

Student Union Assembly
Tuesday, 11/27/12

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

Roll Call at 6:09PM

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), Kevin Troxel (Stevenson), Sammie Vega (Stevenson Alternate), Lila Blackney (Stevenson Alternate), Arina Voronina (Cowell), Goran Klepic (Cowell), Jacob Rios (Cowell), Giovanni Maldonado (Crown), Max Hufft (Crown), Andrea Lopez (Crown), Alix Foster (Crown Alternate), Brad Mleynek (Crown Alternate), Michael Liber (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), David Nguyen (Merrill), Iden Yekan (College 9), Carlos Ocampo (College 9), Brittany Smith (College 9) Jessica Veklerov (College 10), Megana Kunda (College 10), Rebecca Brown (College 10), Saam Keshavarzi (College 10 Alternate) Lyle Green-Nikerson (Kresge), Aimee Wade (Kresge), Amore Winkle (Kresge Alternate), Shingo Brann (Porter), Jack Rogers (Porter), Mick Del Rosario (Porter Alternate), Marceline Ramirez (Porter Alternate), Michael Betts (Porter Alternate), Roshni Advani (College 8), Ian Bernstein (College 8), Louise Cabansay (College 8), Zoey Zawacki (College Alternate), Melody Aguilar (Oakes), Sindy Ramirez (Oakes), John Alcala (Oakes), Alberto Rodriguez (Oakes Alternate)

Assembly Members Absent:

Daniel Law (Kresge), Ruben Barron (Porter), Tochtli Rios (QSU Alternate), Jocqui Smollet (ABSA), Omar Bravo (APSA), Steven Hernandez (QSU), Beatriz Baez (College 9)

Quorum: Yes

Introductions start: 6:00PM

Opening Procedures: 6:05PM

Call to Order: 6:06PM

Shaz: **Approval** of agenda
(N/A seconded)

Reading of the previous meeting's minutes.

Alfonso: **Seconded.**

Around UCSC: 6:25PM – One minutes per college/org/officer/group to update SUA on what they are working on. This will happen once a month therefore participation is highly encouraged!

DT: For this portion anyone can speak.

Jessica: Starting Monday, Café Terry Frietas, formally known as Café Rev, will be open during the day from 12pm to 6pm and then the regular hours from 9PM to 1AM. It offers a new study space with snacks available.

Maria: Right after this meeting at 8:30PM, the external office and C10 programming are having an event at the community room about the student voice in the legislative process. There will be food.

Shaz: Announcement 1: The internal office working with TAPS is having an event at SEC from 7:30PM to 9:30PM in regards to the campus slug shuttle measure, a transportation program that will take students to San Jose Airport. Announcement 2: The second event is C4 for cross communication. SOCC is putting it on and academic senate public policy committee. Students who sit on the committees will report back to the students who attend. We will be offering food and you can talk to administration. It is located this Friday November 30 at College 8 red room 5PM to 7PM.

Rocio: We are working on getting a town hall for the ethnic resource centers to update student on restricting the centers and meet the directors. We are also collaborating with the ERC for a student advisory council with representatives from folks from different spaces. So students can have their voices present.

Victor: Post-Prop 30 event, for folks who are wondering what the impact will be here at the UC and also the fiscal impact. We are working with the EVC for this event and should be in the beginning of January. EVC has also been hosting an online forum for students to go online so students can ask questions online and I am working on that and seeing how we can make that happen. Inauguration viewing will happen and later that weekend, I will have an inauguration ball for students to get fancy and dance. It doesn't have to be super formal. Also looking to organize more events around UCSA and USSA and take more vans down to the board meetings so students can go to the meetings. We are also looking for funding for hotels.

DT: Library referendum is what I am working on and I will be bringing more information for you in the later meetings. I am pushing back on a little bit since it's the undergraduate students who are going to be putting money towards this. And right as the referendum stands, we would

be putting all the money towards it, but having the library open is something that should be given to the students. I don't want to see students completely fronting the bill for that. We are looking to have our library open like UCSD. I am also working with the president council to meet with the other UC Regents to see what financial aid is going to look like for everyone post-prop 30. They just finalized the financial aid proposals. Some of them are not that student-friendly. I am also working with UCSA and if there is any student input, let me know. Another thing is streamlining the election process so I am working with the dean of students to get feedback to make sure it will not happen again this year. Hiring of a new job description since our finance manager is leaving and I need to make sure that the new person is working efficiently so that they can work with the SUA. But before he left, I met with him prior so that we can see that our budget was in order before he left. Our budget is very transparent and we want to maintain that as the SUA. Starting tomorrow, the office will be open from 9AM to 4PM so now the office is open longer. Last, credited internships will be available for the winter quarter, so if you are interested in working with the SUA, I will be sending out the application on Thursday and will go out with the minutes. Any questions? I know that was a lot.

Victor: I am going to be working with Kevin to create a tab for UCSA and USSA and all related information. If you are also interested in attending a board meeting in Merced, I'll put that on the new tab as well.

Vanessa: From Rocio's announcement, what is the date for the ERC town hall?

Rocio: It's probably going to be early winter quarter.

Announcements at 6:35PM

DT: Are there any general announcements?

Melina: Tomorrow night at College 8 red room, there will be a blueprint regarding purchasing. It will be fun and informational and it is informal from 5:30PM to 8:30PM.

Vanessa: Constitution: There are a couple changes we have made and I would like to make a constitutional amendment so if anyone would like to help me with that let me know.

Omar: Redwood Lounge 7PM to 9PM, December 5th, there will be poets and Pacific Islander dancers.

Kevin: I am going to a board meeting on Thursday in Massachusetts and I will give a report back at the following meeting for legislative updates on USSA and where our action is going. I am going as the NAPAS Chair with Erica. I'll email you all with more updates.

Victor: This November 30 at 6PM in the Humanities Lecture Hall, there will be the gay Latino LA men and their journey to adulthood documentary. The film is done by a graduate student here.

DT: Last meeting of this quarter is December 4th. We need a need treasurer so please be present. The meeting will be an hour long.

Presentations at 6:40PM

Bone Marrow Drive Presentation (15 mins):

Julia: We also _____ ?

Chris Pulford: We are looking for sponsorship for the Bone Marrow Drive. There aren't enough people on the registration list for this. It doesn't matter what race or anything you are. Once you sign up, you are on the list but you don't always have to donate. We need a large database for this. Cure for Blood Marrow Cancer is donating. It's a specific math. What we are looking for is \$250 to donate to a DKMS, not specifically the event. Our event is funded; it's going to be on February 1st, 10:30AM to 4:30PM at the red room and Namaste lounge. Last year, we got 700 on the list and now we are hoping to get 1,000 and if SUA sponsors us, we will mention you all at the event. We are also looking at other colleges for funding too.

Alfonso: If I did get swabbed, do I have to do it again?

DT: Are there other questions? Alright, thank you. So reps, take this back to your colleges about this sponsorship. The reason why they're here and not at SOFA are because we would be advertised; if we choose to sponsor them; which is different from the folks who go to SOFA.

Kevin: How much are they asking for?

DT: \$250.

Alfonso: I **motion** to have a discussion now and make a decision regarding the bone marrow drive.

DT: Is there a second?

Max: **Second.**

DT: Any objections?

Vanessa: I think we should take it back to the colleges.

DT: So let's do a vote on that whether we should wait next week. **Favor of those voting right now.**

Favor: 4

Opposed: 21

Abstentions: 2

Jessica: **Motion to vote** on discussion about the pros and cons of how funding them or not.

DT: That's part of the discussion of the vote so it would happen next week.

Jessica: I feel like it could help us take back to the college.

DT: You would take your proposal to your colleges and then have a discussion in your own space and then bring it back here.

Jessica: I **withdraw** the motion.

Max: **Point of inquiry**, so what would be the best source of the budget since we don't really have a treasurer.

DT: I suggest it would be the SUA program, and so whenever we help with the event, we put in work as well. Any other recommendations? Alright, so we will move on. Wait, actually we have other guests in the room.

Committee Breakouts at 6:55PM

Report backs:

Sammie: Student Life Committee: We did some brainstorming on events: A concert for students, who we would bring, and how possible it will be. A talent show: if anyone has any advice that would be great.

Ernesto: Diversity Commission: the ethnic resource centers we haven't set up a date yet but we want to have a discussion about the student body and what our communities need; what do students want to see about the speaker blowout. We also debriefed about the queer student of color mixer. Also, if anyone is interested in SUA credit internship, getting outreach done for it. Speaker blowout is a talk about what is going on in different communities.

Maria: Student power/lobby core: We had a joint meeting and we spent the majority of our meeting talking about a piece of legislation about USSA wants to sponsor. Also, the elections official database has information about who your local legislator is and how you can connect with them.

Lyle: Student Academic Senate: We are working on having a study event at the Arc Center so we can tell students what it offers and utilize the space more. We are providing snacks.

New business at 7:20PM

Budget Discussion (15mins)

Mick: My name is Mick; I am the SUA alternative representative for Porter and the president of Porter. I've been talking about other college reps and we are confused about how to understand the budget. We have made a lot of decisions this quarter, and we don't have an understanding of the budget. I think that it is a little late in the game to hire a treasurer. So I think once we have a treasurer, we should have them next quarter give a presentation on how the budget works.

DT: So having a level of an understanding on the budget is what we did during the retreat but also during the all the decisions that are made. _____

Kevin: I want to say briefly, I really want to invite the body if you have any concerns about misunderstanding about the SUA or how the body works to directly come to an officer's office hours. Each of the six officers possess the officer hours so you can ask questions. Talk to us and let us know and I think it's more appropriate more to make rather than calling someone over the budget. And saying that we don't have a treasurer doesn't mean that we haven't been on the budget in line. Our budget is really fine right now. This budget training happened in the retreat.

Vanessa: I'm glad you have a good understanding but we don't. We are coming from a different space but I think the idea was to have the rest of the body understand it. I helped with this last year but not everybody knows this. When in the retreat was the budget discussed?

DT: It was in the agenda that we had the budget discussion there.

Vanessa: It wasn't.

DT: The discussion was planned to happen there. It is a bit interesting that representatives have had discussion amongst themselves about problems with the budget, but no one has addressed me. I'm not tolerant of the blame game, since it doesn't make this space a safe space.

Max: I'm not here to talk about blame or shortfalls. So what is wrong with the budget, and this is just a discussion, whenever I hear a funding proposal we talk about a line item, but it's like I don't know that line item. It's very vague to me. Each line item is in its own thing and especially the general fund as well but it makes me hesitant to fund it but it's not quite clear. And it sucks that we don't have a treasurer but I understand if it.

Shaz: I don't think anyone is pointing fingers. The budget is very difficult to understand. There are a lot of constitutional percentages that that also make it difficult to grasp and where all the other money is coming from but having an educational discussion is important.

Sindy: My first year, we had a budget pipeline like our placards that was a sheet that helped us without understand of where our money is going. And if not having a treasurer is a problem, and then maybe changing the position to that of an LL which is appointed earlier would help.

DT: Also, real quickly Shaz, can you go to the SUA page where we show the budget. I want to make it clearer where our budget is. So you all can see that the structure of the way that the budget is from the way it is last year. There are line items for some things. I think this old one is a little bit better than the one last year.

Mick: Let's be clear, I have the utmost respect for the office; I didn't want this discussion to put the blame on anyone. I wanted a discussion on a pressing issue but I didn't want anyone to be blamed. It's about an open discussion. Let's be honest, it's hard to get everyone here to have the discussion when everyone isn't here.

Sammie: I want to **second** Shaz or Max's comment, I think there was an assumption made to make someone look they weren't doing their jobs. I think this conversation is an example to make sure this convo is not to be taken as a tone of blame. It is not that we don't want to go to office hours; we want to bring it to the space. We all want to be productive and progressive. I think it's a great idea to have a budget discussion at the beginning of the next quarter. And I know we brought up the retreat and how it wasn't feasibly to make it even though this conversation happened, we should move on and make sure the conversation is had either way.

DT: What I am hearing from folks is that there is frustration as far as understanding the budget and making sure the SUA has been responsible. I want to invite you all to come know that there is a retreat being re-planned and since we have had a quarter together, we can talk about any changes we want to have been made. I appreciate the critic and feedback that has been made. It is fine if folks think that there is something that is going wrong. I just want to make sure the communication is going on though. I just want you all to communicate with me to grow and develop as a group. So I am glad this conversation is being had as a discussion but also let me know if something is not going planned, too.

Old Business at 7:35PM

Resolution – AFSCME Contract Campaign (5 minutes.)

DT: This is the AFSCME contract campaign so we can **move to a vote**.

Kevin: This is the resolution to the 2012-2013 campaign. I'll read the let it be resolved lines.

DT: Does everyone have a clear understanding about what the resolution?

Arina: What is encompassed in voting for this?

Kevin: What a labor union does is open up negotiation of an employee to its employer. So this outlines and is looked at in the case of AFSCME. Their contract that AFSCME represents closed in September and they are looking to wants them renegotiate.

Arina: What are they asking for? Nothing outlandish right?

Kevin: It's really important for the workers on our campus like health care, not decreasing their pensions, which in comparison to Yudolf who works 8 years and gets a \$300,000 pension for the rest of his life. Parking and working conditions. And other general benefits. Also, staffing is included, as far as being short staffed throughout the UC. It represents service workers.

Rebecca: Under the Affordable Care there can be no caps?

Kevin: Because of the Affordable Care act, AFSCME is pushing to get rid of the caps. They are pushing for getting rid of the caps.

Vanessa: Resolutions in the future to have references in the resolution. Where it says they barely have enough to live above the poverty line, when they actually make \$33,000.

Kevin: To be honest that language was written by AFSCME I was iffy about it too.

Rebecca: I do know that it is more expensive to live in California so that may be what they are talking about

Ian: **Motion** to add 20 minutes.

DT: Hold on, I want to finish this vote and then I'll get to that. So for this, we need a 2/3 **vote**:

Favor: 20

Oppose: 4

Abstentions: 4

Resolution passes.

DT: It's really cool that we were able to pass this since there is a strong alliance between students and workers. I wanted to hear everyone's frustration with the budget issue but I do want us to talk about goals. And in spring, we have a lot of measures being pushed and SUA can sponsor. The goal setting is to narrow down and focus on the goals settings as far as SUA. So that is the presentation behind SUA. We can move it to the next meeting if you want. It's a big convo to have. We can move it to next meeting that's fine as long as folks are present.

Alfonso: How long is the discussion going to be?

DT: 20mins. Anyone else want to have this conversation right now?

Arina: I **motion** to table this to the next meeting.

Ian: I wanted to **motion to extend** 20mins

DT: so Arina's motion to the floor this right now is to table this conversation to next week

Shaz: **Seconds.**

Victor: I **object**, because I don't know how many people are coming next week. And I want to folks to be here and present. The same thing might happen again, where a few people make big decisions for the space.

Mick: I hope people we would be attending next meeting since we have other things going on next week.

Sammie: If we do have it next quarter, it may be have a better idea to have the budget at the same time as the goal setting conversation.

DT: So the discussion should be next quarter.

Lyle: I feel like this is an important conversation; we need to have it at the beginning.

Alfonso: I have an idea, if we are tabling this we should have a show of hands of who can come next week.

DT: So let's do a straw poll.

Charlsie: I think it's better to do next quarter because a lot of reps are going to change their schedules and reps would be replaced.

DT: The representatives here have their responsibility to report so I don't think it will be a huge issue. Let's do a straw poll first of who can attend of who is going to be at the meeting next week for next week. Okay so we do have quorum. And one person cannot, so it looks like we will have

quorum next week. So let's move back to the motion. So if you would like to table this discussion for next week raise your hand.

Vote:

Favor: 25

Opposed: 4

Abstentions: 0

DT: Okay so we will have this discussion next meeting.

Jessica: Can we make the time allotted more than 20mins. I think it will be a big discussion.

DT: It is a big discussion so we can adjust the time for that so we can play it by ear. But yes That's a good recommendation.

Lyle: **Motion to adjourn.**

Louise: **Second.**

Closing Remarks from Presiding Officer: 8:08PM

Adjournment: 8:10PM