

Student Union Assembly
Tuesday, 11/06/12

Meeting Called to order at: 6:09PM by DT Amajoyi(Chair).

Roll Call 6:09

Assembly Members Present

DT Amajoyi (Chair), Shaz Umer (Internal Vice Chair), Shiku Muhire (CAA), Victor Velasco (EVC), Kevin Huang (OD), Charlsie Chang (Stevenson), Melina Meseroll (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),), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), Iden Yekan(College 9), Beatriz Baez (College 9), Carlos Ocampo (College 9), Maria Jennings (College 10), Megana Kunda (College 10), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Daniel Law (Kresge), Ruben Barron (Porter), Shingo Brann (Porter), Roshni Advani (College 8), Louise Cabansay (College 8), Ian Bernstein (College 8), Sindy Ramirez (Oakes), John Alcala (Oakes), Tochtli Rios (QSU), Jocqui Smollett (ABSA), Aimee Wade (Kresge), .), Omar Bravo (APISA), Melody Aguilar (Oakes), Steven Hernandez (QSU), Jessica Veklerov (College 10),

Assembly Members Absent

Rocio Zamora (COD), Alix Foster (Crown Alt.), Brad Mleynek (Crown Alt.), Brittany Smith, (College Nine Alt.), Saam Keshavarzi (College 10 Alt.), Amore Winkle (Kresge Alt.), Kelsey Rousseve (Kresge Alt.), Jack Rogers (Porter), Marceline Ramirez (Porter Alt.), Michael Betts (Porter AltSANAI, MeCHA

Quorum: Yes

6:10 PM Introductions

Approval of the Agenda

Shaz I'd like to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Beatriz

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve by Beatriz

Second by Roshni

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

Erica: Student worker coalition meeting tomorrow at 4pm above Bay Tree Bookstore with AFSCME. They are in contract negotiations this Friday at 8am, and we want a good student turnout.

Goran: I did research with UCSC Dems, they said that according to the constitution of Cowell College, the governing body needs to represent the student body. I am more free to say what I want they Cowell original told me. Will bring up issue in more detail during SUA retreat presentation.

Steven: QSU Meeting at the Cantu Queer Center at 7pm.

Beatriz: College Nine senate would like the agenda to be released earlier, preferably before Thursday senate meetings.

Kevin: Please come the SUA officers office hours if you have an issue you want to bring up. We really want to talk to you.

Shaz: IVC working on slug shuttle project, will do presentation next week, and currently in the process of visiting college senates. A town hall will be coming up, more information next week.

Victor: We don't have final voter registration numbers yet, but it's roughly around three thousand people! More information will come out after the UCR board meeting this weekend. Go to facebook.com/suaevc for more information. The agenda will be up tonight, and it will have details on what we will be discussing and the location.

Shiku: SOCC is two days a way! Everything has been booked, and we are taking 84 students. Thank you for allowing us that funding. We want to have students come do testimonies in the space after the meeting so we know how everything went.

Kevin: 11/8 and 11/9 – collective bargaining sessions with AFSCME. They won't kick you out. Go through each piece of the contract, benefits, hours, etc. It is a great experience to see trade unions in action. Kevin will email you the information. You can come and speak as well. There will be a short action outside the bargaining session around noon on November 9th. ALSO, we are working the AFSCME and UAW to complete the surveys that are going around. We want as many as we can before the Regents meeting. This will be a good mechanism with which to gauge the student voice. ALSO, there will be an action on 11/14 regarding national legislation. Higher education still needs to be part of the conversation during the lame duck session. ALSO, there will be a demonstration at the student regents meeting whether or not Prop 30 passes. It's gonna be a really big deal, and UAW is providing busses for 11/15 to go and occupy the Regents Meeting. Victor is passing around a sign up sheet for the busses.

DT: College 9 and 10 and SUA are hosting an elections results party at the 9/10 rec lounge right after the meeting with a lot of pizza and food and drinks and happiness as we watch the results roll in.

Announcements

Max: Don't watch the Legendary Ending for Halo 4.

Shaz: If you go on the ER website you can find the positions for general outreach interns for the office of the IVC. Positions will be closing this Friday, so apply before then.

Shingo: Lots of people are voting at the I-Lounge today! Yay!

Kevin: Go vote at Namaste.

Victor: CHALE hosting mixer for frosh and transfer students – but its open to everyone – 6-7 and 7-8 at the Red Room Lounge.

DT: Rainbow Theater having second set of shows on Friday and Saturday. Doors open at 6:30 and is free to students and at the Stevenson Event Center.

Presentations (USSA)

DT: The retreat was very productive and it went really well. Came up with some new goals for outreach, referendums, programs that we want to work on, as well as how to plan campaigns, stick to the constitution more, everyone being more accountable and active.

I was disappointed by the turnout – we spend a good amount of money on it, and it was quite disheartening to see so few people attend. But I really appreciate all the people who showed up, and we really got to know each other better and that's something that is really important to this space. People who went to the retreat – can you give us some feedback?

Goran: I was really disappointed that the other two reps of my college were not there, I would have liked more support from the I think more people should have attended, and I would have liked to hear more from the women who were present. I am trained in preventing sexual assault, and I am organizing meeting with the chief of police, the coordinator for the buddy program, and hopefully someone from the women's center on Tuesday the 13th.

Shiku: It was really cool, we were able to really brainstorm a lot, and then come up with tangible wins. The delta was that there was such a small group of people that there wasn't a huge collective effort from the whole body. If we want to run campaigns through this space, we need to have active participation from this body because it takes a lot of people for campaigns to work. Also, just because the officers are paid and the representatives aren't doesn't mean that you don't have to show up. If you're not committed to the space, you shouldn't be part of it.

Sindy: The food was really good. The increased budget was great, but a lot of food went to waste, which was upsetting. I really liked the 'I Am' presentation where we thought critically about our identities. I think doing that exercise collectively would have made the presentation more personal, less business.

Max: Delta – there should have been more people there. Some people don't want to be in this space any longer than they have to. I think we need to change the atmosphere to be more personal, because I still don't know a lot of the people in this room and I think we will enjoy this space more if we learn more about each other.

Ian: There wasn't a great turnout but it was still a good event, and I think there is a lot that will come out of this space.

DT: I want to know if there was a specific reason people couldn't attend the retreat...that way I can asses when the retreat would best be held.

Melina: I'm sorry I can't make it, but I've been really sick the last two weeks. So that's not my reason for not showing up and I am very sorry for that, because I want to be as dedicated to this space as possible. I'm sorry.

Roshni: I think there should have been a survey of when the best date for the retreat should have been. I went home last weekend, but if I had known ahead of time I could have changed something around. I found out about it very last minute after I couldn't change my plans.

DT: I gave you all two weeks notice, and I emailed you. So there was a lot if time to prepare, but I did forget to announce it at the last meeting.

Jessica: I have a job besides this, and I worked until 2am on Saturday, and stated at 2pm. Some of us have jobs, and I think people need to be a little more sensitive to that.

DT: I understand that there's a lot going on in people's lives, and you are all students first and I know everyone has different responsibilities. But that brings about the questions of why you are doing this. You have a constituency that you are representing, a lot of us were up late too and we still got up early.

Shingo: We don't have that much communication. We should all exchange numbers or something to improve our communication.

Lyle: I was actually planning on doing a meet and greet at my college this quarter as the elected representative. Also, I didn't get the email.

Alfonso: yields

Victor: I can see how people might get defensive, but I am more interested in figuring out how we can enhance the turnout for future years. I think what I'm hearing is that we need more of a collective decision making for the date of the retreat. We can decide as a space collectively.

Iden: A lot of people were studying for midterms. It's a hectic time for students.

Daniel: I put my student needs before my SUA needs. We had people who are really interested in SUA but couldn't sit on because some people couldn't make the time. There are people at Kresge who would

Maria: use the listserv.

DT: So should we have the retreat again? What should we do differently?

Roshni: I think a survey would be really helpful, so we can all pick the dates. I think we should have another retreat.

Kevin T.: I think we should have another retreat too, but I understand it might be financially not possible. I don't think it should be trickled into the meeting because these are business-related.

Christopher: I think people should RSVP because it creates a sense of obligation, and it makes people feel like they should attend.

CJ: I think there should be another retreat but I also think that aspects of this meeting should be personal. We need to build relationships and develop new ways to communicate with one another in order to do effective business with one another. Relationships should develop throughout the year.

Ruben: I agree with the RSVP idea and Roshni's idea, I would like to see a shorter retreat. 10-5pm is a long time, especially since lots of us have time restraints.

Shiku: Whatever collective compromise we come out with, we should make it mandatory for everyone including organization reps.

Lyle: If we get too personal, people might get offended easily and that might be counterproductive. We should try to be professional in the meetings.

John: I think the retreat should trickle down into the meetings because they can be intense and dry. If we broke it up with personal interactions, it might be more productive.

Victor: I think it might be too late to have another retreat during this quarter. I would propose incorporating aspects of the retreat into the meetings this quarter, and also have a retreat next quarter. ALSO, please use gender inclusive language.

Roshni: What do you mean?

DT: Don't say 'guys', etc. because not everyone identifies as a guy. Everyone should do their best to say y'all, folks, etc. to be gender-inclusive.

I want to take a straw poll regarding who wants to have another retreat.

Melina: We should have the retreat as soon as possible.

Straw poll: do we want another retreat? Do we want to incorporate aspects of the retreat in the meeting?

Another retreat: 14

Trickled into meetings: 17

Kevin T.: Can we do both?

Max: I don't care what we do as long as I play capture the flag. Also, Elizabeth Warren just won!

Kevin H.: Let's take another vote.

Goran: Can we afford this?

DT: Yes.

Sindy: We should have it within the space.

Shingo: If we want to have bonding, we need to bond by playing capture the flag.

Alfonso: If we plan it this quarter, we will be too close to finals. It should be next quarter.

Iden: Next quarter would be better.

DT: How about we have some aspects of what was on the agenda in the meetings, but we also have another retreat during winter quarter.

DT's Proposal:

Yes: 29

No: 2

Jessica

Lyle: I don't think it should be mandatory. It creates an obligation to go, I also didn't realize how important it was to you, I would have made it a bigger priority to go.

DT: It should be important to all of you, it's not just for me.

New Business

Maria: wants to put committee meetings before leg presentation.

Shaz motions

Max seconds

Committee Breakouts

Old Business

Motion to move USSA Presentation to next week by Maria

Seconded by Ian

Motion to adjourn at 7:59PM by Maria second by Kevin. Meeting adjourned at 8:13PM.