

Student Union Assembly
Tuesday, 2/5/13

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

Assembly Members Present: DT Amajoyi (Chair), Shaz Umer (IVC), Victor Velasco (EVC), Rocio Zamora (COD), Shiku Muhire (COAA), Kevin Huang (OD), Sammie Vega (Stevenson), Kevin Troxel (Stevenson), Lila Blackney (Stevenon Alt.), Nicolette Johnson (Cowell), Giovanni Maldonado (Crown), Alexis Bartels (Crown), Corbin Hall (Crown), Max Hufft (Crown Alt.), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), David Nguyen (Merrill), Iden Yekan (Nine), Shanna Ballesteros (Nine), CJ Ocampo (Nine), Jessica Veklerov (Ten), Rebecca Brown (Ten), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Kelsey Rousseve (Kresge), Carl Eadler (Kresge Alt.), Shingo Brann (Porter), Daniel Lewis (Porter), Roshni Advani (Eight), Ian Bernstein (Eight), Louise Cabansay (Eight), Melody Aguilar (Oakes), Sindy Ramirez (Oakes), Linda Moua (Oakes), Kayla Oh (Oakes Alt.), Steven Hernandez (QSU), Justin McClenden (QSU Alt.), Omar Bravo (APISA), Eric Rubin (Treasurer), Nicky England (SPM), Brooklynn Ackerman, Maria Jennings (LL), Norma Vasquez (APC), Michael Amster, Nallely Ramirez, Alexander Nguyen

Assembly Members Absent: Charlise Chang (Stevenson), Kelly (Stevenson Alt.), Arina Voronina (Cowell), Jacob Rios (Cowell), Michael Liber (Merrill), Megana Kunda (Ten), Saam Keshavarzi (Ten Alt.), Ruben Barron (Porter), Mick Del Rosario (Porter Alt.), Michael Barney (Porter Alt.), Nadia Mufti (Oakes Alt.), Jocqui Smollett (ABSA), Brittany Smith (CoS),

DT: Roll call is going on. I'm passing around the agenda. How is everyone today? As the agendas make their way around, ill also pass around the minutes. Does everyone have an agenda? Let's move to approval of the agenda, any amendments? Please note that the meeting is at 8:15PM today. We have to pack of a lot of things today, please keep comments concise. If there are no changes,

Approval of the Agenda

Ian: **Motion** to approve agenda.

Kevin: **Second.**

DT: We have an approved agenda. Are there any changes for the minutes? It's a lot of pages to read so you can see them online after Thursday. Are there any amendments?

Reading of the Previous Meeting's Minutes

Kevin: I **move** to approve minutes.

Daniel: I was there last meeting. I **rescind** my objection.

Ian: **Second.**

DT: We have minutes. Perfect. Move to announcements.

Announcements at 6:20PM

Rebecca: Alternative to Valentine's Day for people who aren't into the romance, we are going to be showing Pulp Fiction, free pizza at the student union, February 7th.

Kevin: So UCSA approved a campaign for this year, UCOP don't touch me, student run referenda, huge thing that happened today, referenda was exempt, huge win for us because they will take funds from students to fund admin, and also last Thursday, we had a rally and a couple hundred students were there, it was great and powerful.

DT: It is a huge victory for Santa Cruz. It took a lot of lobbying.

Shiku: April 13th, hope benefit concert, this is a college event that is really fun to attend, opportunity to bring outside performers and to all contribute donations for the org, if you are interested and you are a rep, fill it out, visit my senate so we can get additional funding, my office and Shaz's are sponsoring it. I'll send the paper around.

Tem: Hi I'm Tem. I'm part of an acappella group called Isang Himig housed under the Filipino Student Association. We are doing valentine grams and will be tabling all week from 12-4PM in the quarry.

Shaz: There is a blood drive at the career center and there will be a chocolate fountain. Stevenson event center February 14th, many organization will be there, all day event, Loveshack 10-2PM.

Shiku: The ABSA aids concert event, this weekend from 5-8PM this Saturday. Definitely come check it out, all proceeds and donations will go to Santa Cruz aids project. All college students are free for admissions.

Daniel: Kinetics slam poetry tonight, whoever wins goes to New York, it's really cool and it's at the porter dining hall tonight and tomorrow night at 8:30.

DT: It's important you all get a rep for SOFA. Those are the announcements for today. Next we have the legislative profile.

Presentations

Louise: Paul Fong Presentation



Paul Fong.pptx

DT: This is to keep us informed about our leaders, it's important for lobbying. You can find the apps for SLC on our website. It's a "headache of joy" because you learn so much. We will move on to our next presentation.

Elizabeth: Budget Background and Library Student Referendum – Measure 42 Overview Presentation



Library Referendum
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Max: I was wondering why you would not put a sunset clause on there since it is a crucial thing and whether or not the GSA endorsed it.

Elizabeth: We learned that the hours supported now aren't enough. These things will basically cost the amount of the current fee on top of that. There is interest, but not the funding, I feel like without this fee, library hours will be at risk perpetually. We did a lot of lobbying on campus, our goal is to have stable hours, and one thing that happens is one time funds, which won't help us. In serious conversations internally, with students and campus leadership, we decide to propose this. It is controversial.

Victor: Thank you so much for coming. It's something we need to talk to students about, besides monetary support, how do you think us students in this space can support?

Elizabeth: Talk to your faculty, talk to your TA's, they are so much more engaged with you as instructors. My email is up here. Email me if you are interested in getting involved. I think one thing that would really help is advocating to your faculty.

Michael: I'm just trying to get an idea of the library works. About the café, where does the income go?

Elizabeth: It's a contract.

Victor: Additional comment, I just recently met with financial aid, when they find that students want something, they work harder for them. I want to challenge every to start.

Elizabeth: The science library was occupied, this is very important. The leadership isn't willing to make the decision right now.

DT: Quick clarify, there is no sunset clause.

Rebecca: What is the exact wording on it?

Elizabeth: I can email it to everyone.

Kevin: I have a **clarifying question**. Why is the library getting cut so much; prop 30 just passed and the governor said he'd give more funding, why is admin still cutting the library?

Elizabeth: had it not pass, it would be doubled. We are still reeling from 2008, and I too have similar questions. Unfortunately, it's not just the library as well.

Kevin: We passed a referenda couple years ago, the CoAA mentioned to me that EVC Galloway was firm in refunding the library, I'm just really concerned with permanently funding the library on the backs of students.

Elizabeth: Since the fee was passed, it was nothing people had anticipated, she supports the library but where are the funds going to come from.

Daniel: It is a crucial point with these student fees, and like this is a temporary solution to an ongoing issue, we do need the library in the meantime; I would hope you would support a long term goal.

Elizabeth: Our vision is to expand hours even further. Many of the UC's provide that to their students. I would not be here today if I felt optimistic about that, I cannot say it's a happy occasion for me to talk about it. My kind of plea is let the students vote, let's see what the support is.

Daniel: Is this also a problem with admin; is it the admin that is choosing where things are going?

Elizabeth: Hearing from you is important but they do have their priorities.

Shiku: What happens if it passes without a sunset clause? Is there is some way to get the referenda to end?

Elizabeth: it can be adjusted by the student or the library. It can be repealed. It can be proposed as student body.

DT: I am wondering if that could be included in the language.

Elizabeth: I believe it is.

Shiku: To clarify, in the referenda language, it is in there.

Michael: Why is the cost 6.50? Is that the money you still want to have going forward?

Elizabeth: It's based on our calculations and enrollment rises.

Rebecca: Do you know of any reason why other campuses have different priorities?

Elizabeth: 1/6th of the UCLA's goes to their library.

Shanna: How far is it up on priorities and what exactly is going to happen in the long run?

Elizabeth: I haven't seen an itemized list of priorities. I see that as a really big priority and I don't disagree with that. Your voices really need to be heard. I like to think about how that could be effective. I hear a lot of interest in that. I'll get back to you when I can come up with actions that will make a difference.

Michael: Do you think overall the students are satisfied with the hours? Would you be willing that if there is a cap on the fees?

Elizabeth: The hours that the fees are supporting, it's not enough. And that is an interesting point because it'll be interesting to calculate the costs. I would be interested how that can work. One thing that can work is that the fee can be lowered, not done away with.

DT: I have a quick question. We talked about a possible match with the campus, would we be able to meet halfway?

Elizabeth: EVC knows that it's important but she made no commitment because there is no place to take the money from.

DT: Have you spoken to her about fundraising for this?

Elizabeth: We asked people are just not interested in funding hours. They want to support endowed chair, a building, collections; we haven't found support for services.

DT: I am wondering if there is some way to outreach to guardians. I was here during 2009-10; they were closed at 10 and on the weekends. I was a tour guide, I remember telling the parents and I remember the uproar. I don't know if there can be a letter sent home, just to get people aware what is going on.

Elizabeth: There is a parent's council that is part of UC relations; we can funnel a message because it would be shocking to parents.

DT: Any other questions? We have time for one more if there is.

Eric: SUA Budget Presentation



DT and Kari: Presentation

Sayo Fujioka: Presentation – One of the words we hear a lot of transparency. For the SUA, it is one of the most transparent organizations on campus. One reason is because of all of you. Measure 8 is advises a way of how to spend. It was fantastic; all of a sudden you have money. In Nov 2003, there was an audit, someone said it's great that they have all this money, I heard they spent money on a campaign, prop 54, ad on city of the hill, the suspicion was it using SUA funds. There was a huge investigation. As all the orgs got their money, putting systems into place, internal audit got in their business. They don't know how students do things. Audit thought you guys were being wasteful of using SUVs for travel. In any case, they worked with me and the officers, any day of the week; your budget is on the line. There is also staff that has complete files. There are timesheets. For about four years, SUA, e squared, etc. had to go through audit. You guys have outstanding systems. That is why we have bureaucracy. Public systems have to show funds and where the money goes. It is kind like intense training. Now you are there, you guys are in great shape. You are very transparent. The other thing that happened when all this money came in was that there was a lot of work. Nonprofits get an award, 10% go to management. You do have a staff, the financial part was huge. You can see running budgets. Very creatively, e squared, CSC, we need financial staff, but none of us want to spend 40k, so let's work together. It was a great collaboration; we will each contribute to a staff. OPERS lost their staff, so what happen, how about we give you supervision of the staff and training, it was very stable financial system. Then last year the director of OPERS left, it was decided that they would take the financial staff entirely, which means you all lost your financial staff. We are putting back the 3 together, contributing to one financial staff, giving you the same level of services, instead of training with OPERS; you will be training with our office. I know that is a lot of information, I hope you have questions. This financial staff position is represented by the union; one of the things they negotiated was the expenses.

DT: We will be voting on this next week.

Vanessa: What are we voting on?

DT: We are voting on the amounts.

Sayo: Voting on the financial staff at the rates listed.

Shiku: If he didn't step down, would we have still voted?

Sayo: Most likely yes, it's just different personnel.

Rebecca: What are the relationships of SOCC and SUA?

DT: As the proposal was before, we had the same numbers; they had to contribute a little bit more. They have their own separate budget. This fiscal person will also be overseeing them and us.

Vanessa: The expenses report, can that be public to help with our transparency?

DT: It's not because it isn't necessary. The thing with that is it changes constantly. But when we are cleaning things up, those are numbers that change. According to audit, they are skeptical when it comes to changing numbers. The new system that Kari moved us to has everything accounted for.

Vanessa: How about every month?

DT: If there is any money spent, you all can see that.

Sayo: It can create more questions for people that whole background isn't there. I think in any particular time for the body wants to discuss it, anytime you post something on the web, it just raises more questions. That is why audit gave their requirements, they made sure your projected budget is online and the expense budget at the end of the year. In between, its fluid cause you are moving money around. That is kind of internal to your general body. On a website, people viewing don't have that context. At the end of year, the expensive report is easier read.

DT: that is a lot of additional work for staff, in the end of the day that is more work to answer those questions. That is a lot of work for one staff person. When I say is unnecessary, but having that up and producing that every month is a lot to do.

Shiku: Please come to officers if you have anything of what is spent on. That does get put up on the big screen. Take those into consideration. We try to be transparent as possible.

Victor: Do you work with Kari and Sayo?

DT: I was looking for an advisory person.

Kristen: Teach for America Presentation



Teach for America
Information Session.p

Shiku: **Motion to adjourn.**

Louise: **Second.**

DT: **Meeting adjourned** at 8:31PM