Assembly Members Present: Art Motta (MEChA), Alternate Sam (QSU), Alternate Raymond (SANAI), Alternate Imari Reynolds (Cowell), Seamus Howard (Cowell), Alternate Austin (Stevenson), Kyra Brandt (Stevenson), Ricardo Sainz (Stevenson), Andrew Paolini (Crown), Alternate Saalini (Crown), Aykezar Adil (Crown), Chandler Moeller (Merrill), Kartik Ashok (Merrill), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill), Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Alternate Liam (Porter), Serene Jneid (Porter), Alternate Tara (Kresge), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Alternate Juan (Kresge), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Suini Torres (Oakes), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Roshni Advani (Eight), Noah Thoron (Eight), Simba Khadder (Eight), Lance McNeil (Nine), Shubhankar Sharan (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Daniel Iglesias (Ten), Vanessa Sadsad (Ten), Brad Mleynek (OD), Max Hufft (CoAA), Louise Cabansay (EVC), Kaysi Wheeler (IVC), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

Assembly Members Absent: Haedyn Christie (QSU), Cristal Gonzalez (SANAI), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Yang Kong (Cowell), Colin Hortman (Stevenson), Michael Markson (Crown), Adham Taman (Porter), Shannon Earl (Kresge), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Sam Shaw (Nine), Israel Molina (CoD).

Approval of the Agenda:

Seamus: Motion to approve.

Brad: Second.

Lance: Objection.

Seamus: Rescind my motion to approve.

Lance: Motion to add 10 minutes for a funding request for summer programming and training after divest from turkey.

Roshni: Second.

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

Seamus: Motion to approve.

Brad: Second.

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

Reading of the Previous Meeting’s Minutes

Kaysi: Motion to approve minutes.
Roshni: **Second.**

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

**Announcements and Public Comment:**

Justin McClendon: So an update on the food giveaway, Kaysi and I have been working with campus units, we’re going on Thursday to get the food from Costco. We’re going to email financial aid, EOP and our CARE students to see if they need food and that will be at Hahn. Then if any leftover we will hand them out at the Quarry on Tuesday.

Louise: So the California Aid Commission is in need of a student rep from a public university, so this commission sets the policy or the financial aid distributed in California and it cycles every year between the UCs, CSUs and CCs. I sent out an email today with the application to apply, please circulate that, and that is due on June 10th.

Kyle: My name is Kyle Czimback and I’m here to challenge the policy on non-smoking. I’m challenging that in terms of people this is a violation of my constitutional rights and I have lost housing because of this. I want to make sure that my 14th amendment is not being denied. I come from a Mesoamerican background and it is part of my religion. Tomorrow I am going to speak with Lucy Rojas and the dean of students and I am asking for the policy to be revised. I’m also asking the school to divest from Greek letter orgs, and if you have any questions, I’ll be here again at 8:45 PM from that.

Ayke: For students who want to use the dining hall next week, you can use the DH for $5 next week.

Justin: The last update on the SUA space was that we were looking at something at the ground floor of the library and it’s not accessible. Our advisor has identified a potential space, if you go by down Cowell/Stevenson, there are trailers that they are using those for construction. We’ve been told that the inside of these trailers is really nice and bigger than the SUA office. Anyone is welcome to come, and if it’s all good and if the officers are good with that, that’s what we will be doing.

Kaysi: It’s a trailer that has been being used by the contractors. It’s not a trailer that we’d be getting in the Crown Pit.

**Old Business:**

**Appeal of Chair Decisions Bylaw Amendment Deliberation**

Andrew: I heard something that to make an appeal final, you’d have to have a 2/3rds vote.

Imari: **Motion to adopt the amendment.**
Kyra: **Second.**

Chandler: **Objection.**

Chandler: I brought this back to MSG and one of the biggest issues was that it only takes a simple majority and we felt that it should be a little larger than the simple majority. We also felt it was ambiguous.

Andrew: **Motion to amend to require a 2/3rds vote to appeal a chair’s decision.**

Kaysi: **Second.**

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

Vote on bylaw amendment:

In favor: 20 | Opposed: 7 | Abstentions: 6, **bylaw amendment is adopted.**

**Resolutions:**

**Divest from Turkey:**

Justin: So this group sent me a revision, and the only thing they changed was in item #26 to read “LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the following: University of California President Janet Napolitano, Chancellor George Blumenthal, Dean of Students and Associate Vice Chancellor Alma Sifuentes, Executive Vice Chancellor and Campus Provost Alison Galloway.” And the edited one is the one we’re considering.

Daniel: **Motion to adopt resolution.**

Imari: **Second.**

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

Lance: **Motion to table the funding request.**

Roshni: **Second.**

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Funding Requests:**

**Request for Summer Programming and Training:**

Brad: **Motion to bring up the funding request.**
Lance: **Second.**

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

Art: Basically I’m here to make a funding request for $2400 in the general fund to use for summer programming and training. The new officers and newly elected reps take office July 1st. What that means is that there is very little money for officer training. I want to expand that to reps as well. Whether that be sexual education and mental health, there is a long list of trainings that we could have. Over the summer some of the main projects are that the officers will be at summer orientations to meet and interact with the college students. I would love for the college elected reps would be able top do that as well. Of course, once we get into Fall Quarter and welcome week, I would love for the officers and reps to host their own welcome events with their college. Over the summer, this body does not meet and the only way funds can be offered over the summer is if the officers dip into their programming funds. Hopefully these people can hash out what the body and Constitution will look like next year. The money wouldn’t have any specific allocation but there is already trainings that are being pushed by administration.

If there are groups in Santa Cruz that work on these issues, it would be great if the school could learn from them as well. I would like to request $2400 from the general fund to provide summer programming and training or a conference over the summer.

Max: Speaking as an officer over the last two summers and a rep over my summer, from that experience, in this time period between now and the first time that SUA meets, summer is the only time to outreach. I definitely believe that there should be some monies being put towards officer orientation, because in the past we have put that money on the Dean of Students. But it’s great to have some of our own money in there, but maybe we don’t need that much money for programming. I do think that we should have SUA outreach. That’s what people want to have. I **motion to fund $500,** I think that’s all that’s going to be needed.

Andrew: **Second.**

Vanessa: **Objection.**

Art: This request is for summer programming and training so training will be a factor for the officers and the reps as well. If there’s a training somewhere in Oakland then there will be travel costs as well. If we need to pay for a specialist to speak on campus we need to actor that in as well. Outreach is just one factor in programming. I feel $500 is not enough to cover the programming for the 6 officers and the 10 reps. One of my goals is to purchase SUA gear to show people what SUA is all about. I would love incoming students to learn about SUA as they get to college. If we want this body to personify our collective voice, we need to go beyond what we want as a body and think for the campus.
Brad: I’m hesitant just because I don’t know what the effectiveness of summer programming is unless this is specifically going to summer orientation or fall welcome week. That’s when we have a good amount of students on this campus to reach out to and talk to whether it’s doing something for orientation or the night before. I’m just concerned with the trainings, and there’s no reason for UCOP training if we’re trying to avoid administration training. We have great groups on this campus that are great for training that will actually do them for free as well. They are here to help us as a resource. The RA training in the fall quarter is sufficient. It hits all the categories in the bylaws that we added through Justin’s bylaw amendment. I think that spending money that doesn’t need to be spent doesn’t make sense to me. If reps were to want to work towards programming, the SUA has a way to meet during the summer. There will be a budget during that time for a program during welcome week. You could ask for funding that way instead of having a general fund over the summer that is closely open to the officers and not the reps. The officers are the only ones working over the summer not the reps. They do have ways to get funding. I spent $350 of my own programming on SUA flyers. All of us put in money for buses for the Regents meeting and the money is to serve the student body and to have better trainings and materials. In the future if you run out of programming then you can ask for more later.

Vanessa: **Motion to extend 10 minutes.**

Kaysi: **Second.**

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

Andrew: If this is money that we could have for next year if anything happens, I don’t feel comfortable handing out this money and I think that we should put it back in RSO funding.

Max: We already have a pretty effective outreach during the summer. We have conferences and our tables are pretty crowded. We’ve been really great with outreach with SCOC as well. We can always do more, but I think that $500 is a huge boost on top of that. We’re also going to be able to tap into the Dean of Students office for trainings. I think $500 is generous enough and I think it’s a good step to go with this, but until I see a detailed breakdown of this, I won’t feel comfortable with this.

Seamus: Just some food for thought, we are using this money for students so it should be going back to the students. Just looking at the budget, the officer programming line items are much less, so this cut was made with the thought that this money would be enough.

Vanessa: This isn’t they using it, this is the elected next year going for training and outreach. This is for gender as well as well as every down the line bottle neck and training and diversity. It’s not enough to say that we have these resources on campus so we should use them. Those same places don’t have the resources that we don’t have. $500 isn’t enough money to outreach for 16 people. If we’re having people training over the summer, we need more money, and we
need more funding for these training. I’d highly suggest someone to raise that money to 1400-2000. We keep saying that our image is small on campus, and yet we aren’t putting more funds into outreach.

Imari: I don’t know how comfortable I am with random numbers. To say that we’ve been effectively outreaching isn’t really good, considering the results of the campus survey. I also think that 2400 is too much and I think that it shouldn’t be the students’ responsibility to pay for this kind of outreach. But I think that outreach should be important in welcome week, but I think that the fees should be $1000 which would be beneficial and I think it shouldn’t go towards training.

Louise: Reserve my right to make a motion, based on the budget that we passed, we have $500 for print and $800 for print and copy. With that, there are places in the budget that aren’t tied to a single officer. You shouldn’t spend all that money in the summer because the summer and the beginning of the year are when students are coming back or entering. Training is free, there’s a lot of free training over the campus, and we already pay student fees for that. I think it’s fine to go to RA trainings but I don’t think that those are completely exhaustive. In addition, elected reps might not be here, but unlike officers, there’s nothing that will keep them here and they might not be able to sustain themselves. Another thing, SCOC has things to put on the table that SUA didn’t. It was cool that SCOC had their own gear to give out. That being said, when I was Co-chair of college eight senate, we spent quite a lot of our money to bringing students in, and that happens happen after OPERS fall fest. We have hundreds of students to come to that and it really generates a lot of our senate interest. I think SUA should have their own budget for that. Especially now that SUA is going to be in a new space, I want us to tell frosh to come and see what its about. These line items shouldn’t be all used in the summer. I’m guessing officers would use their own money and hope to get reimbursed. I motion to amend $500 more specifically for Fall Welcome Week.

Imari: Second.

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

Brad: Motion to extend by 15 minutes.

Kaysi: Second.

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

Brad: Reserve my right to make a motion. I think that outreach is really good, but I still don’t completely feel comfortable with a lack of budget. Motion to specifically use the first $500 for summer orientation outreach.

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

Kaysi: Call to question.

Max: Second.

Vote on main motion to fund $1000, ($500 for summer orientation, $500 for Fall Welcome Week)

Brad: Acclamation.

Max: Objection.

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

Closing Remarks from Presiding Officer:

Justin: I haven’t been involved on SUA very long. This is my second year in SUA. The change that I have seen from last year to this year, and it’s incredible how much it changed. I think a lot of that has to do with the people sitting in this room. For the most part, you’ve been focused on representing your colleges and organizations and trying to bring views from the student body. We’ve had a lot of moments where the group was going one way and had someone bring something out, and we had all changed.

Last year there was a lot of bickering and not a lot done. I’m really proud of this group of people; I’m graduating at the end of this quarter. Being chair has been the last year of my college and I want to thank everyone for being part of that experience. I wish everyone the best of luck, have a great summer.

Kaysi: On behalf of the assembly, I think I can speak for everyone, thank you for Justin for your utmost respect for the space and keeping it a safe space. You have made sure that everyone felt open to speak. You helped me transition to my own space as well, so we thank you for that.

Max: Two years ago, I heard a final speech from a chair that I had seen grow the most. She brought on these words of wisdom to me and the assembly, and the message was to remember why you got involved in the first place. Your opinion and you may change, but what you’re trying to do should always relate to what you want to do. I think if everything keeps that in mind, we’ll see more people stay here.

Franchesca: I’m pretty sure that a lot of you have had a lot of trouble figuring out what happened last year, and I’m leaving all my papers behind and writing a report on the budget. That will be for the record. I think when you’re choosing your treasurer next year, please make sure they take it seriously. Make sure you pick someone who won’t fall into the moral compromise of the budget. Please make sure you find someone who takes SUA seriously and who is willing to learn from the past.
Andrew: We’ve had our disagreements but I still like you even when I don’t like you and this space is great.

Art: I’ve been involved in SUA the last two years, last year I was a rep for Porter College and that was a great experience to be representing my college. This year I was representing an organization because there were things that I wanted to say, but something that my organization believed in. Last year when I was representing Porter College it was difficult sometimes to keep my voice separate from my constituents. Next year I’m looking forward to representing all students as the Organizing Director. I’ll be able to use that as a transition for the incoming VP of student life. Hopefully we’ll see some of your faces here next year.

Shub: This is going to be my last SUA meeting, and it’s basically all I’ve known in this university. I know everyone’s been congratulating each other, however one recommendation I would like to make, make sure with the atmosphere in the room, people have really great ideas when people come to the meeting, but after a while, those ideas get beaten out of people. If you are coming back next year, try to foster some sense of teamwork and remind people that we’re trying to get people to work together.

Brad: I’ve had a weird experience with SUA, I joined midway through my sophomore year, and this year I became an officer and I’d have to say, being on this side, it’s unfortunate but the title does do some things that you wouldn’t expect it to. Sometimes it puts you in a place where you think your opinion matters more, or that everyone’s out to get you and anything negatively said towards you, and you take it personally. Just being in this position, it’s a lot different, and I’m sure the officers would agree that it was a great experience. For the incoming officers, know how to separate the personal from the professional. I had a very difficult time doing that at the beginning of the year, and that lead me to judgment of others, but later on as I learned what this role really has, I learned that what they’re doing is holding me accountable and I just wanna put that out there for the incoming officers. This space has improved a lot, know why you joined and know why you wanted to better the university. Thank you for an awesome year.

Vanessa: I remember speaking to Justin once and it was in the beginning of Fall, and he asks me what I thought, and he noticed how I got introduced to the topic and how I occasionally dropped in. He said that more students should be like me, where I didn’t have any connection or idea what SUA was. Max had to let me know what SUA procedures were like in the last meeting. A lot of times, people are mentioning agendas here, and I’m actually glad that my idealism never really stopped because it gave me a lot of friends and we did a lot of things here. Bring your friends on by, and I think that Santa Cruz can definitely be a leading force in the UC system.

Simba: This was my first year and it’s been great and fun. SUA is fun, SUA is cool, but don’t forget who you are, take care of yourself and go out. Study too, and I wish you all the best and for the people who are graduating, I hope you all have a great summer.