, most of the money would go to serving the people who attended.

Food giveaway sponsorship:

Justin: I am in the capacity from the Care office, we see students who are in distress in financial, academic support and we do actually have a master of social services. We sign up students for Calfresh, with a 99% acceptance rate. We also have given out over 10000 dollars in Safeway gift cards to help students with food security. There are students going hungry on campus. Basically, myself, Rosalinda and the IVC office put together an SUA food giveaway event to help students feed themselves. We are asking for 1500 dollars. We are spending $2.76 per student. through measure 43 we actually do hand out food for free, it’s a food pantry program. The total estimated is $1376.23. The bookstore has decided to donate 500 bags for this event. Kaysi’s office has graciously volunteered and agreed to help portion out food. And we were thinking of setting up in the quarry and handing out 500 bags of free food.

Serene: You’re passing out 500 bags to anyone in the quarry?

Justin: We do have the screen but we hope that we can trust these students. We do know that students who don’t need it as much will grab the food.

Brad: I would also like to see a less populated area to make sure that people who do need it will get it more than those who may not need it as much.

Justin: All this food can be bought well into week 10 if the assembly so chooses.

Kelly: When you’re asking students about on campus or off campus students, not all students on campus have a meal plan.

Bi: I think this is a great idea and as a student who has a five day, I have gone to the care office and I have been helped with food and I’d just like to put a face to a name.
Lance: I really love this program, even though you’re gonna hand out the bags, for the people who are on the email list, is there a way you can prioritize them first? Like could they come in a day before in the care office and then everyone else can go first?

Justin: To address that, we do want to email the care lister, and as such as we will email the care people. I just don’t want to give those who already know about the care program an advantage over those who don’t.

Vanessa: Motion to extend time by five minutes.

Bi: Second.

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

Art: Move to fund this $1500 from general fund.

Bi: Second.

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

Justin: This is just one measure that I hope the SUA will take and then develop upon. Hopefully we can start doing this next year.

Collegiate Engineering Team/Advocate America Budget

Franchesca: I have a lot of qualms about this proposal, and I think it’s a lot of things come to mind when you read the transcript of the minutes. They have come to SUA twice with the same proposal. I’m primarily concerned with how we would get the funds to him and how we would hold him accountable. I have a lot of reservations about this proposal.

Simba: One thing that was kind of weird for me, they are asking for $200 for clothing, which was weird. Another thing is when he talked, he is a great talker, but I feel like he didn’t completely address what they were doing. One thing is that he sells patents to the government and military sometimes.

Seamus: My main concern is that he’s presenting for two different things, but there’s a crossover. I didn’t really understand the difference.

Tamra: I’ve been pretty confused as much as most people are, motion to postpone indefinitely.

Bi: Second.

Serene: Objection. I don’t think it’s fair to not fund someone just because we’re confused about what’s happening. I just think that we can go back and try to figure out what he’s talking about.
Simba: I feel like we’re using students money and we can’t hold him accountable. In addition, he came to this space twice, because we didn’t understand him the first time and when he came the second time we asked more questions and we still didn’t understand what was going on. I’m not comfortable at all funding this.

Max: This presenter came to crown student senate last night and I was in that space and we had a really hard time understanding where all this stuff was going to go. That was one of our main reasons that we didn’t fund them. we’ve talked about all the different spaces in the dorms and none of those spaces could actually safely hold this stuff. That’s why crown was against it. The guy gave a really long speech but at the end of the day the proposal to me just didn’t make any sense.

Kyra: Reserve my right to make a motion, I don’t feel comfortable not knowing how this helps students. **Call to question.**

Simba: **Second.**

Brad: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: 25 | Opposed: 4 | Abstentions: 5, **call to question passes.**

Vote to postpone indefinitely:

In favor: 14 | Opposed: 9 | Abstentions: 10, **motion to postpone indefinitely passes.**

Brad: I just wanted to read an email that Sergio had sent out which was forwarded out to everyone. Sergio said “I did forgot to mention that Dr. Bernick, a biomolecular engineer professor here, is working to make the team turn into actual part of the school and become rebranded as the Honors Lab. As you can see from the budget, a lot of items are tools not materials which will used be start supplying the lab before the chancellor is ask to help us supply it. We are planning to ask for an actual facility in 2017 for the Honors Lab, whose main purpose is to bring hands on engineering experience to all student who submit their ideas. The Honors Lab will also focus on integration of female students (those who self-recognized as that gender), African American and Hispanic student which are smallest community in the engineering field in our school. If you will allow me to say this before decision is made, I will really appreciate it. The reason we are holding off to asking the school administration is because we are waiting to have engineering competitions won and bring positive publicity to the school to make it more palatable. Also UCSC does not have a presence in engineering competitions and enforce engineering student recruitment from high school. Again I am sorry for my poor presentation and hope this is known to the council before deliberation is made.” I do want to say that a lot of us in this space are on our laptops and phones and not actually paying attention to the presentation, and when it to a week later and we’re in deliberation, everyone’s confused.
Max: **Motion to extend time 5 minutes.**

Serene: **Second.**

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

Max: So this doesn’t make sense to me, and I don’t see this being able to be done in a short time frame as he has. I really want to have some concrete plan before we allocate this amount of money.

Shub: I feel bad for being confused, but I did actually follow up with him and I asked him a bunch of questions that I had. It’s been a couple weeks now. Also, he says he’s beginning to work with a lot of groups but there’s a difference between starting to work with an organization and having been working with an organization. As of now, his plans are too much in the air.

Serene: From what I’m gathering, everyone’s pretty shaky about his not very thorough plans and that’s why people are voting no, but there’s also request for the 7 cups of tea and the collegiate team, because one is already in motion, working with CAPS, would that be something that the assembly would like? From what I gather we only have issues with one part of this funding request.

Simba: He talked about seven cups of tea, and that was advocate America. I don’t understand why he needs LEDs and if you go on the website, he’s not even listed on that website.

**Bylaw Amendment:**

Adham: We don’t have anything in our constitution that allows us to appeal the chairs decision. [Reads Appeal of Chair Decisions]

Shub: Did you want to take into account anything to have a process for people to explain why they made decisions?

Adham: I think it should be up to the assembly.

Seamus: What is the intent of this?

Adhma: In the past, chairs have made decisions that have not been able to appeal.

Andrew: Why does this allow for an appeal process?

Adham: In Roberts Rules it does say

Kaysi: **Motion to bring back to the table the investment bill discussion.**

Roy: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**
**Return to Investment Bill:**

Spencer: So, touching on what Michael said, the politics come from the Greek word polis, which is person. We are all here today because we believe in something. No one is here because they just thought it’d be fund to hang out. We all have a background that we come from. We are all here to make change for things that we think are the right thing to do. I just don’t see how there is no overlap between political solutions and interpersonal understanding. Political compromise is something that is very important and to reach that we need to understand one another.

Simba: In terms of mutual respect, one thing that was mentioned was that one person who came and presented the bill lied about being Palestinian and another thing that was said is he said that we do what we believe in but let me remind everyone that its not what we believe, we are talking for the students. We shouldn’t be like I think this, I think that. It’s not what we think is the right thing to do, it’s what we think that our students is the right thing to do.

Boian: Let’s say that this bill was supposed to be associated with the BlackLivesMatter movement. If this was the same paragraph it would be very hotly received. If you were to say that race relations in the United States was a real problem and say that there isn’t interpersonal understanding and there isn’t recognition of multiple narratives that would be hugely problematic. It’s the same sort of power differential that comes between Israelis and Palestinians and actually to tell you the truth, there is only one narrative and that is the one that Israelis and Palestinians are working towards. So it’s what this is actually trying to do, under the rhetoric of mutual respect, is to instill the idea that people will tolerate whatever vile treatment and that your opinion deserves to be treated as sacrosanct. For that reason, we and other Palestinians, would oppose this bill. If you look at the people who created this bill, none of them come from the background that we come from. Now whether or not you think is the case, the fact is that this doesn’t represent the entire community.

Eyal: I would like to address the comment about ethnicity, I am an author of the bill and I am indeed part Palestinian and I would just like to say that that argument has no valor and I feel very disrespected.

Jose: Reserve my right to make a motion. The conversation is not really about this amendment. **Call to question.**

Roxanna: **Second.**

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

Vanessa: **Call for roll call.**

Max: **Objection.**

In favor: 5 | Opposed: 20 | Abstentions: 9, **motion fails.**
Vote on concern #2

In favor: 12 | Opposed: 13 | Abstentions: 8, motion fails.

Art: Reserve my right to make a motion, I’d like to review what this bill is actually asking us to do. **I motion to postpone this resolution indefinitely.**

Jose: **Second.**

Andrew: **Objection.** I don’t think we should motion indefinitely, and postponing indefinitely is a way to avoid making a decision and we need to make a decision to either adopt or not adopt.

Roy: I think it’s really rude to have both communities here trying to talk about this resolution and for us to table indefinitely it kind of a slap to the authors’ faces.

Jose: The reasoning behind me wanting to motion this indefinitely is because the Cowell body feel very uncomfortable passing this and the underrepresentation of one group and the overrepresentation of another group.

Max: This is one of our first attempts to a problem that we’ve been trying to solve for the last few years. If we’re going to talk about other solutions, this bill actually takes a step. We are not taking a side, we are taking a side towards peace. I highly encourage everyone to actually discuss what’s happening. This bill has merits.

Bi: I agree that it would be very rude to table while several members of organizations are here. It does seem to have a lack of communication between the two bodies and I don’t feel comfortable making decisions when the bill doesn’t seem complete. There’s arguments on wording and these very small things that are big and important.

Simba: Whether or not this is the first step, let’s not take a step in the wrong direction and let’s focus on the bill. This bill has very quickly become what’s on the paper to what they said and what that group said. I feel like we can’t vote on this right now while we focus on personal ties.

Spencer: I would like to make some clarifications. The whereass of this bill are less important than what this bill calls for. This bill has a two fold projection the way I see it. One is taking a step in the direction for not only Arabs and Jews and not only Israelis and Palestinians to help anyone in the middle east to look around you. This bill would also like to maintain and continue to establish campus climate where people regardless of any mode of identification can chill and be Santa Cruz students together. These organizations have been looked over by Jews and non-Jews. I don’t think that saying one side or another is a positive way to see this bill. Basically we looked through these companies to make sure that none of them favors either Israelis or Palestinians over another. Looking at the eco water peace project from Palestinian and Israelis and Jordan, these people are collaborating for this project. We aren’t asking for money, we are asking for collaboration and cooperation with people on both “sides.” We have members from many different organizations saying that one specific side is underrepresented, because as many
Jewish organizations have tried to reach out to SJP and they were silenced. I think that a 5 day period is enough.

Sam: I want to address the motion, which is the idea that we shouldn’t be an activist space, but that’s because the investments are already political. Whether or not we want to admit it, we already have taken a side by default, that’s the problem. The other issue is that most of the detractors of this resolution kind of couch the argument of normalization which isn’t backed up by scholarship. The notion of humanization has been proven. If you bring people together, they tend to grow on each other. I hear a lot of things that aren’t even in research and statistics. I encourage people to focus on the facts. This concept of normalization doesn’t exist.

Andrew: Motion to extend time by 20 minutes.

Max: Second.

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

Brad: Reserve my right to make a motion. Simple as this, the resolution doesn’t seek to silence the dialogue that we have in this space. We should embrace that and take this time to learn. Whether you agree with the bill or not, we should have this conversation. We didn’t postpone the divestment bill last year, same with this bill. Call to question.

Kaysi: Second.

In favor: 5 | Opposed: 22 | Abstentions: 5, motion to postpone fails.

Discussion of Concern #3

Spencer: Concern #3, our original language was whereas to maintain as safe and inclusive campus environment, tensions between student related to foreign conflicts including but not limited to the Israeli Palestinian conflicts should be resolved in a healthy and collaborative manner rather than exacerbated” we added the changed language “and should not confuse political debate with interpersonal strife” to the end.

Unknown: I think it’s important to include dialogue and make sure that the campus is safe for all identities. It’s a thin that has caused conflict in the community. If there’s anything that we can help the students of Santa Cruz feel better, we should do it.

Roy: Reserve my right to make a motion, it kind of seems that the whereas clauses are already amendment to the new resolution. I would like to move on. Call to question.

Kyra: Second.

Vote on concern #3

In favor: 14 | Opposed: 9 | Abstentions: 8, motion passes.
Discussion of Concern #5:

Boian: The reason for the replacement of this text, we just feel that this text is advocating for a two state solution. We believe that this isn’t something that Israelis and Palestinians haven’t agreed on. It may strike you as weird, but let me just put this in context. Our organization is constantly attacked and we’ve actually had physical attacks to our organization. Those sorts of attacks that come at us, we understand that we are the underdogs in this, and we don’t want to confuse the two things. What’s going to happen is this bill will marginalize us in the community and make it hard to have our voices heard. I take in part of SJP activism for 5-6 years now and the end result of the bills whenever they’re passed is the silencing of speech of those who are pro-Palestinian. They don’t actually foster dialogue and one thing that would foster dialogue is the Palestinian groups that are calling for anti-normalization. Normalization is defined as the participation more. That’s why we’re fighting for these two amendments. This one, the reason that we want to change this one, is because it unfairly prejudices SUA and the school for how they should live.

Roy: So I reserve my right to make a motion, I feel like the point of us discussing the bill today is to come back from our colleges with an answer. We’ve all gone off topic, and I call to question.

Shannon: Second.

Vote on concern #5:

In favor: 11 | Opposed: 14 | Abstentions: 8, amendment fails.

Roy: Reserve my right to make a motion. Call to question.

Kaysi: Second.

Simba: Objection.

Vote to vote

In favor: 5 | Opposed: 13 | Abstentions: 12, call to question fails.

Simba: This bill is saying that it’s advocating for everyone, from everyone’s perspectives and I think that it’s very clear that from today’s discussion that one side isn’t in favor of it. One thing this thing is talking about is talking about not wanting to silence debate, but there was just a call to question immediately about this resolution. One thing that was also said about normalization is that some people were saying that they don’t know what normalization is, but this thing keeps preaching that we need to understand each other. It doesn’t make sense. The things that are happening aren’t in line with the bill. Let’s not forget what this bill is for. Another thing that was said was “let’s just pass this bill and be happy and let’s feel good about ourselves”, but there are kids dying in Palestine and in Israel and I don’t feel good saying that.
Kaysi: **Motion to extend time until 21 minutes.**

Daniel: **Second.**

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

Spencer: This bill is very interesting to a lot of people here. I don’t think that this bill will have any particular impact on this campus. Passing this bill isn’t going to directly improve or worsen the lives of anyone on this campus. We went out to all of the different senates twice to talk to them and ask the college senates if they had any concerns. I asked them if they had any questions and if I could elaborate on anything. I was only asked two questions. Neither question were related to the on campus effects of this bill or the human groups affected by this bill. In response to Palestinian kids and Israeli kids dying, it is the authors of the bill’s opinions that with this bill, less people will resort to violence. This bill tries to bring people together. When people interact with each other, they gain common ground. We all require the same micro and macro nutrients and we all breathe the same air. At the end of the day, we’ll all turn into dust in a hundred years. I think we need to focus on the direct impact that this will have in the middle east more than anything else

Roy: Reserve my right to make a motion, I’d like to apologize to the assembly for not letting people talk, and we need to focus on the geopolitical aspect of this. The goal of this bill is to ultimately find peace. It’s already been two weeks, and they should have been able to come back to the assembly with the college’s insights on the bill. With that said, I would like to **call to question.**

Shannon: **Second.**

Daniel: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: **7 |** Opposed: **20 |** Abstentions: **5.**

Adham: I know we’ve had two weeks to discuss this, but it’s clear that we’re still trying to hash things out. We haven’t discussed the groups in the whole therefore part of this resolution. The groups that they mention, they don’t talk about the Gaza blockade, they don’t talk about occupation. All these groups, it’s great to talk about dialogue but there’s a huge elephant in the room. This isn’t a discussion about peace. I don’t see the point of this and if we don’t talk about the separation and barriers, it just doesn’t seem fruitful.

Daniel: With regard to this not affecting UCSC and talking about how it’s not going to affect this campus, I feel like that kind of devalues the resolution because we are SUA and it takes away from what could affect our students. If this is just to send a message, then, why? I guess what I’m trying to figure out is if you really agree with the message or if you want to talk about what’s
really happening here. If this is the first message that we’re trying to take, we need to make sure that this is the correct step.

Andrew: One thing I wanted to mention. There’s a lot of accusations that the people who wrote this that they don’t speak for all the students on campus, they do state that they don’t speak for every single person on campus. I don’t agree that this resolution doesn’t have to mean anything. To me, this is more symbolic to me. This is how a lot of SUA resolutions tend to be because its stating what we want. I think that this is a really good first step. We do want to take the first step right, but it sounds like a lot of the people are focusing on the whereas clauses and the wording instead of the actual organizations.

Jocelyn: I wanted to talk about the organizations: get these later. We talked about the fact that they don’t address what’s really going on, we need to acknowledge that there is a huge conflict in Israel. I did want to point out the parent center, openly talks about occupation. The Eco water peace project brings together Palestinians, Israelis and Jordanians. The middle east investment initiative talks about economic disparities between Israel and Palestine and even North Africa. You need to have economic stability to bring about stability and peace. It’s how to unteach hate on both sides. This was a real step that we wanted to start dialogue in. We had 15 people come and stand and scream at the soldiers. We really want the person to person connection. Nobody’s pretending that there’s not an issue. We wanted to take a multi-faceted approach. When Spencer talks about not just investing money, these are non-profits that wouldn’t profit from the war in the Middle East. Clearly there are Israelis and Palestinians who want to work together. This is something real that comes back to our campus? We talk about hatred and discrimination because it’s a real thing. The Peres center for peace shows that if you have people who have hated each other for a while and have them talk to each other, they show us that we can do it too. There’s an issue of water, land and feelings. We care about peace.

Max: **Move to recess for 15 minutes and reconvene at the SUA office.**

Andrew: **Second.**

Kaysi: **Objection.** The only reason I’m saying this is that people weren’t prepared to stay a long night. Right now I didn’t come prepared and I have a migraine. I think people need to go back to their constituents and clear shit up.

Vote to recess:

In favor: 2 | Opposed: 22 | Abstentions: 5, **motion fails**.

Sam: I just wanted to address this, basically the Israeli conservative party wants to stop dialogue. You can literally look back and you can see the prime ministers trying to figure out how to stop Jewish people in Palestine from talking, because talking is a solvent for hate.