

Student Union Assembly

10/23/2012

Roll Call:

Assembly Members Present:

DT Amajoyi (Chair), Shaz Umer (Internal Vice Chair), Victor Velasco (External Vice Chair), Rocio Zamora (Commissioner of Diversity), Wanjiku (Shiku) Muhire (Commissioner of Academic Affairs), Kevin Huang (Organizing Director), Melina Meseroll (Stevenson), Kevin Troxel (Stevenson), Goran Klepic (Cowell), Jacob Rios (Cowell), Giovanni Maldonado (Crown), Max Huft (Crown), Andrea Lopez (Crown), Michael Liber (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), David Nguyen (Merrill), Iden Yekan (Nine), Carlos Ocampo (Nine), Beatriz Baez (Nine), Brittany Smith (Nine Alt.), Maria Jennings (Ten), Saam Keshavorzi (Ten Alt.), Jessica Veklerov (Ten), Megana Kunda (Ten), Rebecca Brown (Ten), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Daniel Law (Kresge), Aimee Wade (Kresge), Kelsey Rousseve (Kresge Alt.), Shingo Brann (Porter), Ruben Barron (Porter), Jack Rodgers (Porter), Mick Del Rosario (Porter Alt.), Marceline Ramirez (Porter Alt.), Michael Betts (Porter Alt.), Sindy Ramirez (Oakes), John Alcala (Oakes), Omar Bravo (APISA), Fithawi (A/BSA), Ivan Medina (MeCHA)

Assembly Members Absent:

Charlsie Chang (Stevenson), Anthony Rodriguez (Cowell), Amore Winkle (Kresge Alt.), All College Eight Reps and Alt Reps, QSU Rep, APISA Rep, SANAI Rep

Quorum: Yes

6:00-7:26: First half of meeting is a budget forum:

Budget Forum: What Does Prop 30 Really Mean for UCSC

-Presented by Executive Vice Chancellor Alison Galloway

-Q & A session: Students ask questions

Meeting Called to order at: 7:26

DT makes motion to move police chief presentation to start of meeting, everybody seconds

Presentation by Nader Oweis, Chief of Police at UCSC

Police.ucsc.edu for questions

Reading of the Previous Meeting's → Lyle Moves second by Sindy

Motion to approve by Approval of Agenda → Max moves. Call for

Amendments- Daniel: corrects grammatical errors in minutes – correct spelling of 'course', correct usage of 'its', etc./ Kevin: wants to amend the agenda to add resolutions relating to Prop 30 and Prop 32, **Second:** Shiku. **Motion approved** by consensus. **Move to Approve Agenda:** Kevin. **Second:** Maria. **Approved** by Consensus.

Announcements:

- Rocio: COD working with Cantu center to create Queer People of Color mixer November 15th, 5:30 to 7:30pm in Cervantez Valesquez conference room. Also, flyer for ASB 2013 with Community Agroecology Network.
- Erica: SLAP national coordinator, Chis Hicks, is coming this week, so come to SLAP's meeting on Fridays at 5pm at Joe's. Contact eyayon@ucsc.edu for more info.
- Kevin: Tomorrow is the first Student-Worker Coalition Meeting with AFSCME at 5pm at the Esselan Nation Conference Room.
- Max: Crown College zombie games on Saturday at 1pm starting at the Crown Fountain.
- Alfonso: November 3rd, 3:00 – 5:45 pm Oakes is having an involvement fair. Need volunteers to represent SUA as well as to talk about the propositions on the November ballot, contact afquinte@ucsc.edu for more information
- Sindy: How to Get into Medical School miniseries event on November 9th at 5pm in Oakes in the Guzman Room. Another one on November 29th, same location at 7pm.
- Michael: Merrill Halloween dance this Friday 10pm at 1am.
- Victor: Tuesday – Wrongfully Sentenced to Death voter education event. Will be taking place during on Tuesday October 30th at 6pm in Humanities Lecture Hall.
- DT: Governor Brown is coming to UCSC on Friday! Tell everyone!
- Goran: Cowell College Night tomorrow

New Business

- DT: SUA sponsored election event on November 6th. There will be three different locations around campus screening elections results; Stevenson Event Center, possibly C9 Rec center, and a TBD event on the Westside of campus.
- SUA Retreat Sunday November 4th 10am – 8pm. Open to everyone. If you want to facilitate something, let DT know. Chair.sua@gmail.com. Will review constitution, discuss leadership, get to know one another, other fun things.
- Kevin: Presentation of resolutions in support of Proposition 30 and against Proposition 32.

Old Business

- Shiku: presents the updated Student Color of Conference Proposal.
- **Kevin: motion to move \$3830 dollars from unused intern money to conference fund**
- **Rocio seconds**
- **Shaz objects:** doesn't want funding from his office of internal affairs going to external programming
- Goran: Crown Senate does not want to approve more than 2,000
- Jacob: Crown Senate thinks we should/could cut more costs

- **Motion for amendment: Max proposes amendment to Crown's senate number of \$2,199 coming out of COD and EVC offices**
- **Amendment not friendly to seconder:** Rocio- SOCC conference effects internal programming – orgs have been developed from going to SOCC conference, effects a significant number of UCSC students who will bring this information back to campus.
- Kevin: Speaking as officer, he has no problem using other office money to go to the SOCC, after being taken out of a specific office they can be used anywhere. Shouldn't discriminate against offices,
- Vanessa: Late registration deadline has passed. Shiku says they will still accept us up till November 9th but they need to know now how many people we're bringing
- Maria: Can we get early registration fee from UCSA? Shiku – UCR's decision, they said no, but still accept us up till November 9th.
- Kamran: A wonderful experience, really important for students of color – has helped the MSA tremendously.
- Lyle: Can you ask other groups on campus for funding? Shiku- says the turnaround time is really short on that, will be very difficult to do that.
- Sayo: Internal audit – UC safety transportation does not like a lot of van travel for safety reasons, would prefer for us to use charter busses.
- Victor: First, where are we exactly? DT – we are in discussion Kevin's primary motion, as well as Max's secondary motion.
- Victor: My interns have already been hired, would have to take out \$588.42 cents from the general fund to cover the discrepancy in pay for Victor's interns. **Would like the motion to be edited.**
- **Kevin rescinds motion**
- **Victor motions to use unpaid intern monies outside of EVC office to be reallocated into SOCC line item, and take out 588.42 cents from general fund**
- **Maria seconds**
- **Max objects**
- Shaz: Understands the SOCC is very beneficial to students, but this proposal is asking for too much money. We had to up the funding like this last year. We should use internal funding to internal organizations, who have a hard time getting funding as it is.
- Jessica: Point of Inquiry - Is this an unprecedented maneuver?
- DT: We had to up the funding last year too. But in doing so we have to make sure we are being fiscally responsible; this is not unprecedented at all. It is a trend that we have had to increase funding for conferences due to economic and budgetary constraints, expenses for things such as buses for travel have been increasing even though SUA always tries to opt for the cheapest option as a budget saving measure.
- Becca: If we don't use this money now, will it be used for anything else?
- DT: There is money for the interns allotted for the rest of the year. The money goes back to serving students either way; we just need to decide if this is how we want to use that money.

- Max: This is what I don't like about conferences. We represent 17k students but the conferences only serve a privileged few so it doesn't make sense to increase the number of students we serve. **Move to amend motion to \$2,199 from offices and none from general fund.**
- **Shaz: Seconds.**
- Patty: SOCC inspired me to learn how to confront people who engage in hateful speech. Learning from SOCC inspired and empowered my programming as a CA on campus. People who go to conferences are not privileged. Need to invest in the students of color on campus. We need students of color to feel empowered.
- **Victor: Point of Order – all comments need to be directed to the chair.**
- DT: Yes please have all comments directed towards me at all times.
- Daniel: How many people did we send last year?
- DT: about 80 people.
- Daniel: If we send 80 people, we would have significantly lower costs, we would save 2k.
- DT: The amount of money in the budget that we reserve for SOCC is not enough, which is why we had to up funds last year.
- Shiku: How did you get 2k less?
- Daniel: Oops, calculations were off. Would only free up three hundred more dollars.
- Shiku: The amount of people we take are beneficial to this campus. We take students from every college. This conference allows students to bring up their cultural in an empowering way. Taking 85 students who will become student leaders on this campus as well as representing UCSC at UC Riverside.
- Alfonso: yields his time.
- Brittany: When you agree to go to a conference, you promise to bring back that information to your campus and use it to empower other students. It is an investment for the school, and the greater number of people who go the better. It will encourage more students to get informed, empowered and speak their voice.
- Michael: Charter busses are \$90 per person. Is there a way to make these cheaper?
- Shiku: We can only work with the companies in the vendor system. El Camino has the best numbers in the system.
- DT: RSO piece of budget was increased as well last year; we took into account how much we cover student organizations. Also – all students are invited to SOCC, not just students of color! Getting to go to the conference is a privilege, but there is a high expectation for students to bring this information back to campus – a need to pay it forward. If we have extra monies in the budget, how can we best serve students with it?
- **Austin makes Brittany the alternate for the College Nine Senate.**
- **Vote on amendment: made by Max above: Move to amend motion to \$2,199 from offices and none from general fund**

VOTE: 8 yes -16 no- 0 abstentions → amendment fails

- **Vote on primary motion: made by Victor: Victor motions to use unpaid intern monies outside of EVC office to be reallocated into SOCC line item, and take out 588.42 cents from general fund**

VOTE: 16 yes -7 no- 1absention → motion passes

- **Maria: Motion to move everything else on agenda to next week**
- **Patty: seconds**
- **Shaz: Objects – we need to discuss Director of Student Life position**
- **Brittany: Motion to move everything after Director of Student Life position to next meeting**
- **Maria: seconds**
- Motion to extend time: Brittany

Discussion on Motion:

- Shaz: presentation on the director of student life position
- Shiku: will some of these positions be appointed?
- Shaz: No, they will all be fair hired
- Fithawi: What was the proposal from last week?
- Shaz: A lot of people don't know what SUA is, so last year SUA created the Director of Student Life position as an internship under the office of internal affairs. Was originally budgeted as 500 dollars a month, now 300 dollars a month.
- Brittany: Motion to approve Shaz's proposal
- **DT: point of clarification – do you want the rest of the money to go to your discretionary?**
- Shaz: Yes – will be used to create more events for students.
- DT: Constitutionally, when money is left over it is supposed to divided be into general fund and SUA programming money. It could be potentially problematic to return that money to IVC discretionary. It could be a reason of equality if all officers do not have the same amount of discretionary.
- Shiku: Aren't you going to have a lot of timesheets to look over now?
- Shaz: Yes, but I am still eager to pursue this.
- Shiku: We only use the discretionary money for specific events that are already in development, it's not alright to hoard the money in the internal office
- Victor: Where does the funding of this position come from?
- DT: It came from the director of student life proposal last year. We reallocated for it.
- **Brittany: Repeats motion to approve the IVC student life proposal**
- **Lyle: seconds**
- **Motion approved by consensus**

Motion to adjourn by Brittany, Rocio seconds. Adjourned 9:26PM.