SOFA Meeting Minutes 1/28/2015

Michael (QSU), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Austin (Stevenson), Michael Markson (Crown), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Allison Leighton (Porter), Geovanna Moreno (Eight), Rosemary (Oakes), Lance McNeil (Nine), Franchesca Finnigan (Treasurer), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

Justin: We have 17000 to give out, and we need to consider these funding requests as if we had all the money in the world. We need to consider how this helps SUA and we need to not bring personal bias into this. If we go over 17000, we will need to go back and redo some of the recommendations. Once we get to the end we will have a final vote on that particular request.

Matchbox Magazine (Request: $1000 for printing costs)

Lance: We sponsored them last quarter and they only asked for $1000 out of $5000 and I think it would be fair again to allocate that money to keep a good relationship between SUA and them.

Michael (Crown): How much did we fund them last quarter?

Justin: They asked for $1500 and we gave them $1000.

Allison: I took a note that they mentioned that they were surprised that they needed more money. That seems like a red flag in my mind if someone can’t budget right.

Alexandra: I feel like they come to SOFA quarter after quarter and I think they need a better funding source, and I think we should put some message saying that they should find something more stable. Motion to add a recommendation that suggests that they find a more stable source of funding.

Geovanna: Second.

Jose: Objection. I don’t think it’s fair to say that since they are students on campus and we are funding them, and they are only asking $1000 out of $5400 and I don’t think it’s fair for us to deny them funding.

Alexandra: I agree in a sense because we should be keeping students interests in mind, but I don’t think that SOFA is permanent funding body and I think they could submit something to SFAC instead.

Lance: I agree with Jose because I don’t think any source is going to permanently fund something because they’ll go through every quarter and do funding requests and I don’t think it’s fair to say to go somewhere else because they’re not asking us for all the money. I think it’s okay that we decide how much they get.
Franchesca: I think that if we ask them to find another source of funding, we might have to ask groups like FishRap and Red Wheelbarrow to do the same and that sort of sets a precedent for other groups.

Jackie: Where does it say that SOFA is supposed to not be a permanent body?

Alexandra: It’s just because SOFA is a quarterly funding body that we get new funds for specific events and all I’m saying that they could get funding for the whole year from SFAC.

Rosemary: I happen to know they are asking $300 from every college.

Geovanna: They are also asking from the CAO and the Literary Guillotine and the bookstore so I am comfortable funding $1000.

Vote to add amendment:

In favor: 0 | Opposed: 11 | Abstentions: 0, **recommendation is not adopted**.

Vote on funding request for 1000.

In favor: 11 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 0, we are recommending 1000.

**Recommendation: $1000. (Reduced later to $900)**

**Muslim Student Association (Request: $400 for 20 learning Korans)**

Allison: I think it’s an extremely good cause and they are not asking for a lot of money, and they are not even asking for speakers or anything else and I think it is a good value.

Austin: I think it is a good cause as well and we know exactly where the money is going.

Vote to recommend 400:

In favor: 11 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 0, **recommending 400**.

**Recommendation: $400.**

**Colleges Against Cancer - Relay for Life (Request: $1500 for the event at OPERS)**

Michael (Crown): I know that relay for life is a pretty big event and I’ve seen it on campus, I feel like this is a decent investment to put into it.

Vote to recommend 1500:

In favor: 10 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 0, **recommending 1500**.

**Recommendation: $1500. (Reduced later to $1250)**
Theta Pi Sigma (Request: $600 for Queer Prom)

Vote to recommend 600:

In favor: 9 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 1, recommending 600.

Recommendation: $600.

FishRap Live! (Request: $581.60 for single issue printing costs)

Jose: I think we should fully fund them not only because they are the most popular but because they are the most read and they are trying to find a cheaper way for printing and making it more affordable for them.

Vote to recommend 581.60:

In favor: 10 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 0, recommending 581.60.

Recommendation: $581.60

Surf Team (Request: $1404.61 for competitions at Huntington Beach and San Clemente)

Austin: How much did we fund them last quarter?

Justin: They requested $2850 and SUA concurred with $700.

Geovanna: I wasn’t here when they were presenting, did they say that they were partnering with anyone else?

Lance: I don’t think so since they needed the exact amount they asked for.

Austin: I heard they did not get funding from the recreational department. I think since the recreational department said no, I think that is a red flag that we should be aware of. I motion that we change the request to 1000.

Lance: Second.

Michael (Crown): Objection.

Alexandra: Motion to amend to $700.

Allison: Second

Jose: Objection. I think that’s way too little and the fact that they are not being funded by our sports department is ridiculous and I think that we should somehow incorporate our community into our campus.
Michael (Crown): I think that it is pathetic they are not being funded by the recreational department, but I don’t know if that is a red flag or not. But I think that $700 is too low, and if we go under 1000, I think that we should fund at least enough for the competition.

Lance: I just want to remind everyone that we did make it to the state champs but we didn’t have enough money so they couldn’t go, and I would like our school to be represented and I would like to make sure they represent us and our community.

Jackie: I think that it is an absurd to spend a lot of money on a small group; other groups are going to affect so much more people.

Alexandra: I think we should keep in mind that we are dealing with student fees and we should choose the things that are going to affect the most students so they can get the most out of what they’re paying.

Vote for 1000 to 700 amendment:

In favor: 5 | Opposed: 3 | Abstentions: 2, amended to 700.

Jose: I really think that $700 is really low and I think our school is really underrepresented in sports to show that teams that actually make it championships that we as a school are there to support them all the way.

Alexandra: I feel like having sports team represent our sports teams but how is that going to benefit the students here?

Jose: I think we should also consider the community that it affects, since they are going to be working with underprivileged kids in Watsonville and they are going to be giving free surfing lessons.

Allison: Direct response, they said they were thinking of planning a free surf day, so we don’t really know if that is going to be put into action.

Geovanna: In the minutes it says that they can only bring 9 people to the competition.

Allison: I have six men and two women and one long boarder in my notes, so nine.

Vote to change recommendation amount to 700:

In favor: 7 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions 1, considering 700.

Jackie: So we are not funding 29 people but instead we are funding 9.

Jackie: Motion to fund $500 since it’s so few people.

Justin: Seeing no second, the motion dies.
Alexandra: I think right now 700 is a good number and if we have to go back later we can reduce it.

Vote to recommend 700:

In favor: 10 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 0, **recommending 700**

**Recommendation: $700.**

**Scientific Slug (Request: $1500 for Spring 2015 issue)**

Alexandra: I really like Scientific Slug, and I think it’s a really awesome thing they do to show what research we’re doing here, but last quarter was their first SOFA request and I recommended that they get a web page or an online presence also, and they never did that.

Lance: I think that $1500 is a little much.

Austin: We are the number 1 or two research school in the nation and I was looking through one of these the other day and it was pretty easy to read. I recommend the full 1500.

Geovanna: Do we know how much they’re getting from other places?

Allison: They said they were seeking, but they didn’t have any numbers.

Alexandra: They do have an issue online.

Vote to recommend 1500:

In favor: 8 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 2, **recommending 1500.**

**Recommendation: $1500. (Reduced later to $1250)**

**UCSC Circus Slugs (Request: $1550 for transportation)**

Geovanna: Have they come to us before?

Alexandra: They just got started last year.

Michael: It is saying it is the 7th annual festival, have they done it on campus before?

Justin: It is off campus.

Geovanna: The minutes don’t say how many people are going.

Lance: 150-200 people will be expected.

Allison: They are not necessarily students and anybody can attend.
Austin: That was just for the Gala Show and that is only one third of the entire weekend. The rest of the event is in the west field house.

Jackie: **Motion to amend to 1000.**

Michael: **Second.**

Geovanna: **Objection.** Reserve my right to make a motion, just because I don’t understand how it is for the students here because I’m not sure where the money is going to, so **I want to amend to $550 towards the circus slugs.**

Allison: **Second.**

Austin: **Objection.** I think that we are overlooking the fact that they are going to have 30 workshops on campus and it is going to be an enormous event. The guy seemed to have a lot of connections, and from my notes he is just getting money for transportation, so I recommend that we fund 1200.

Alexandra: I really like 1000 and I would like to add stipulation that they use the 1000 for events that are there for students.

Allison: I just wanted to poetically out at the Gala Show they are asking for 10 for general admission and 5 for students, so they are going to be profiting from this.

Michael (QSU): They said that they need this money in order to appeal for teachers to come to since they are competing with big names that could pay teachers more.

Vote on 550 amendment:

- In favor: 2
- Opposed: 7
- Abstentions 1, **motion fails.**

Vote on 1000:

- In favor: 9
- Opposed: 0
- Abstentions: 0, **recommended amount amended to 1000.**

Jose: I would like to see a stipulation but my only concern is that they money is being used to bring instructors.

Alexandra: I think it would be good to have a recommendation to use the money for things that students can benefit the most from.

Lance: The students are invited and welcome to this event, so constricting them using the money for one particular item could stop them from where they are right now, so I don’t think they would be able to guarantee the teachers to be here, so I wouldn’t want to restrict them from that access. I wouldn’t recommend doing a stipulation for this event.
Vote to recommend 1000:

In favor: 9 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 1, **recommending 1000.**

**Recommendation: $1000. (Reduced later to $700)**

**BMC (Request: $3000 for Speakers for BMC Conference - "Nature of Consciousness: Dichotomies")**

Alexandra: I think this event sounds awesome but $3000 is a large number so I’m thinking $1500.

Michael (Crown): It is a large amount but this will directly benefit 300 students so I feel that with a large event that might not be a totally unreasonable amount. It might be the reality that we can’t fund the full 3000, but I think 3000 is an ideal amount.

Lance: **Motion to fund 1500.**

Austin: **Second.**

Michael (Crown): **Objection.**

Allison: **Motion to amend to 2000.**

Jose: **Second.**

Michael (Crown): **Objection.**

Michael (QSU): I think this conference is incredibly important, but the fact that there is a budget gap of 1000, it just sounds a little bit much to have that much wiggle room.

Vote on amendment for 2000:

In favor: 7 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 2, **amendment is amended to 2000.**

Vote to amend 3000 to 2000:

In favor: 6 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 2, **amendment passes.**

Vote to recommend 2000:

In favor: 9 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 1, **recommending 2000.**

**Recommendation: $2000. (Reduced later to $1500)**

**Chinese Student Association (Request: $801 for CSA Game Night Refreshments / Frozen Delicacies)**
Lance: I reserve my right to make a motion, I'm from college nine, we have a lot of international students and these students are all away from home and this gives them a chance to connect as a community and this is for two events and I believe this will be great to fully fund them, so I would like to call to question.

Allison: Second.

Vote to recommend $801:

In favor: 8 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 2, recommending 801.

Recommendation: $801.

Japanese Student Association (Request: $300 for Japanese Temaki night)

Lance: Reserve my right to make a motion, again these are underrepresented students on campus and they don’t get to get home very often so I call to question.

Jackie: Second.

Allison: Objection.

Vote to vote:

In favor: 2 | Opposed: 4 | Abstentions: 4, call to question fails.

Allison: I just want to point out they are charging $5 per plate and although it seems like a good event, I feel like the $5 will just go back to the organization

Lance: So last quarter, the CSA did something pretty similar where it was a successful event and they charged about $5 or so, and the SUA did fund the CSA for that event, so I don’t think that it’s a lot and I think it’s a great event for students to come together and they are underrepresented and I would like to see their student fees go back to them.

Vote to recommend 300:

In favor: 8 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 1, recommending 300.

Recommendation: $300.

Korean American Student Association (Request: $900 for the KASA banquet)

Allison: I thought that this sounded like a really well planned event and the fact that they had 150 students attend last year is impressive but they are charging for tickets and I don’t like that.

Vote to recommend 900:
In favor: 6 | Opposed: 4 | Abstentions: 0, **recommending 900**.

**Recommendation: $900. (Reduced later to $745.40)**

Red Cross Club (Request: $1000 for a CPR, First Aid, and AED instructor)

Allison: I don’t like how at this point they were saying it would only be open to the club.

Michael (QSU): Didn’t they ask for the same exact event last quarter?

Lance: Something I heard about this event, my friend was going to the Red Cross Club, and actually for the students to get to the class they were required to do 30 service hours. And I think that the student fees that they pay should be their entry into the CPR class.

Jose: A part of me really likes what this club is about, but I don’t think we should fund them 1000, since its closed off.

Jackie: I have similar concerns, and I don’t remember a single advertisement asking if anyone would like a class on how to certified, so I don’t think we should fully fund them.

Alexandra: I know that our recreational department already has CPR classes, do students have to pay for those?

Allison: I think it’s $10.

Alexandra: Seeing as CPR is already available to students, I don’t see how this is going to make a big impact on our campus.

Lance: Reserve my right to make a motion, something else I saw is that they weren’t sure how much the classes were, and they said that CPR classes are about 90 and I know that is not true, **motion to amend to 0**.

Geovanna: **Second**.

Jose: **Objection**.

Allison: **Motion to amend the amendment to 0 to 300**.

Jose: **Second**.

Michael (Crown): If what has been said about the courses from the recreational department, and they said in their funding request that there would be 30 students benefitted by this event, 300 is a very fair amount considering the circumstances.

Franchesca: Just to clarify they did ask for funding last quarter, 700 and they were fully funded.
Vote to amend to 300:
In favor: 8 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions 1, amended to 300.

Vote to recommend 300:
In favor: 7 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 2 we are recommending 300.

**Recommendation: $300. (Reduced later to $0)**

**Delta Sigma Theta (Request: $300 for African Appreciation Day)**

Lance; I think this is a good event, African Americans are underrepresented on this campus, they are going to be teaching about mental and physical health and they are only asking for 600 out of 9500.


Lance: Even with 2000 it would be worth and I think that it would be nice for a lot of people to go since it is in the quarry plaza.

Allison: I really agree with the idea of what is happening, the only thing is that is that it is open to everyone, but only 85 people came and I just don’t know if that is the best way that student fees are spent.

Jose: I definitely agree that 2000 probably isn’t the right amount, and they have a balloon arch for 200 and they could talk to the balloon arch brigade on campus which would be much cheaper.

Lance: I know that a lot of things on campus are rented, so they could be getting made on campus, I don’t want to devalue that number.

Allison: Motion to amend 2000 to 1000.

Geovanna: Second.

Lance: Objection.

Jose: Motion to amend to fund 1300.


Lance: Objection. I think that at least 1500 for the groups should be good for the fees and food and the performers will be great. I think 1300 is too little.

Vote to amend from 1000 to 1300.

In favor: 5 | Opposed: 4 | Abstentions: 1, motion passes, amount is amended to 1300.
Lance: *Motion to amend 1300 to 1500.*

Justin: Seeing no second, **the motion dies.**

Jackie: *Motion to amend to 1000.*

Geovanna: Second.

Lance: Objection.

Jackie: I think that if there are only 85 people it’s worth that much money.

Vote to amend to 1300 to 1000:

In favor: 4 | Opposed: 6 | Abstentions: 0, **motion fails.**

Vote to amend 2000 to 1300:

In favor: 9 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 0, **now considering recommending 1300.**

Vote to recommend 1300:

In favor: 10 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions 0, **recommending 1300.**

**Recommendation:** $1300.

**Vietnamese Student Association (Request: $1200, VSA culture show)**

Allison: This is the ninth annual show so they know what they’re doing and they are expecting 200 people, so I recommend the full amount.

Alexandra: With that 1000 being donated to charity, I feel that us funding all this money, all this money would be going to the charity instead of the experience that the students are having.

Lance: I believe that we should make a stipulation for this request to something specific and make sure it’s not going to the charity because I would like to see our student funds going back to the students.

Allison: Just about the charity, they said that the charity would be from the ticket sales.

Franchesca: I was just reading their funding proposal, and it sounded like that last year they raised 1000 and donated it, but I don’t think it came from the culture show, and instead from the organization itself.

Alexandra: *Motion to lower 1200 to 1000.*

Lance: Second.
Vote to recommend 1000 for VSA
In favor: 10 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 0, recommending 1000.

**Recommendation: $1000.**

**Mock Trial (Request: $1000 for Harvey Wallace Northern California AMTA Trial Regional Competition)**

Lance: I think that $1200 is a little too much for 12 students and that is very expensive.

Michael (Crown): **Motion to fund 120.**

Jackie: **Second.**

Allison: **Objection.** I think that mock trial is a really important thing to have on campus and to have a presence in competition for our school, it is something that is very educationally based and helps further students who are trying to go to law school or be politically involved, and I think that we can lower it but not that much.

Lance: **Motion to amend from 120 to 500.**

Michael (QSU): **Second.**

Jose: **Motion to amend from 500 to 800.**

Michael (Crown): **Objection.**

Vote to amend from 500 to 800:
In favor: 4 | Opposed: 6 | Abstentions 0, motion fails.

Vote to amend recommended amount from 1000 to 500.
In favor: 10 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 0, amount amended to 500.

Vote to recommend 500:
In favor: 9 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 0, recommending 500.

**Recommendation: $500.**

**National Society of Black Engineers (Request: $8000 for 41st NSBE National Convention)**

Allison: Fantastic convention, but 8000 is a lot, and I think we should fund them. Reserve my right to amend to 5000.

Michael (QSU): **Second.**
Austin: **Objection.**

Austin: From my notes it’s only helping 15 students. And I think 5000 is still a lot for 15 students.

Lance: Even 5000 is still too much, it’s only 15 students.

Allison: Reserve my right to make a **motion to amend 5000 to 1000.**

Michael (Crown): **Second.**

Jose: **Objection.**

Jose: I think that this is good thing and the fact that it is an underrepresented group I think we should fund them in the 1500-2000 range.

Alexandra: I think funding them a little more is good, and I think that this is supposed to be how widely it’s felt and how deeply it’s felt.

Allison: I think that’s it’s really important and on top of that it’s even smaller because they are underrepresented in stem. **Rescind the 1000 motion.**

Geovanna: Where is the money going to?

Franchesca: $4000 for the hotel, $3000 for registration, $6000 for flight costs, shuttles will total cost 1400 and food is 2000.

Michael (Crown): **Motion to amend to 3000.**

Allison: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes, amount has been amended to 3000.**

Allison: I think 3000 is perfect because that is registration costs and if people were comfortable to make a recommendation that it goes towards the registration costs.

Jose: I think that 3000 is good because I’m confused because they are spending 3000 on flight and I know for a fact that other people from other orgs are taking vans, so I definitely think they could cut their budget.

Lance: I have two things, one for the flights, I know I can help them get the cost down, and second I would not like to make the stipulation just for registration just because for their flights, we want to get their flights as early as possible and I wouldn’t want them to get locked in after getting their registration fees.
Michael (Crown): I agree with what was just said and I do think it would not be a good idea that that money goes straight to registration and it is enough to offset their costs, but we shouldn’t put that restrain on them.

Vote to amend 8000 to 3000:

In favor: 9 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 1, **changed to 3000**.

Vote to recommend 3000:

In favor: 10 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 0, **recommending 3000**.

**Recommendation: $3000.**

**Tangroupe (Request: $400 for Tango Prohibido Annual Show)**

Allison: Does anybody know how many people attend?

Michael: I know that they sell out the porter dining hall and they fill up the whole dining hall.

Allison: **Call to question.**

Michael (QSU): **Second.**

Vote to recommend 400:

In favor: 9 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 1, **recommending 400**.

**Recommendation: $400.**

**African Student Union (Request: $427 for the ASU game night)**

Michael (Crown): When they presented their budget, they seemed to know what they were doing, but I think that funding the full amount is good.

Michael (Crown): **Call to question.**

Vote to recommend 427:

In favor: 10 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 0, **recommending 427**.

**Recommendation: $427.**

**Haluan (Request: $645 for Open Floor Showcase)**

Allison: **Call to question.**

Jose: **Second.**
Vote to recommend 645:

In favor: 10 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions 0, recommending 645.

**Recommendation: $645.**

Justin: We are over by 1,854.60. We have to go through again look through these orgs.

Allison: **Motion to reduce UCSC Circus Slugs from 1000 to 700.**

Geovanna: **Second** from Geovanna

Lance: **Objection.**

Lance: When looking at the numbers and everything, they are expecting 200 students and they are getting funded 1000, we funded 3000 for 15 students.

Allison: I get that, but with the deepness of it, and I feel the 3000 is for a more impacting experience for students and we have to cut somewhere.

Vote to reduce 1000 to 700.

In favor: 8 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 2, reducing from recommendation for UCSC Circus Slugs from 1000-700.

Allison: **I’d like to motion to reduce BMC from 2000-1500.**

Austin: **Second.**

Jackie: **Objection.**

Vote to amend from 2000 to 1500

In favor: 6 | Opposed: 4 | Abstentions 0, amendment passes, reducing BMC recommendation amount from 2000 to 1500.

Alexandra: **I would like to motion to amend relay for life from 1500 to 1250.**

Jackie: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes, recommendation for relay for life has been reduced from 1500 to 1250.

Jackie: **Motion to reduce recommendation for Red Cross from 300 to 100** since I have never seen a single flyer.

Michael (Crown): **Second.**
Lance: **Objection.** So I would like to amend from 100 to 0.

Jackie: **I rescind my motion.**

Lance: **I would like to amend from 300 to 0.**

Allison: **Second.**

Jose: **Objection.** I just have a lot of respect for the org that come out and fill out the paperwork who dedicate their time to this and I see everyone’s points but I feel like they do offer something to this campus and even 100 would be nice.

Lance: I reserve my right to make a motion, and I don’t think they should fund them anything and let them use their club fees and the money that they are getting from the senates. **Call to question.**

Alexandra: **Second.**

Jose: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: 6 | Opposed: 4 | Abstentions: 0, **call to question passes.**

Vote for recommendation $0:

In favor: 7 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 1, **recommendation has been reduced from 300 to 0.**

Alexandra: **I would like to motion to amend match box from 1000 to 900, amend scientific slug 1500 to 1250, KASA 900 to 700.**

Jose: **Second.**

Allison: **Objection.**

Allison objection, I think we should do this and find another org we want to give more to.

Lance: I don’t think we should take away from something we don’t need to, and let the assembly decide if they want to take away something.

Justin: I’ll point out that this puts us under budget by 45.40.

Alexandra: **Motion to amend to make KASA 745.40.**

Allison: **Second.**

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

Allison: **Call to question.**
Lance: Second.

Allison: Move to divide the question to each individual group.


Jose: Objection.

Vote to divide:

In favor: 7 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 2, question is so divided.

Vote to reduce matchbox from 1000 to 900

In favor: 9 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 0, reducing 1000-900 for matchbox.

Vote to reduce Scientific Slugs from 1500-1250.

In favor: 7 | Opposed: 3 | Abstentions: 0, motion passes.

Vote to reduce KASA: from 900 to 745.50.

In favor: 9 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions 0, KASA recommendation reduced from 900 to 745.40.

Justin: This leaves us at exactly 17000.

Michael: Reserve my right to make a motion, when we were voting on the National Society of Black engineers, we did not talk about a stipulation, I think it’s important to see if they can make their transportation more cost effective, to motion to recommend that regardless of how they use the funds, they should seek at more cost-effective ways.

Justin: If there is no other discussion, can someone motion to approve these recommendations.

Alexandra: So moved.

Michael (QSU): Second

Justin: Are there any objections, seeing none, recommendations have been adopted.