Assembly Members Present: Haedyn Christie (QSU), Seamus Howard (Cowell), Aykezar Adil (Crown), Shannon Earl (Kresge), Rosemary (Oakes), Lance McNeil (Nine), Daniel Iglesias (Ten), Franchesca Finnigan (Treasurer), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

Fishrap Live!

We are a satire newspaper on campus, our main goal is to provide an alternative form of media for the student population. It tackles campus issues from the students’ perspective. We’re printing 3 more issues this year for spring quarter and we need money for one issue only since we already have gotten funding from other sources. We have 3000 copies each issue that we print in black and white we have an estimated readership of 12000, Fishrap is also a great opportunity for students to get involved on campus. We train people in Indesign and Photoshop, it’s great hands on experience. We’re completely inclusive anyone can join. We hope you all fund us.

Franchesca: How much are you asking for?

Fishrap: $581.60.

Shannon: How much did you ask last time?

Fishrap: We asked for $581 and we were fully funded.

Requested amount: $581.60.

Sailing Team

I’m the captain of the UCSC sailing team. We are a sailing team that competes all along the California coast. We are a very good team and we have shown through our track record bred world champion sailors, but we have little to no funding. UC Santa Cruz pays the least for student for athletics and these money goes to transportation and registration costs. We have had to use almost all our budget this year just to go places. Without being able to save money we can’t update our fleet, and our boats are no longer competitive against other teams. It’s not the speed of the boat, some of the boats actually leak and by the end there were 4 inches of water in the boat. Supporting us in our campaign to renovate our fleet would allow us to expand our team and we can only have 8 sailors sailing at practice. Most teams have 10-20 boats in their fleets and they have large alumni donor programs. Having a larger fleet would allow us to get back to the UCSC students. We bring students on sailboats and teach them about sailing and it’s a great way for people to meet each other. We need better and newer boats. To get a new boat, just the hull alone is $500, without the mast or other things. A new set of sails is $800. These costs add up to $2,683 for one more boat. This is the first time we have come to organizations for funding, because it’s getting to the point where we can’t pay for ourselves. A new boat would be over
$7000 from the factory.
Franchesca: How much are you asking?

Sailing Team: $3,373. $2,683 and the rest for our next competition. Travel expenses are $450 and we are asking $200 to set up our alumni connections.

Shannon: Do you have any events in Santa Cruz?

Sailing Team: Yeah that’s why we are here, we need more boats and funding to host these things.

Shannon: Are you charging students to join?

Sailing Team: We have a $100 yearly fee, which is less than the sailing classes that are offered through OPERS.

Seamus: How many members do you have?

We have 12 right now and we are looking to expand right now.

Requested Amount: $3,373.

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**Familia X**

This is UCSC’s main organization for queer and Latin@ students. We are trying to take a delegation in UCSB called the Queer People of Color Conference. Last year it was at UCSD and this year it is at UCSB. The weekend consists of workshops and training and students can explore their identity. When our participants come back from the conference we see a higher self-esteem and stronger confidence in their identity. They also come back more engaged in topics and events that happen here on campus. We’ve also found a lot of students that come back here more motivated to create their own support groups. The application is open to all UCSC students, and because we are representing UCSC, and we’ve had a good mix of people from this campus. It’s a one in lifetime opportunity especially freshmen, who are interested in going to this conference.

Seamus: How much are you asking?

Familia X: We are asking $1500, but Santa Barbara is really expensive, our largest cost is hotels, $3000 at the current estimate for only two nights. We would greatly appreciate any more funding than that.

Seamus: How big would the delegation be?

Familia X: We see an average of 15-20. After our first group meeting we have time for funding. If we meet our funding request, we are trying to take 30 people.
SHPE

Our club’s goal is to encourage Hispanics to study in STEM and realize their potential in STEM. We are one of many SHPE chapters across the nation. We are trying to help the Santa Cruz members to succeed in classes and succeed professionally. For academics, we offer tutoring and mentorships and advisement. We are asking for the national conference which is a collective of all the SHPE chapters from the nation to come together and improve professionally. There will be workshops for how to become better speakers and also at the conference, that is where a lot of us get hired and the conference has hundred of people hiring for jobs and internships. We encourage members to go there for the professional side. I’ve gotten an internship at google and we have had other members get PG&E and there are a lot of opportunities for people who attend. They also bring back these experiences to the school. We get people excited about stem. At the conference there were interviews and I didn’t get the job but it was a great experience and I learned so much from it. Majority of our members are generally lowerclassmen. In the past we have also asked the college senate for funding and we also do fundraisers and we do fruit cup fundraisers and we apply for scholarships as well. We want to send 10 members to the conference. Last year we were only able to send 6. This year it is in Maryland and there a lot of expenses just form the flight alone, we are asking for $7720 for registration and lodging.

Ayke: When is the conference?

SHPE: November 11, 2015.

Requested Amount: $7720.

Surf Team

This is our first year being a sports club affiliated with the school, and even though we are now affiliated with the school we’re still not getting any money from them. You all have been a big help in the past. We had a lot of competitions and we have done better than we have in the past because of better funding and we finished just outside the top ten. We’ve had a couple members win competitions and place. We’ve been very thankful for the funding that we’ve gotten from you guys. Now that our season’s over we are focusing on being more part of the community.
Surfing is really at the crux of the town and school relationship. We are putting on an event soon with people who create a safe space for underprivileged students and holding a free surf clinic in May. We got equipment donated from the rec department. The only thing we are missing is gas money. We are hoping that as a community driven event that SUA would help us out with that.
Surfing is a really great and empowering thing and so that we can continue that relationship with them. we’re also doing some work with operation surf, an organization that teaches wounded veterans on how to surf. Looking forward, the first competition happens before the fall funding requests. We are asking for money for events that will occur in the fall. I know of another
organization that brings together foster children and they bring them to the beach and teach them how to surf, which is really empowering and amazing for them. These people may be scared of the water and they may not be powerful swimmers and it’s very scary but once you get them out there it helps them feel connected to the ocean.

Franchesca: How much are you asking?

Surf Team: $925. We are the furthest north team, so we have to travel the most.

Lance: How many people will be attending the first event?

Surf Team: There will be 10 students and staff and 15 members of our team will be there for the competition.

Requested Amount: $925.

NSBE

First we would like to thank you because we went to Anaheim for our national convention and we were able to get six people to go and we all got interviews. Our mission is to increase the ratio of black engineers. This fulfills SUA’s purpose because we reach out to minorities such as something and every year we host an annual banquet which is our second biggest event for NSBE. Four key things that we like to do is to revitalize our membership for next year by giving them a history of what we have done before. We show them the events we have held and the people we have met at the expense of the success of our members. Our banquet is to also welcome the new leadership. It’s really important that they have ascended to a place of leadership. Another key purpose is thanking those who let NSBE do what we wanted and the professors that helped us and the community. We really like to reach out and get people to come and join us. It’s also a great way to network with other people who we have met with in the year. We want to foster a community and a great way for us to get to know each other. The new leadership will be able to bond together since they will be working together a lot next year.

Things that we did this year was initiate a tutoring program where we help them out with classes. We also have a mentorship program to help underclassmen know what professors to take with and which classes to take. Another event is game day where we reach out to the community and had a lot of fun there and it’s great for our members and we have volunteered at mixer day at high schools. I think it helps people find new ways to help the community. We are all about professional success and we have members from all sorts of professional fields. And these people present on their experience in UCSC and their experience in NSBE. We have our point system where we award our members for participating in academic activities and community service activities. We were originally re-founded 6 years ago by 6 members and now our membership has almost quadrupled. It helps inspire people to do better next year. Like I said it’s great for networking, last year I met someone who wrote a letter of recommendation for me and as a result I got a scholarship. It gives a general overview of NSBE’s purpose. In summary our
banquet is to highlight the achievements of the members in the club. Part of being in the club is being active and someone who is passionate about what they are doing.

Franchesca: How much and when is the banquet?

NSBE: We are asking for 450. May 30th.

Requested Amount: $450.

Student Media

We are proposing an event called Ta-nehisi Coates and it will be tentative but right now we have May 28th and our total budget for the project is 26 something and we are asking SUA for $5000. Ta-nehisi Coates is one of the most formidable voices in the media right now. “In the Case of Reparation” is commentary about the income disparity about white and black Americans and attributing that disparity to institutionalized racism. The only way to take care of this is to acknowledge the pain that has been caused and to make reparations. he had a lot of struggles while he was growing up and he’s engaging in conversations that are pretty prominent on campus right now. We had Cornell West and Angela Davis speak here as well. It was brought on by students of the students. He is a story teller in a predominantly white institution, journalism, and as media makers we believe it is important to prioritize issues of sexuality more and student media allows students to engage in these dialogues. If we do it, we have to do it right. Providing an opportunity for Ta-nehisi to come here and answer a Q&A would be a great opportunity for the students. We have worked with committee since last quarter and we have been trying to get more talks of diversity to this campus. Even for people that weren’t there for it were impacted. We also think it’s really important because it representing all students and ethnic minorities and groups that do not feel like they have a place on campus. We think it’s really important for him to teach and educate people of what they can do. We wanted to make an event for all students and create a safe space for students to talk about these issues. This is the last opportunity that we may be able to see him since he’s moving to France soon. We need to see the way that media can take a role in these issues.

Seamus: So you’re asking $5000, but your total budget is $26000. Most of this is for his appearance?

Student Media: We are currently in negotiations with his agents and we are trying to move that price down, and we’re still working it out.

Seamus: Where did you get the other $2000?

Student media: We have already allocated a significant portion for the event and we want to see if there are any other interest groups that want to help support the event. We might not think about doing the event if we don’t have enough money. A potential problem that happened in the
Cornell West event was re-entering for students because some students would step out and try to come back in.

Ayke: Would this be open to the Santa Cruz public?

Student Media: It would be for students mainly since we are using student fee money.

Requested Amount: **$5000.**

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**Medieval Club**

We are looking for funding because we would like to go to a conference event in August and we are part of a larger worldwide nonprofit organization called the SCA and the conference we are going to is the largest event this group puts on. It draws about 15000 people that belong to our organization. Looking at the purposes of SUA and the things on your website, one of the things that I noticed is that you guys have a value of civic participation. One of the great things about this is that 300 classes have been scheduled and one of the values of this organization is service to your community. As I said it’s a worldwide event and from the benefit of social and educational enrichment, they would be able to learn from people who came from all walks of life. We have never asked for funding like this before, and last year when I took over we only had two people and I have since then been able to get 15-20 regulars. We were able to finally come out and become an organization. We have been here since 25 years ago but it has been in dormancy for 10 years. This year we finally got to put on our own event. This impact would be on the 12 students that could come to the event.

Franchesca: How much are you asking?

Medieval Club: We are asking for 2000 from the SUA. We have done some fundraising and we have raised 1000 so far. In addition, we have members that are going to ask for funding from the other colleges. This would be for the conference in august. The registration fee is per person.

Requested Amount: **$2000.**

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**ASU**

We are asking $2450 for our African Student Union annual culture show. The point of the culture show is to diversity the campus through the culture and diversity of the African continent. Some people don’t even know that Africa is a continent and they don’t know the diversity within the continent. That is the first mission of this organizing and our event. It’s also a space for those who identify with the African diaspora to have a safe space. We have people perform which promotes the different cultures and different regions of Africa. This is a yearly culmination to show our presence on campus and I think what’s really big about ASU is that the African diaspora touches everybody in any shape or form and this is where we are showing what makes Africans unique. This allies with the SUA’s mission because it diversifies the campus and it
allows students to become more knowledgeable about these cultures. It includes $500 for food, free of charge and we will be getting food from an Ethiopian restaurant in San Jose. We are asking for $300 for drinks. We are tentatively schedule in the porter dining hall on May 28th. The other money is for decorations and tech crew. We want this show to be authentic as possible. We have about 10 people on our dance troupe. All these things that we have been petitioning for are for the culture and making our mission as genuine as possible.

Seamus: Love it! Do you have any other sources of funding?

ASU: We talked to the cultural center for arts and diversity to sponsor us and they haven’t gotten back to us.

Ayke: Are you planning on going to the colleges for funding?

ASU: Cowell, Oakes, and Merrill so far.

Ayke: For the outfits, will they be recyclable or are they lifetime usage?

ASU: Every year the people will be using those outfits, they will be measured to fit our body shapes in general.

Requested Amount: $2450.

KASA

KASA: I’m the treasurer and for this funding I am asking $200 for our food night event. This event is where we’ll have students come in to help make food with us and our main dish is called tofu soup. The event will be held in the village kitchen on May 14th from 7-9 PM. For the funding, we are asking $200 to help buy us the supplies for the meat, tofu and the seasoning and kimchi. This event is open to all students. We will be publicizing our event through fb and hopefully this event will be successful as well. We want to show our culture and hopefully this year we can gather more people who will also want to join the organization. This is one of the events that will help to spread Korean culture on campus.

Daniel: So you held a similar program last year in the village? Are there any other options that you are considering exploring? For me the village seems a little out of place especially for students who live in the dorms, did you have any other places to hold this in?

KASA: We want this event to be on campus and we did think about hosting this event at someone’s house and there isn’t a lot of space on campus, but the village kitchen can hold the most people. There were people in the kitchen cooking last year but everyone was pretty much able to fit in the room.

Requested Amount: $200.
Students and Mathematics

We are the official undergrad math club. It has grown quite a lot in the last year. We have amassed 4-5 dozen healthy members. The event that we are proposing is that we want to bring a speaker from offsite who is a professor at SJSU and an alumni from UCSC. It would be really exciting to have her come since she was a former students and having her speak would be a great opportunity for students to see what her academic journey was like. Math as a profession is very gender skewed in both hiring and the professorship here. Out of 15 math professors we only have one here. It would be exciting for her to talk about her work and to talk about her journey. We are a very new organization and before 2012 UCSC was the only school in the system that doesn’t have a math club. Of our 4 dozen members, not all are strictly math students and one thing we strive to do is to be very inclusive for students. I was originally not studying math when I got here and partly I learned to love math because there was a small but active group of people who were very interested in math.

Franchesca: How much are you asking?

Students and Mathematics: $200. Professors are busy but she is only asking a small fee to come over.

Daniel: With regards to what you said about the 15 professors, and only one female professor, I understand that you will be pretty much going for Andrea, but I was wondering why you didn’t ask the female professor on campus to speak?

Students and Mathematics: She has been very busy this quarter and she has been very peripherally involved.

Requested Amount: $200.

Group Folklorico Los Mejicas

We are a folklore dance group and our mission is to promote our culture we also serve as a bit of an outreach group that goes and performs in communities that have underrepresented minorities. We are there to show them that they can do it. We encourage anyone to join. I am here to ask for funding for the most important performance of the year, which is called the 43rd annual spring show, held June 5th and 6th. It’s in the theater arts and on June 5th and 6th, we perform to anyone who wants to come. This is the last time we will be performing folkloria. The purpose of the spring show for the campus besides promoting Mexican culture is that a lot of people in our group acknowledge that this performance largely affected their decision to come to this campus. we are asking for $862.40.

Lance: How much are you charging for this?
Group Folkloria Los Mejicas: We don’t know yet, we just worked out the details with the ticketing office. Last year we charged around 8-10 dollars.

Lance: I see that you asked for $862.40, but on your budget the items only add to $798.

Group Folkloria Los Mejicas: I did not put this budget together, and this was put together by our financial officer. These numbers are what we need. The line items are accurate.

Amount Requested: $798.

BMU

We are asking for 600 for the Black Women’s Appreciation Dinner. BSU and BMA alternate and host a dinner for the respective sex. Last year BSU held a dinner for black men. This is a really important event for us and to get to together and have a night where we showcase the work that each group is doing. With the black student population at 1.7%, it’s really nice to have a sense of sense worth. Sometimes people can feel like their voice doesn’t matter and this isn’t just for our organizations but also for our community on campus. Something that is important to know and since this is a reoccurring thing. This is one of the most formal events thrown in the black community. It’s great for the ABC community to come together. It creates a feeling of black accomplishment and appreciating the women as well it was such a close and intimate experience that I had. To add onto that it was my first time going and just immediately I could see the effort and time that these people put into this event and I was blown away. I felt very personal in the space and I felt appreciated as a black man. Especially with all the events that are happening especially with #BlackLivesMatter which is gathering more media attention. The $600 dollars will go straight to the food budget and we plan on going to different college senates. We just really want to be able to represent the student body in a professional manner. Last year they had escorts up the stairs and they had keynote speakers and the dinner was very lovely. It was nice because it was moments where you didn’t know people were taking pictures. This year we are trying to bring that same kind of perspective this year. We have a nice slew of keynote speakers and a lot of great faculty coming out as well. It’s for the black community at UCSC as a whole. It’s very uplifting.

Franchesca: When is the event?

BMU: May 22nd from 6-9 PM.

Amount Requested: $600.

Sabrosura

We were established in 2003 for people who had a passion for dancing. It started off as a retention organization for Latin@ students to talk about politics and issues at home. We are trying to spread the culture through the art of dance. We do have general body meetings every
Tuesday. We discuss topics that are current today in Latin America. For example coming from San Jose that was 80% Latin and how coming here was a bit of a change and joining this org was the best thing that I have done. We perform around the university and we perform at college nights. We also performed at Orale which is when high school students come to the school to see us. We have gone to the Monterey Bay and they had a small little festival there. We do it because we love to do it. One of our biggest performances that we have is the Student Color of Conference. We never ask our members for any money, we only ask them to pay for their own outfits. We provide the financial assistance that they need. Last quarter we have been asked to perform at SCO and it is very exciting to be invited to this kind of event and we’re really excited to show them our roots and show how diverse Latin America can be. We are asking for $1000 to pay for gas and we are getting gas cards and we are asking for any kind of assistance. This will benefit our dancers and create networks throughout California. It is a great experience since some people in the org don’t have the ability to build networks with other people and it’s a great experience. There are workshops being held and after that will be the performance and then social dancing right after. We have 29 members that are going. We aren’t only taking our dancers, we are taking our members too who don’t want to dance.

Justin: So this event is on April 25-26, so actually, SUA will be making funding decisions on the 29th and we aren’t allowed to retroactively fund.

Seamus: I would suggest going to college senates because they generally have a one week turn around.

Amount Requested: *Not eligible for funding.*

**FPC**

The film production coalition is a gathering of students and we make short films. We generally have a show up of 50-100 students. We are able to provide them training to make sure that they can do this. We show them how to edit and teach them cinematography. We have a lot of education available. At the end of the quarter we want to rent out a building to showcase the work that our participants have made. We are requesting $250, and this will be on June 1st a Saturday and T-shirts.

Seamus: Do you have any other funding sources?

FPC: We have funding from 8/10 colleges, Kresge has already funded us from last quarter and we already asked from porter. SUA could provide the majority of that.

Shannon: Do you have free admission and do you require any kind of previous experience?

FPC: We have free admission for everyone and we do not require any background for people in the club.
Amount Requested: $250

Banana Slug News

Starting May 31st we will be having our weekly broadcast and that gets posted on our official website and our Facebook page. We are a subdivision from Santa Cruz news. We have received funding from other sources as well. The number of students that would benefit from this new set are the 30 students who are involved and our viewers. Since our broadcasts are viewed on the website, SUA and our campus will benefit. It covers UCSC athletics and entertainment segments. By listing SUA as sponsors and if there are PSAs we could put those messages in the news. We need $500 for our set. That will make our overall look and appeal a lot more professional. All that together would be $1200 and currently we have gotten $850 so far. That would lead us $300-400 from the set.

Daniel: How much, if you had to guess you made from Penny’s?

Banana Slug News: 150.

Requested Amount: $400.

MSA

Thank you for your previous quarter’s funding. The reason that we are here this time is that we are hosting our annual event, called the IAW culture show. The culture show will have food, skits, music and a lot of culture about Islam. It will be free for everyone, bring your friends. The food will be $500 and the venue will be $150. C9/C10 requires their own tech crew which will cost $150 for the whole night and the rest of the decoration are $200. We already have funding from Crown and we came here asking for $600. We are hoping to have a very successful turnout again. Last time it was in Merrill cultural center and we had about 100 people. This time in 9/10 we are expecting more people.

Daniel: Have you considered having pono? It’s really good,

MSA: I’ll keep that in mind.

Seamus: So it’s free admission, is it highlighting Sunni and Shiite sects?

MSA: Yes. We will be talking about their lives over there and such.

Amount Requested: $600.

MESH

We are a fairly new organization to this campus and we provide a safe space for people who are mixed heritage and their allies. We try to host discussions and presentations on a wide array of
social issues. And this week we will be presenting on the topic of the Oppression Olympics. We are asking for a new projector. We treat our general meetings as mini-workshops and we try to create a dialogue for people who are mixed at different colleges and we usually have one of our members present and host or we bring other people to talk in our space. so the reason we are asking 300 is because before, we would pay to rent a projector which was 15/h and it would be 30/h because our meetings range from an hour and a half and that ended up costing a lot more and we feel that investing in a projector would help us financially. We usually generate 15-20 people per meeting. This projector would only be used for MESH events and for an event that we are having this quarter. We think that it’ll make a lot of sense if we have a projector. On top of that, there has been an increase of students who identify as being mixed, which is about 960 students on this campus. The demographic is on the rise so it would serve a lot more people.

Amount Requested: $300.