

Student Union Assembly
Tuesday, 10/30/12

Roll Call

Assembly Members Present

DT Amajoyi (Chair), Shaz Umer (Internal Vice Chair), Shiku Muhire (CAA), Kevin Huang (OD), Charlsie Chang (Stevenson), Melina Meseroll (Stevenson), Kevin Troxel (Stevenson), Lila Blackney (Stevenson Alternate) Goran Klepic (Cowell), Arina Voronina (Cowell), Jacob Rios (Cowell), Giovanni Maldonado (Crown), Max Hufft (Crown), Andrea Lopez (Crown), Michael Liber (Merrill), David Nguyen (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), Iden Yekan (College 9), Beatriz Baez (College 9), Carlos Ocampo (College 9), Maria Jennings (College 10), Megana Kunda (College 10), Rebecca Brown (College 10), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), David Law (Kresge), Ruben Barron (Porter), Shingo Brann (Porter), Mick Del Rosario (Porter Alt.), Roshni Advani (College 8), Louise Cabansay (College 8), Ian Bernstein (College 8), Sindy Ramirez (Oakes), John Alcalá (Oakes), Tochtli Rios (QSU), Jocqui Smollett (ABSA),

Assembly Members Absent

Victor Velasco (EVC), Rocio Zamora (COD), Anthony Rodriguez (Cowell-resigned), Alix Foster (Crown Alt.), Brad Mleynek (Crown Alt.), Brittany Smith, Jessica Veklerov (College 10), (College Nine Alt.), Saam Keshavarzi (College 10 Alt.), Aimee Wade (Kresge), Amore Winkle (Kresge Alt.), Kelsey Rousseve (Kresge Alt.), Jack Rogers (Porter), Marceline Ramirez (Porter Alt.), Michael Betts (Porter Alt.), Omar Bravo (APISA), SANAI, MeCHA

Quorum: Yes

6:00 PM Introductions

Meeting Called to order at: 6:15PM by DT Amajoyi (Chair).

Approval of the Agenda

Kevin (OD): I'd like to approve the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda. Second by Jocqui (ABSA)

Approval of the Minutes

DT (Chair): I wasn't sure who the college 10 alternate was, so I asked the question, but we can amend that.

Lyle (Kresge): I'd like to make an amendment to my name, it's Nickerson, just add a C before the K and you're good to go.

DT (Chair): Okay and you said Sam was the alternate. Any other amendments

Ian (C8): The agenda was approved by someone and it's not reflected in the minutes

Shaz (IVC): When we went into the debate into the Student of Color of Conference, I don't think there was a motion. The motion is right here.

DT (Chair): I'll add it in that there was a time extension.

Nahuitochtli (QSU): The rep present was the alternative.

DT (Chair): You were present at the last meeting?

Tochtli (QSU): Oh no.

DT (Chair): We approve the minutes from the last meeting because we haven't hired the new recording clerk yet and they're usually trained on how to take minutes. We're taking special precautions on the minutes right now. Are there any other changes to the minutes? Can I get a motion to approve the minutes?

Max Hufft (Crown): So moved

Second by Melody (Campus Organizing Director)

Motion passes by consensus.

Around UCSC – 1 Minute per college/org/officer/group

DT (Chair): As org regs, college reps, you let the student body know what's going on or something you're planning whatever it may be. I'll take stack for this. Anything going on at the colleges?

Melina (Stevenson): In Stevenson, we're having our political themed college night for the upcoming agenda. It's very educational.

DT (Chair): Anything else going around the colleges or orgs?

Tochtli (QSU): This Thursday at Redwood Lounge (6PM-8PM) there will be a general dialogue for discussion about queer issues and issues that might be affecting queer students or students in general.

Sindy (Oakes): This Friday at Oakes Learning Center 7-9 There's going to be a Día de los Muertos celebration and there's going to be a bunch of food and definitely come to the OLC Friday from 7-9PM.

Jocqui (ABSA): Black Wall will be this Friday from 12-2:30 and I think we'll be serving sandwiches this week. ABSA is also planning an HIV awareness event on February 9th Saturday probably at the MPR 5-8PM. Keynote speaker for the event is Hydia Broadway.

CJ (College 9): Rainbow Theatre this weekend. First 3 weeks of November it's going to be dope.

Kevin (OD): I have some flyers to give you all some information. Here's a flyer for an event that I designed that I'm not putting on, but SUA and GSA are collaborating on a really wonderful event for the elections as a pre-party to the real party. Joe's November 5th 3-7pm. Free food free soda, if you're over 21, it's happy hour! Another event that's going in collaboration with ASCME again, because their collective bargaining is coming to a stall, there's going to be a small action in support of them during their actual collective bargaining on November 9th I think around noon because that's when workers have their lunch breaks. The collective bargaining is happening in the Baytree Conference Room. For USSA, on the week of the 12th (Monday of the 12th), we're inviting Sam Farr to speak on higher education it's going to be about federal legislation going into the lame duck session. Hopefully this rally will put higher education and student issues on the forefront on the national level. Also, we have these student surveys that we're pushing out with UAW. This will be really important for what will happen if Prop 30 doesn't pass and regental reform, etc. It's going to be a really important survey (join student power and we'll be working on that!) Again, I'm Kevin.

Shiku (CAA): I'm saying this on half of the EVC, there's an event on Halloween (tomorrow) they're going to be passing out these really cool prop guides. He's looking for folks to table outside the quarry. You're going to be passing out trick-or-treat bags with these prop guides. If you'd like to table, please sign up when you're available.

Shaz (IVC): If you're interested in sitting on a university wide committee to work with faculty or administration you can apply on scoc.studentunionassembly.org. This is the website you can go to and it's very important for students to sit on these committees because they're representing all 16,500. Academic grievances, AOD, Advisory Committees, Planning and Budget (\$500 million budget), if you're interested, apply or go to your organizations and tell them to apply. There's descriptions and it tells you when

Jocqui (ABSA): Is there a due date?

Shaz (IVC): No, we're reviewing applications, we have about 50-60 pending applications, but we should be done with them within the next month.

DT (Chair): The SCoC committees are extremely important for students to sit on, you don't need any special pre-requisites, you just need to be a student.

Shaz (IVC): And they're all paid positions.

Goran (Cowell): I've been approved for two committees, so do I need to be confirmed by the SUA?

Shaz (IVC): If you've been confirmed, you're already good to go.

DT (Chair): Under my office, the November 5th and 6th will be the Vote pre-party and the Vote Party at the polls. I've been working on with Faye Crosby (from the Psychology department) and Erik Green (from GSA). Polls close at 8PM and there's going to be a before party and an after party and viewings (at Stevenson Event Center, College 9, and third location?)

Ryan King: And I-Lounge? Porter/Kresge is the location I think

DT (Chair): We will be having our SUA meeting, polls close at 8 so you can go right after. Library referendum. The SUA will be running a referendum this year with the library, the library with extended hours is about to have a year left because of its sunset clause. I'll be working on that and Shiku will be working on that as well with administration. I want you all to be involved in this discussion. The referendum helps the library stay open until 12AM, it used to be open until 10PM and it was closed on the weekends, so this is going to hit the campus community really hard. I hope you will all want to get involved.

Shiku (CAA): I just had the most incredibly disappointing moment at the ARC center to study and it was closed. We want the Arc center to be open 24 hours for three days of the week: Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. My office is working on that.

DT (Chair): The three meetings to attend if you want to run a referendum are at Hahn 245 on: November 6 1:00-2:30 PM
November 14 8:30 AM -10:00 AM
November 15 3:00 - 4:30 PM

It's mandatory to attend one of these meetings if you want to run a referendum.

Announcements

Goran (Cowell): Since transferring here from community college, I've been working with Josh Ekers. He's the rep for the veterans and and the chief of police and I all meet to discuss the expansion of the buddy service so when someone is a female student or male student at 11PM from the library back to the dormitory so they feel safe. So we're recruiting veterans. I just wanted to make that announcement.

DT (Chair): I have some flyers for Rainbow Theater, if you haven't been to any shows before, you should go. We're the only UC with a multi-cultural theater troupe. Check out Rainbow! Also, Shiku is going to pass out to either side of her voter guides. We're members of UCSA, we had a presentation by them our first or second meeting and they have these really cool voter guides and they detail what the propositions are about, who's in support of them and who's against them. Definitely use these because you want to be an educated voter. Early voting started today!

Presentations (USSA)

Kevin (OD): I serve you all as the Organizing Director, but I also serve as a Board member for the United States Student association and I wanted to go over a presentation on what that really means. There's also two other board members at UCSC: Erica Ayon and Ivan Medina (Golden Pacific is Terrific). I'm the National Student Asian Pacific islander chair and Erica is the working class chair.

Roshni (College 8): The United States Student Association is a collation of student governments and state student associations. We are direct campus members as well as members through UCSA.

Kevin (OD): What that really means is we're all members of USSA. We pay dues through SUA. We pay 25 cents per student to the United States Student Association to support advocacy. Tiffany Dena Loftin (the Chair of SUA 2 years ago, is the Chair of USSA) and Kalwis Lo (the Chair of SUA 3 and 4 years ago) is the Legislative Director. Since 1946, student leaders have met across the nation to push legislative priorities through Congress. Some victories include the 1947 Student Bill of Rights, 1956 G.I. Bill, etc. The United States Student Association, the country's oldest, largest, and most inclusive national student-led organization, develops current and future leaders and amplifies the student voice at the local, state, and national levels by mobilizing grassroots power to win concrete victories on student issues. USSA really believes in direct action and targeting legislators and telling them hat education matters and that it should be a right. Every year USSA has an annual conference where students come together to choose the action agendas for the next year. Board members are also elected during Congress.

Kevin (OD): Our action agendas include the Federal Dream Act (which assists undocumented students in gaining citizenship. Can anyone tell me what this is?

Ruben (Porter): For the sake of time, can we just have the answer given to us directly?

Kevin (OD): It provides a path to citizenship for students to help them get a degree and graduate. What a dreamer really is someone who was born out of the country, this would provide a path of citizenship. The second component of this campaign is to stop the Secure Communities program from targeting DREAMERS. Secure Communities supposedly targets violent offenders. Another action agenda item

includes fighting student loan debt (student loan debt has surpassed \$1 trillion!) Student Loan Debt (Education): Compile facts that will better inform students when making decisions to take out private or federal loans. Legislative: H.R. 4170 Create a 10-10 standard for student loan forgiveness. Building Student Power: Building coalitions on the campus level. Finally, shared governance is our final action agenda item. It's to make sure that students have the right to actively govern and participate. The New Student Deal includes Fair Minimum Wage Act, Mandatory Pell Grant Spending, Student Loan Employment Benefits, Stafford Interest Rates, and Stafford Loan Grace Period.

Goran (Cowell) : They want students to pay off their debts during their education instead of after.

Kevin (OD): The unsubsidized loans you pay off when you're at school. The actual discussion is removing subsidized loans completely. The 3.4 rate was retained, but the grace period was removed so after you graduate you have to pay off your loans immediately. The 6 month grace period is no more.

Sammie: Since we're crunched for time, do you mind sending out these slides? How are students that go to USSA informed. Can anyone apply?

Kevin (OD): There's two conferences: the grassroots around March and Congress which is held in summer. LegCon has already been decided, but I forgot the dates. Its' around March right before our finals. These conferences are all publicized and there's an application and that's really it and there's a selection committee.

Sammie: Can we in the future have a discussion on how it's advertised because I've never really heard about it.

Shingo (Porter): I was going to say the same thing she did.

Committee Membership Process/ All Committees Present

DT (Chair): There's five different committees within the SUA space and one more funding group. Each officer has a committee. Victor the External Vice Chair has a committee called Lobby Corps, there's student life and outreach (under Shaz), there's Student Academic Senate (under Shiku CAA), there's Diversity Commission (under Rocio COD), and Student Power (Kevin OD), and there's a space called SOFA (Student Organization Funding Advisory Committee which is chaired by me). Those are the six different spaces and they're really great spaces to get involved in the planning.

Shiku (CAA): Academic Affairs: each college should have an academic senate representative. If you're interested in joining the student academic senate, it'll be focused on student sentiment based on student ideas – other things we'll be doing is forming task force groups if anyone in the committee wants to do different projects. Our role within SUA is to inform this space and make changes on our campus and that takes a lot of student effort on our campus. I also have internships up until November 2nd if you want to apply. 6217 is the ER system number.

Shaz (IVC): Outreach and Student Life We're going to be meeting with a lot of students, winter formals, meeting with college governments, student organizations if they have any problems, and for the student life we have a director of student life

there's three outreach coordinators under that position and I want to do 2 big events Bill Maher and a fee measure referendum and a concert. I'm creating a shuttle that will take students to Diordin station so we can take out the 17 especially during holidays. I've been working a lot with TAPS and police and protestors. We'll be doing a lot of internal event planning.

Kevin (OD): Student Power is a really broad committee which you'll be doing organizing whether it be for bargaining contract, student surveys, it's really what you want to make of it. The Constitution doesn't really have anything specific for it. It's an organizing space that you may learn organizing from.

Victor (Lobby Corps) by Maria: So Lobby Corps we work on legislative stuff if you could guess, we do a lot of lobby visits, we go and we visit and we talk to the legislators and we talk about student interests and later on in the year we make trips to Sacramento and we lobby up there and we talk to people and we run SLC (Student Lobby Conference in March), we visit every California Legislator. It's a great experience and we've had a lot of success in the past on bills that we support.

DT (Chair): We're kinda known to send several students up to lobby in Sacramento year after year. The next committee is the Diversity Commission (this is the officer position I was last year on behalf of Rocio): She says she wants to work on are Western Regional Queer Conference, Ethnic Studies speaker series (the day I learned about my people), she hopes that this committee be not only a space of coalition building, a space of learning and unlearning. This space will also provide dialogue for underrepresented minorities/marginalized groups.

New Business

RSO Committee Funding Bylaws

Student Organization Fee Advisory: Under the bylaws page 23, I can show you what the committees are briefly. The bylaws for this group is a committee exists in effort to produce funding awards that are sustainable to the budget and fair to student organizations by following a consistent process. The college representatives of this assembly, the appointed and elected SUA representatives from each college shall choose one representative amongst themselves to sit on SOFA. It's an advisory committee, so we bring it back to the SUA body and the space gets to make the final decision.

Committee Sign-Ups

People signed up for the committees they want to be part of.

Elections Screening Funding Proposal (SUA Sponsored)

DT (Chair): Along with colleges 9 and 10 programming, there'll be a voting results screening. I wanted to come to the SUA to request \$300 for pizza, drinks, and snacks come out of our GOTV (vote line item). There's still a lot of money left over because only Victor and a few other officers have access to that line item.

Max (Crown): Motion to fund \$300 out of the GOTV line item for the election screening.

Maria (College 10) Seconds.

Vanessa (Merrill): I rescind my objection.

Motion passes by consensus.

Lyle (Kresge): Wait did we skip the RSO Funding Bylaws line item?

DT (Chair): RSO is SOFA.

Old Business: Proposition 30 and Proposition 32

Kevin (OD): Let it be resolved that the Student Union Assembly of the University of California, Santa Cruz endorses Proposition 30, the Schools and Local Public Safety Protections Act. Finally, let it be further resolved

Vanessa (Merrill): In the second whereas clause, there's an error where it says "200%" where it should be "94.3%"

Shiku (CAA): Because Kevin had that amended, do we have to have it voted on it next week?

Shaz (IVC): No.

Shiku (CAA): Motion to approve. Second by Daniel.

Goran objects.

Goran (Cowell): How college voted should SUA be endorsing Prop 30 or any proposition because they think (Cowell) Senate thinks that the body as an SUA does not represent all the college's interest in this matter. Cowell College voted that the SUA should not endorse something like this.

DT (Chair): You can state your objection, but there's no discussion period for this. Endorsing something doesn't push students to vote a certain way. As SUA, we are the representatives of the entire student body population, it's in the definition of what we stand for.

Goran (Cowell): I'm just informing you what Cowell college voted on.

DT (Chair): Okay, thank you. So for resolutions, we have to do a Roll Call vote anyway (we need 2/3 of our body to vote on it).

Roll Call Vote

IVC: Abstain

Academic Affairs: Yay

Organizing Director: Yay

Stevenson: Charlise: Abstain, Melina: Yay, Kevin: Yay

Cowell: Goran: Nay, Jacob: Nay

Crown: Giovanni: Abstain, Max: Abstain, Andrea: Yay

Merrill: Michael: Yay, Vanessa: Yay, David: Yay

College 9: Iden: Yay, Beatriz: Yay, Carlos: Yay

College 10: Maria: Yay, Megana: Yay, Rebecca: Yay

Kresge: Lyle: Yay, Daniel: Yay

Porter: Shingo: Yay, Ruben: Yay, Mick: Yay

College 8: Roshni: Stepped out, Ian: Yay, Louise: Yay
Oakes: Sindy: Yay, John: Yay,
ABSA: Jocqui stepped out
Tochtli (QSU): Yay
APISA: N/A
MeCHA: N/A
SANAI: N/A

FINAL VOTE:

Passing vote needed is of Yes/No's is 20 Yays.
24: Yes. 4 Abstentions, 2 No.

Resolution passes.

UCSC endorses Prop 30.

Kevin (OD): Can I have a motion to extend time by ten minutes?

Max (Crown): moves, Sindy (Oakes): seconds.

Motion passes, time extended by ten minutes.

Old Business

Resolution Against Proposition 32

Kevin (OD): The Student Union Assembly supports the rights of teachers, school and public employees, and labor unions to make their voices heard politically and the Student Union Assembly is against Proposition 32, Special Exemptions Act.

Ian (C8): In the bottom of the second page, for the whereas clause, it should it be have served as instead of have serves as

“have served as a vital allies to the Student Union Assmebly”

Lyle (Kresge): “have served as a vital ally to the Student Union Assembly in promoting change on our campus, state and country.”

Sindy (Oakes) motions to approve, **Lyle (Kresge)** seconds.

Goran (Cowell) objects for the same reason as previously stated.

Roll Call Vote

Chair: Yay

IVC: Abstain

Academic Affairs: Yay

Organizing Director: Yay

EVC/COD: Absent

Stevenson: Charlisie: Abstain, Melina: Abstain, Kevin: Abstain

Cowell: Goran: Nay, Jacob: Nay

Crown: Giovanni: Abstain, Max: Abstain, Andrea: Abstain

Merrill: Michael: Yay, Vanessa: Yay, David: Yay

College 9: Iden: Yay, Beatriz: Yay, Carlos: Stepped out.

College 10: Maria: Yay, Megana: Abstain, Rebecca: Abstain

Kresge: Lyle: Yay, Daniel: Yay

Porter: Shingo: Yay, Ruben: Yay, Mick: Yay

College 8: Roshni: Stepped out, Ian: Abstain, Louise: Abstain
Oakes: Sindy: Yay, John: Yay,
ABSA: Jocqui stepped out
Tochtli (QSU): Abstain
APISA: N/A
MeCHA: N/A
SANAI: N/A

FINAL VOTE:

Passing vote needed Yes/No's is 19 Yays (dropped because member stepped out)
Yes: 16, Abstains: 12, No: 2
2/3 of Votes (16:2), **UCSC takes stance against Proposition 32.**

Closing Remarks from Presiding Officer

DT (Chair): Send me agenda items. It's not just about the officers and what they want. It's what you all want on the agenda. If there's a presentation you want to make that you want the body to know about, send me agenda items. They're open until Friday.

Sammie: There's a point mentioned today that people didn't feel that they could properly represent their college governments to talk to their colleges if the agendas are sent out so late.

DT (Chair): There have been some glitches here and there because the recording clerk who again takes care of matters concerning the agenda being sent out has yet to be hired because of back up in HR, but on the website, the agendas are always made available 24 hours before the meeting. Sign up for your committees and tell everyone to vote.

**Motion to adjourn at 8:13PM by Shiku (CAA) second by Daniel (Kresge).
Meeting adjourned at 8:13PM.**