

Student Union Assembly
Tuesday, 1/15/13

Meeting to Order at 6:03PM by DT Amajoyi (Chair).

Assembly Members Present: Jocqui Smollett (A/BSA), Norma Vasquez (APC), Omar Bravo (APISA), Shiku Muhire (CAA), Rocio Zamora (COD), Jacob Rios (Cowell), Arina Voronina (Cowell), Corbin Hall (Crown), Max Hufft (Crown), Alexis Bartels (Crown), Giovanni Maldonado (Crown), Louise Cabansay (Eight), Roshni Advani (Eight), Ian Berstein (Eight), Victor Velasco (EVC), Shaz Umer (IVC), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Kelsey Rousseve (Kresge), Maria Jennings (LL), David Nguyen (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), Michael Liber (Merrill), Carlos Ocampo (Nine), Iden Yekan (Nine), Shanna Ballesteros (Nine), Sindy Ramirez (Oakes), Kayla Oh (Oakes), Melody Aguilar (Oakes), Kevin Huang (OD), Shingo Brann (Porter), Mick Del Rosario (Porter), Ruben Barron (Porter), Steven Hernandez (QSU), Tem Ysmael (Recording), Charlsie Chang (Stevenson), Guillermo Rogel Jr. (Stevenson), Kevin Troxell (Stevenson), Samantha Vega (Stevenson), Megana Kunda (Ten), Rebecca Brown (Ten), Eric Rubin (Treasurer), Brittany Smith, Nicky England, Adrianna Gonzales.

Assembly Members Absent: Lila Blackney (Stevenson), Goran Klepic (Cowell), Beatriz Baez (Nine), Jessica Veklerov (Ten), Saam Keshavarzi (Ten), Amore Winkle (Kresge), Daniel Law (Kresge), Michael Betts (Porter), Marceline Ramirez (Porter), Jack Rogers (Porter), John Alcalá (Oakes), Alberto Rodriguez (Oakes)

Introductions at 6:00PM

Opening Procedures at 6:10PM

Roll Call at 6:18PM: (New Year's Resolution)

DT: Going around is a sign in sheet. If you are in the room today, make sure you sign up. Is someone sitting next to you? There are no microphones today; and the ventilation system is fixed.

Lyle (Kresge): **Motion** to approve the agenda.

Charlsie: **Second** the motion.

Charlsie: **Motion** to approve the minutes.

Roshni: **Second** to approve.

Around UCSC at 6:25PM

DT: To clarify for everyone, anyone can speak, but only reps get voting rights.

Rebecca: Blood marrow drive on the 28th from 11AM to 4PM.

Ruben: Scholarship, arts and literature for juvenile hall up in Felton, if anyone is interested, it is due in 2 weeks, please come and see me soon. Working with Bonny Hartman.

Sindy: January 25th, 7:30 at the Guzman room in Oakes, we will be helping with resumes and letter of recs, Oakes and eight are collaborating, there is also a beach cleanup, open to all students. My contact info is sandy@ucsc.edu; March 2nd 11AM to 5PM. You can get a free t-shirt and you can meet people for internships.

Lyle: When/where is the cleanup?

Sindy: Natural bridges.

DT: Thank you Sindy.

Ian: Volunteer coordinator, 15th 16th 17th, looking for a UC delegation, workshop. Western regional includes Oregon Nevada and Washington, space for LGBT identity, opening space for anyone who wants to collaborate or learn about the issues.

Jocqui: Concert February 9th, all college students with a valid ID get free admission, 5-8PM Stevenson center, poets corner is performing. Please tell your colleges, all proceeds go to AIDs project. I'll pass around a sheet.

Louise: College 8 is hosting a Winter Wonderland at the College 8 Quad, Thursday 17th, 8 pm to 10 pm. Oakes and 8 are cohosting an inaugural ball on the 25th (dance).

Ivan: College 9 is working with College 10; we are trying to build a sustainable garden, and possibly work with the dining halls; not sure about the time for it yet because our reps have changed.

Samantha: February 12th, Loveshack festival, central aspect is a blood drive, going to help students help reevaluate Valentine's Day, big display, contact me. February 12th from 10AM to 2PM.

Michael: At Merrill, Ancient Chinese, January 19th, Saturday 7 PM, 20th 2 to 4pm,

CJ: Just to let everyone know about "Waking up to a privilege system", autobiography on race and gender privileges, power privileges, patriarchy, at the C9/10 multipurpose room, this Wednesday 4 to 5:30PM.

Brittany: Contact me about internships for restoration work and working for nonprofit agencies, great to meet new people who are interested.

Victor: Post pro 30 event with our EVC, discuss the aftermath of the prop, hoping to bring the discussion to this space, want to know what should be presented, my office and Shiku's are working with financial aid debt and explaining out what loans mean and financial aid and what you can do about student loan debt, presidential viewing Monday in the morning, look at the FB page for that. Snacks will be there, I and Maria are going to meet with government relations really soon, engage with the officials; see if we can get more funding for the conference.

Maria: UCSA student lobby conference application is up, it brings undergraduates and grads to lobby about issues together, how to lobby, who our senators are, all expenses paid, no previous experience required,.

Victor: Application will be on tonight, sent to Washington DC to lobby, engage with students on a national level. On Monday, go to the capital, and talk to bunch of legislators, weekend before finals, February 15th.

Shiku: How many people know about the shooting in Sandy Hook? There will be a Sandy Hook vigil, talking about the deeper issues about the communities affected in shootings, also about the mass shooting at the temple, if you would like to help out at the event, January 30th, 6:30PM to 9:30PM at the Stevenson vent center.

Kevin: Again, my name is Kevin and I'm the (OD). My office is still undertaking our goal of 1000 surveys from UCSC students to gauge issues and prioritize issues students have about the change they want in the UC, (to prevent fee hikes in the future) if you would like to be a part of the campaign, we are out tabling everyday till the 31th when the deadline is, we are interested in giving brief presentations in classroom, please talk to me or go to student power, also, going on this week, the united states student association are coming, they help to make decisions, they are going to be here from January 18th, at Cowell conference room, 19th and 20th in this room. And then, along with the board meeting, there also will be a huge action is SF that they are funding a charter bus from here to SF, to move all their assets from Wells Fargo (biggest owners of student debt), it's a big statement, we are trying to stop the perpetuating of student loan debt. Another event my office is going to take a part of in, student coalition meeting, labor unions, laying out for future action, January 31st, the contract of service works expires, PCT workers, this is going to affect people like those who clean this room, dining hall works, huge campaign, there is going to be a rally at bay tree bookstore. Students should come out, it'll be great. That is all I have for now.

Rocio: There is also an event January 30th, cuts into Kevin's event a little bit. There is restructuring of the resource centers and how this affects the students. At the town hall, there will be a chance to meet the director, January 30th. This quarter I'm going to be working on 2 surveys: A campus climate survey and assessing queer students of color.

Victor: Motion to extend 3 minutes.

Shiku: Second.

Mel: Free BBQ, we are going to play around flyers, we want to talk about the student lobby conference, it is a really important conference, we need dedicated students, there is also an info night, basically, we want to meet our students, we want to hear ideas, hopefully we get students excited about it, it is really meaningful for us.

Victor: In addition to that, at the Cervantes-Velasquez room, the student regents will be there. Flores is going to talk about the next student regent. There will be food there as well, if you want to meet your current student regents, this is the time to do it.

DT: There has never been a UCSC student regent. Thank you everyone. Are there any other announcements?

Shingo: Porter has a carnival, however there is no Ferris wheel, I don't know the dates; just keep it in your minds.

Shaz: Carnival on January 26th at the Kresge town hall.

Brittany: Do you have any info on the other events?

Shaz: Not any right now.

DT: Any other brief announcements? Coming up on Wednesday, Jan 23, 6-8, public speaking workshop with Don Williams at the Stevenson Fireside lounge, if anyone needs help on public speaking, I strongly encourage you to attend this workshop. Registration is required, only 5 dollars. It is called the art and heart of public speaking. Thank you everyone, so we are going to move on the presentations portion.

Announcements at 6:40PM

Constitutional Amendment (20mins)

Vanessa: I've been working on an amendment to the constitution. I'll try to summarize as much as possible. I have one copy of it and I'll send it around. There are a little changes here and there and little typos. There are also a couple of big changes. I'm trying to streamline the constitution. The bigger changes would be: a section about undergrads, the info there, it would delete the parts and move it to a different section to avoid redundancy, I want to get more voices into SUA, that would increase the membership a little bit, that would have to be through an application process, the third thing is to create a presidential system. With that there is a discussion about a veto power, which is still in discussion. Another thing is, we have the student life internship and I want to make that an officer position. This poses the question of whether we combine that with a current position or make it a new position; both are also in the discussion. Basic framework and

logistics are still in progress. There would be a budget report everyone once and while, those are the biggest changes I have so far.

DT: So you mentioned before to create a taskforce?

Vanessa: There is a sign-up sheet, if you are interested, please give me your info on the sheet, name college email and if you want regular updates. I will make sure to email you each draft.

DT: Thank you Vanessa, Any questions?

Maria: What is the primary difference this constitutional amendment and the previous?

Vanessa: There aren't too many differences; I use the previous as the basic framework. I also have a comment about that we should send a survey about the changes we make.

Victor: **Point of clarification**, can you provide some context about the constitution?

DT: The SUA worked quite extensively about the amendment, the major intention is to fix the structure of the representation, increase the number of org reps, sustainability, from there, when we brought it into this space, it expanded from that.

Vanessa: I'm not decreasing college seats.

DT: That is the background; it is a big thing if we want to fix the constitution. There have been talks about the issue in this space, and if this is an issue, please join our taskforce. It's a lot of campaign work.

Victor: Can I also ask that the orgs be included, in addition, the library hours will be open, I'm running that campaign for the SUA, I guess what I'm trying to get that is by creating this taskforce, what is it going to do?

Vanessa: I want multiple inputs from everywhere. Things that students already know about can put their input in it.

Jocqui: What is the real the advantage of changing the names of the positions?

Vanessa: It's a weird hierarchy at the moment; I'm trying to fix that.

Brittany: How often is this taskforce going to meet?

Vanessa: It will be based according to taskforce members' schedules.

Rocio: I just want some clarity about why there needs to be a changing of the title names.

Vanessa: The only other thing is that the other UC's use the presidential system; it'll keep us on par with the other UC's and keep us on the same level.

Ghandi: Since you are going to be going around, will you ask the other governments to change theirs too?

Vanessa: It's up to them, some are senates and some are parliaments. I would expect governments to change their own constitutions; this is for UC-wide governments.

Maria: Its great you are putting all this time into it. Why would it make this year better?

Vanessa: There will be more students that will be aware of it. I don't want to critique last year's campaign.

Shaz: When we pushed the amendment, it was around 80%.

DT: Closing the speakers list.

Max: Is it possible to change the taskforce name (CAT force), there is no reason it shouldn't pass, the only reason it didn't was because we ended up coming up with 19.7% threshold.

DT: This is a good thing because we want the percentage up to the threshold so we know that students actually want. Sexy enough for students to want and care.

Vanessa: Is there any other issues that you want to address?

DT: That's why we did the taskforce thing, I will ask for a time extension if that is the case, that's why we have a taskforce.

Shiku: I **motion** 4 minutes time extension.

Rocio: **Second.**

Shiku: I want to touch on the orgs, are you talking about ethnic or identity orgs?

Vanessa: We have those orgs already a part of SUA. It could be a process for every org.

Shiku: Is there is a max number? Like a max of 10 org spaces?

Brittany: Any ideas to brainstorm about the taskforce? How will the students see our passion to get things fixed if most students don't know about our space?

Shiku: I've talk loosely to DT about ways to advertise, have the college reps on the day meetings make a board on meeting days, old school flyer-ing on the bus stop.

Rebecca: We were talking about at our retreat, visiting floor meetings, posting in halls, going and talking to people who live on campus, they are the ones that will turn out most likely.

Louise: So Ian and I went through the archive, we found a newsletter and it had all the info about the officers and the month. A newsletter would help inform students.

DT: It is awesome that you mention that, there is a rep City on the hill press; we do have a segment in the newspaper.

Shiku: **Motion to extend** time to 2.5 minutes.

Roshni: I **second** that.

Kevin: On the question of getting the name of SUA out there, we need to reach out to different “bubbles”. It’d be nice if people just spoke to a small group. I would just suggest talking to groups personally and inviting them to come. Doesn’t matter what group or community you are from, it’s important. Even posting a FB status would work.

Lyle: This quarter Kresge, open town hall, anyone who wants to go to it, mentioning things that go on campus and SUA.

SUA Retreat Discussion (20mins)

DT: One of the discussions we had last quarter was this retreat. We will go over things extensively. Things that I’ve planned out are topics like the budget during this meeting. What I want to know from you all is that are these things you want during the retreat? Anything you want to present. I want you to feel invested and be a real part of this retreat.

Eric: I’m the treasurer for SUA. My question is about the campaign portion. There could be a separate thing for me as my part doesn’t pertain to that section of the retreat.

Shiku: Want me to take stack?

Omar: Maybe we include the explanation of the budget.

DT: It’ll be at this space.

Max: I know previously we were supposed to have it at the retreat.

DT: Something else could be a filler spot.

Brittany: Some things don’t apply to people. We can have a breakout session. More pertaining to different people could attend and pick themselves.

Rebecca: **Yield.**

Shaz: Anyway to cut the retreat a few hours?

DT: We will discuss that later in the meeting. Any suggestions? Anything that people want to present themselves? We don't want this to be a serious discussion, we want to have a useful section but have a brainpower break as well.

Victor: Anyone other than officers want to present?

Kevin: I think this is great because we can switch back and forth with serious and non-serious discussions. But I think I was playing with the idea for having this two-day retreat. Help spread the load throughout the weekend so folks don't need to stay for 8 hours.

DT: That is a great suggestion.

Brittany: To go off Victor's mention, we should have a sign-up sheet for people who want to present a workshop.

Samantha: I suggest setting a positive tone for success, how we want to communicate with another.

Sindy: I want to propose to make a time management and organization workshop.

Shiku: Anymore hands?

Nikki: One of the ways we can do breakout sessions after the goal section, talk about the potential ways to share goals with one another.

DT: I'll send an email out to everyone about those ideas that you guys want to do about such as facilitating those workshops. We want officers to speak at less as possible. I have on the screen some suggestions for the retreat. Kevin brought up a suggestion for a split retreat, Shaz brought up a shorter retreat.

Shiku: Can I put myself in stack? I would say that I would prefer to pick the dates and not the hours yet, because it might constrain the possibilities of what could happen during this retreat. I'm an advocate of the two-day retreat because a whole day could get tiring.

Brittany: In some cases it would be great; I was looking for people who wanted to just get it out of the way. Some people will show up one day and not the other.

DT: Real quickly to address that, I want you all to remember, this is part of your duty, we are officers and people taking out of their time to go these meetings. Its work, you represent the constituents. We are student first; the two-day and cutting the hours do resolve the issue. I am personally excited to work with you all.

Sindy: We got a lot done in 4 hours.

Vanessa: I have a training session on the February dates.

Rebecca: Time conflict for me, what was wrong with the February 2nd or 3rd?

Victor: **Point of clarification**, we have a board meeting.

DT: There is a college retreat also.

Rocio: Black Cultural Conference is also on that day.

Omar: I think when I was elected a rep, I'm not getting paid for this, I thought we were going to do things in the retreat during the meetings. We don't have 5 hours to spare to go on a retreat.

Eric: Personally, I think the January dates work better since we can set our goals better. I am also favor of doing it just one day. If they got 4 hours and a lot done, it shouldn't be a problem

Max: I can't make the 26th and 27th. Depending on how long that 2-day thing, I think anything going over 5 hours for 2 days, I would should up late if it was and to the end where its not that fun.

Kevin: So, I think what we should do is since everybody has different commitments, I think we should go to a straw poll, just suggesting that in case, whether or not one of these weekends would work. I understand that folks wont make 1 day or the other day. It gives an opportunity to experience at least a portion of it. You can send your alternates too. I think the 2 day is useful for everybody.

Ian: Volunteering is on the 9th and 10th.

Louise: The 9th and 10th are close to midterms. I like the idea of the workshop format. I want to suggest that the constitution discussion should happen in this space where it is guaranteed that more people will be here.

DT: Closing stack. Lets take a **straw poll**.

One day vs. two day retreat.

Favor of 1 day: 35

Favor of 2 day: 4

We will be having a 1 day retreat.

DT: Now we will move to these dates.

Louise: Can we vote for more than 1 day?

DT: You can raise your hand for more than one.

Vote:

January 26th: 24

January 27th: 26

February 9th: 18

February 10th: 18

Final ones to vote from are the 26th and the 27th.

January 26th: 22

January 27th: 22

Re-vote. ONLY VOTE FOR ONE.

January 26th: 16

January 27th: 20

The retreat will be on January 27th.

DT: We need a motion to extend time or push things until next week.

Shiku: What are we pushing?

DT: This is what is on the table.

Shiku: How long will it take to finish the meeting? Who's doing the presentations?

Kevin: I **move** to table to move all the report backs to next week.

Omar: **Second.**

DT: Any objections?

Lyle: **Objection**, this is really important, can we table the other two instead?

Kevin: I **rescind** my motion.

DT: If folks are going to leave, it's worth tabling to next week. I suggest we table till next week.

Shiku: **Motion** to table.

Ian: **Second.**

DT: So moved. Real quickly before you are all packing, closing remarks. I only got verifications from a few colleges, we need minutes for the new reps. I need an emailed verification or you will not get voting rights. I will be expecting that.

Rebecca: Do you want the e-mail from the new rep?

DT: It has to be from your chair. Is everyone listening? Other than that, have discussions for your SOFA reps. It's our student financing board. If you do have any agenda items, anyone can put stuff on the agenda, please send it to us by Friday.

Shiku: **Motion** to adjourn.

Ian: **Second.**

Adjournment at 8:00PM