

Student Union Assembly
Tuesday, 11/20/2012

Roll Call:

Assembly Members Present:

DT Amajoyi (Chair), Shaz Umer (Internal Vice Chair), Shiku Muhire (CAA), Victor Velasco (EVC), Kevin Huang (OD), Rocio Zamora (COD), Charlsie Chang (Stevenson), Giovanni Maldonado (Crown), Max Hufft (Crown), Michael Liber (Merrill), David Nguyen (Merrill), Beatriz Baez (College 9), Megana Kunda (College 10), Rebecca Brown (College 10), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Shingo Brann (Porter), Mick Del Rosario (Porter Alternate), Ruben Barron (Porter), Roshni Advani (College 8), Louise Cabansay (College 8), Ian Bernstein (College 8), Steven Hernandez (QSU), Maria, Ivan (MeCHA).

Assembly Members Absent:

Melina Meseroll (Stevenson), Kevin Troxel (Stevenson), Sammie Vega (Stevenson Alternate), Lila Blackney (Stevenson Alternate), Arina Voronina (Cowell), Goran Klepic (Cowell), Jacob Rios (Cowell), Andrea Lopez (Crown), Alix Foster (Crown Alternate), Brad Mleynek (Crown Alternate), Michael Liber (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), Iden Yekan (College 9), Carlos Ocampo (College 9), Brittany Smith (College 9), Jessica Veklerov (College 10), Saam Keshavarzi (College 10 Alternate), Daniel Law (Kresge), Aimee Wade (Kresge), Amore Winkle (Kresge Alternate), Jack Rogers (Porter), Marceline Ramirez (Porter Alternate), Michael Betts (Porter Alternate), Ian Bernstein (College 8), Zoey Zawacki (College 8 Alternate), Steven Hernandez (QSU), Omar Bravo (APSA)

Quorum: Yes

DT: We have the agenda up. Any amendments?

Max: For the under new business. Are we voting for RSO funding?

DT: We are voting today.

Max: Most of the colleges haven't been able to meet.

DT: I solicited that you email all your constituents to get feedback. Some events are time sensitive; it will be really hard to meet. We can discuss if you are not comfortable to vote.

Max: Maybe send out an email, before colleges meet, so that colleges are comfortable with reps voting without going back to senates.

DT: I'll take note of that Max, thank you. For those who looked at the e-mail, it is all college reps, so we are getting a double take on these proposals. That was the purpose of SOFA to streamline the process.

Shiku: **Motion** to add Ivan's funding request.

Ivan: Can I make it for announcements?

DT: Kinetic Poets is for February. Anyone motion to approve the agenda?

Kevin: **Motions.**

Shiku: **Seconds.**

DT: Can you pull up the minutes. So you all have minute in front of you. Are there any changes to the minutes?

Ian: On the third page under SCO's, it should be CSO's.

Lyle: My name was misspelled.

Steven: I was absent.

DT: Steven Hernandez. Anything else?

Lyle: **Motion** to approve minutes.

Giovanni: **Seconds.**

Ivan: I would like to rescind my funding request.

Steven: Gay LA Latinos, free, 6:00 PM humanities lecture hall on November 30. QSU have been working to protect the resource director's jobs. We are trying to find way to hire these folks back. I will pass around a sign in sheet.

DT: Any other announcements? Officers?

Shiku: This year we took 85 students that Rocio and some SOCC representatives picked out. The conference was Nov 9, 10, and 11. We invited some delegates who are new to the space and who have been here before to speak on their experience. I want to encourage delegates to explain why we were there. I wanted to build connections and bring something back home. There was a lot of discussion on how we were going to bring this back; I contacted delegates to send pictures so you can see how they went.

Mission statement: To provide a forum for individuals to discuss, explore, and educate themselves regarding a wide array of issues affecting people of color...

This is why we ask for so much funding to the space so we can bring this back home.

Anyone want to speak on their experience?

Cameron. I went this year and last year and it was amazing. I was able to network not only with my community but with others. What was inspiring was that on that the second day in the

caucuses, they didn't have Muslim caucuses so I went on and created the space. WE all became close in a short amount of time. The amount of people that share your struggles is really empowering. Two things I can bring back: there was a great workshop about Islamaphobia. I'm trying to get them to come here. One of the speakers did a workshop on Palestine, he said he is totally down to come to Santa Cruz. These are two concrete ideas.

Roshni: I attended and one of the things I took out of it was that my background; I come from a very good community. My parents have supported me in everything. I learned that not everyone has that kind of support from their community. People struggle every day. It was nice to meet amazing people; it makes you want support people going through struggles in their life. It makes you raises awareness. We can teach people about the problems, and be supportive of the people around you and be more inclusive.

Iman: I want to thank the delegation leaders for setting the tone. This is not just for yourself, it for your communities. I went my second year and I'm a fourth year now but I got to check in with people I met two years prior and see how their organization have turned out. This was further proof that it was not about the numbers it was about the quality of students that go to these conferences.

Bryan: I also went to SOCC. A lot of communities weren't represented. We got a chance to create an open session. I created one about South Americans. We talked about issues faced. We talked about different countries. One of the students was an exchange student from Chile. Going into it I knew that it was diversity coming back I thought it was great to create a space for South Americans in the UC system. I'm working with the ethnic resource centers to create a bridge for South American students.

Alfonso: I felt empowered. There was a workshop with 11 students who got together last summer and went to South America and helped workers organize. They did call-ins, sit-ins, letter writing, basic things you can do on an everyday basis yet they cost the company 20 million dollars and forced them to recognize their union. This was incredible to do and I feel like I can do that too. This is an example that change can happen. This is showing us that it is possible that we can do it.

Steven: I encourage everyone to apply next year. It was a good experience. QSU was able to connect to people from Santa Barbara. There are a lot of differences between people and minority groups but we need to set aside those differences to create alliances and change.

Jordan: this year I got more involved with the conversations. I went into the mixed heritage caucus. It was true diversity. I found about the UNITE campaign; it was a UC-wide campaign about changing campus climate.

Carissa: This is my first time going to SOCC. IT was a good experience. We hear a lot of stories and it was empowering. When I went to the Asian Pacific-Islander caucus, I found out about the unity clap. I am a part of FSA so that was cool.

Justin: First time going to conference. It was eye-opening. By the end of the conference, I was talking to people from UCSD and SB. Keynote speakers were inspirational and I got to meet one after. I am so thankful I was chosen to go.

Presentation:

Our journey began in quarry plaza. We grabbed food to eat. We finally made it. It was an 8 hour drive. The theme was R'stories: Embracing our Struggles as Tools for Transformation. We had a Native American prayer session. One of the workshops I attended talked about coalition building. We also got to watch performances. Sabrosura performed and did an amazing job! We repped HARD. Goals we decided on; we wanted to decide what to bring back. During our breakdown we talked about this. I wanted to bring this back to the space:

- Working with resource centers to build bridges.
- We found out we weren't the only campuses with the multi-cultural theater troupe.
- Bringing guest speakers to campus
- Utilizing RA, CA, NA to talk about sex education workshops/ABSA sex-education workshop
- Stencil your Vote – Throwing more art into organizing
- Stereotype education
- Community outreach and how we can strengthen that
- Working with UC Berkeley in solidarity with different movements
- Reaching out to high schools in the bay area.

DT: I think it's really cool that we brought this back. I was so proud of our delegation. Every single space, if you do not participate in a conference I will remember you, but in every space we went to all of our delegates were participating. We were dominating and people knew we were speaking out. To move on we are going to move on to IRSO funding proposals. There was an email sent out.

This is our first time approving recommendations. We do it every quarter. This is just we are awarding your org some amount of money to carry out an event you were doing. This space was created so that we can have more attention around issues within this space and not focus our entire meeting for funding requests. We are going to bring out the 8 proposals, look through them; you should have seen them already. You will see the recommendation from SOFA and we will have a brief discussion about it.

So these are the recommendations. If your college is not up there, take that as a notice that you need a college rep in SOFA. We are going to go through down. This is a list of the orgs that presented. We asked questions, each group had 10 minutes to present. The SOFA group then had the rest of the day to look at proposals. The next day we looked at the group and discuss different proposals. Please note that these orgs came with the knowledge that they were not going to get the full amount. We work with what we got; 12,000 for this quarter.

Daniel: Isn't Jocqui representing nine?

DT: No, ABSA. The rep for nine is CJ.

Daniel: **Yield.**

Rebecca: When I was looking over it, I was wondering what event we funded for the interested ladies of Lambda Theta Alpha sorority incorporated.

DT: The proposals were attached in the email. Let's get started on how this process is going to work. First one is interested ladies. There was the battle of the DJs. If you read over the proposal.

Andrea: It's an event they put on for charity. They have two causes; each one represents one of the causes so they raise money for that.

DT: The SOFA recommendation was 580, they requested 580. Are there any questions in regard to the recommendation we have? We can make any changes right now.

Kevin: **Motion** to extend time by 10 minutes.

Max Huff: **Second.**

DT: Motion passes by consensus. Any discussion on the proposal?

Daniel: I call for a **vote.**

Mick: **Second.**

DT: Any objections? We'll move straight to a vote. These proposals require a 2/3 yes. If you all want to pass them all at once that is an option. Do we want to do a **straw poll**? If you all would prefer that we vote on them at the same time. **Vote:**

Yes – 9 votes

No – 10 votes

For most of the recommendations they were unanimous. We talked about each of these for like 30minutes each. Is there any objection to fund the interested ladies 580? So moved.

Daniel: CARE is community assistance and resources, an on-campus directly work with homeless community. They came to us for an empowerment clinic which will be on the first of December. They requested money for t-shirt uniforms and supplies to distribute out to low-income people. They also need soap, foot cream. They were going have a wash-your-girlfriends feet. They were going to have creative events to get people talking about hygiene. We put a stipulation for no t-shirts because we felt the uniforms would discriminate those in need. \$400 goes to the community.

Andrea: In regards to why 400, it was because it was the amount that would cover all the supplies necessary for them to get checkups.

Kevin: I'd like to reserve my right to make a **motion**. I think this is a great program. I think this is something that the SUA stands for.
Call to move by acclamation.

Mick: **Second**.

DT: So move. Does everyone understand what just happened?

Rebecca: I was wondering why we didn't want to pay their location fee. During their presentation they noted that they weren't prepared to have one of their events. That's the one they needed a location for. We cut everything they didn't need.

DT: Is there any objections? So moved.

The next one is kinetic poetics.

Michael: Kinetic poetics is going to have a poetry festival. They are asking for 2,000 when their budget is 9,000. We were thinking of giving them 1,000 to help pay. We didn't want to pay them for sending people to New York. We decided to not fund that part. But fund what will happen on campus.

Lyle: How will it benefit the students?

Daniel: Its three nights in Porter/Kresge dining hall.

DT: They had to bring security to keep people away.

Daniel: We are giving them half.

Andrea: We are not giving them the 865 was because they were going to try to raise money in the event to pay the cost for the trip. We didn't want to give them money they were already going to raise.

Mick: I reserve my right to make a **motion** to approve this by acclamation.

Daniel: **Second**

DT: Objections? So moved. The next one is for ABSA. This is the AIDS concert.

Daniel: It's going back to the SOCC where they were talking about how they were trying to work with resource centers and bridge the gaps. This is removing some of the AIDS stereotypes. There are guest speakers. They also have the concert itself cost money, but you can get HIV

testing and get in for free. This is a great way to encourage testing. 1,000 for how many people it will affect. The request was 4,000. Total budget is larger but they have other funding sources.

DT: We assessed where else they are getting funding.

Shiku: The entertainment is going to be amazing. They want this event to be as well-rounded as possible.

Shaz: **Motion** to pass SOFAS recommendation.

DT: **Second**, is there an objection? So moved.

Next one is QSU they are requesting 3,000. We recommended we fund them 1,500. I made sure we noted we already gave them 6,000 from SUA. The commissioner of diversity is helping them. We've noted that we've given them money already. So we moved to fund them half.

Daniel: Their total budget is 38,000.

Shaz: **Motion** to pass SOFA recommendation by acclamation.

Max: **Objection**. Since we notice that there are leftover for RSO funding. It's close to 3,000.

DT: The total amount available for this quarter is 12,000. We gave out 8,700. So there is money left over. We are not biasing one event or one group. We have to be content neutral.

Max: When we discussed this, my college said they should give them full funding request so they can provide scholarships for registration.

DT: What do people think?

Max: I **move** to amend to 3,000.

Shaz: It's not friendly.

Daniel: I'd like to **amend** to a vote.

Rebecca: **Point of clarification**, how much of their budget do they have?

DT: We don't know.

Shaz: Why don't we wait? Their conference isn't until February.

Victor: I want to take into consideration: timeline. People have to pay for performers. There is a lot of preparation happening that time. Timelines have to be met and things need to be paid for prior next quarter.

Shiku: Is there any way we can make a stipulation? To have 1,500 go to scholarships for the conference.

DT: We are in the middle of a motion. There is an **objection** by Max. **Second** by Ruben, not friendly by primary motion. Let's move to a **vote** on Max's amendment. The amendment on the floor is to fund the full 3,000.

Vote:

17 pass.
3 oppose.
2 abstain.

Amendment passes.

All those in favor of motion passing?

20 passes
2 abstentions
0 oppose

Shiku: I make a **motion** to add a stipulation that 1,500 go to paying for scholarships.

DT: **Second** by Kevin.

Victor: How can we ensure that happens? Is it up to their discretion?

Sayo: You will see it on the purchase orders.

DT: We've added a stipulation that 1,500 go for scholarships. Is there any objections to approving this by consensus? So move.

Pakakaisa Dance Troupe:

Andea: They are having a unity showcase. They perform and have guest groups perform. To showcase their culture. Lots of food and dancing its going to be a good event.

DT: They requested 1,574.10 We recommended that we fund them 800. Any discussion?

Mick: What's the background info on this org?

DT: It falls under the FSA, Sabrosura will be in it, Rainbow Theater will be in it. It's annual. It's housed under FSA different organizations take part in organizing it.

Mick: **Vote** by acclamation.

Shaz: **Second.**

DT: Any objection? So moved. The next one is by Chinese student association. This is for the lunar New Year banquet. Could you talk about this one Daniel?

Daniel: Its huge, it's going on at Porter/Kresge dining hall. Event will be on February 23. They sell 350 tickets for 10 each. They contribute a large sum of funds to a charity. The people's choice. 80% of funds cover what they couldn't. They sell out every year. They're looking to spend a lot on entertainment, especially advertisement and bringing people in.

DT: They asked for 11,045. We funded them 1,500 with the stipulation that it has to be for food or tech or venue. We thought it would be important to fund the important stuff.

Ian: **Motion** to extend time by 10min.

Mick: **Second**, let's just give them the funds. It's very popular.

DT: They are the only group on campus that puts on an event for lunar year.

Shaz: **Motion** to approve by acclamation.

Ian: **Second**.

Max: **Objection**, we feel that the rest of the funding could go well towards. If you pull the totals assuming the SOFA recommendations are approved, we leave an extra 1,800. We would like to put to this event because it's large. We would like to fund them 2,900.

Rebecca: I do agree that the photo booth is unnecessary. You can still have the core of the event without it.

Shiku: **Amendment** to add 900 and make it a total of 2,000.

Mick: Stipulation that it doesn't go to photo booth.

DT: So final motion is for us to fund CSA 2,000; with a stipulation that they not use funds for photo booth. Any objections to approve by consensus? So move.

Next group Los Mejicas. They are asking for 6,200 we gave them 2,320.

Andrea: It's for a conference Danzantes unidos. It is held in Fresno for folklorico groups throughout California. Age range is from 5 -70. It brings a lot of people. They rent out two high schools. There is a bunch of workshops for people who go to learn. There is university summit for students in universities for students who participated in folklorico so they can discuss issues about folklorico in their communities and the role of tradition.

DT: We decided the most primary things to fund were transportation fees and hotel. We thought they could get everything else from other sources. We thought \$15 for food was too expensive.

Shiku: **Motion** to approve.

Mick: **Second.**

David: I don't know if it is a conflict of interest. The amount that it was only 40 people, it was too much money. I don't know how the UCSC community will be affected. Over 2,000 is a lot.

Rebecca: I know for the last conference we said there was 5 people in the hotel.

Mick: **Call to vote.**

DT: **All those in favor of approving raise your hand.**

18 in favor.

2 oppose.

2 abstain.

So moved.

Total amount of proposals 11,100.

Shaz: **Motion to adjourn.**

Kevin: **Second.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.