

Student Union Assembly
Tuesday, 2/26/13

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

DT: The roll call sheet is going out right now. Call to order at 6:03PM. How is everyone doing? It's almost midterms/finals. We are almost at the end so that's good. Let's move to approval of the agenda.

Assembly Members Present: DT Amajoyi (Chair), Kevin Huang (OD), Rocio Zamora (COD), Shaz Umer (IVC), Shiku Muhire (COAA), Victor Velasco (EVC), Norma Vasquez (APC), Brittany Smith (CoS), Nicolette Johnson (Cowell), Alexis Bartels (Crown), Corbin Hall (Crown), Giovanni Maldonado (Crown), Max Hufft (Crown Alt.), Ian Bernstein (Eight), Louise Cabansay (Eight), Roshni Advani (Eight), Carl Eadler (Kresge Alt.), Kelsey Rouseve (Kresge), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Maria Jennings (LL), Michael Liber (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), CJ Ocampo (Nine), Iden Yekan (Nine), Shanna Ballesteros (Nine), Linda Moua (Oakes), Melody Aguilar (Oakes), Sindy Ramirez (Oakes), Jocqui Smollett (ABSA), Justin McClendon (QSU Alt.), Steven Hernandez (QSU), Daniel Lewis (Porter), Mick Del Rosario (Porter Alt.), Shingo Brann (Porter), Jessica Veklerov (Ten), Megana Kunda (Ten), Rebecca Brown (Ten), Eric Rubin (Treasurer), Michael Amster, Nallely Ramirez

Assembly Members Absent: Arina Voronina (Cowell), Jacob Rios (Cowell), David Nguyen (Merrill), Kayla Oh (Oakes Alt.), Nadia Mufti (Oakes Alt.), Omar Bravo (APISA), Michael Barney (Porter Alt.), Ruben Barron (Porter), Nicky England (SPM), Charlsie Chang (Stevenson), Kelly (Stevenson Alt.), Kevin Troxell (Stevenson), Lila Blackney (Stevenon Alt.), Sammie Vega (Stevenson), Saam Keshavarzi (Ten Alt.), Alexander Nguyen, Brooklynn Ackerman

Approval of the Agenda:

Kevin: I **motion** to add 20 minutes for the legislative profiles, at the end of presentations.

DT: Can I ask to take it from the chair report so I can give you an updated version?

Kevin: **Motion** to replace chair report to legislative profiles.

Rocio: **Second.**

Max: I **motion** to strike the SOFA recommendations. I'm concerned that people are going to have the same problem as last time.

DT: These are only suggestions and we aren't voting on the real thing yet.

Max: I **rescind** my motion.

Shaz: I **motion** to add my funding request for 10 minutes.

Kelsey: **Second.**

DT: Any amendments?

Shaz: **Motion** to move.

Vanessa: **Second.**

DT: Any announcements?

Announcements at 6:20PM

Michael: Merrill is having a meeting their rejuvenation project, 45 mil this summer, if anybody is interested; meeting is this Thursday 7pm, Charles E. Merrill lounge, right next to the academic meeting.

Jocqui: The African Black coalition conference is here. We are going to need a lot of help and support and we are looking to collaborate with other communities. Please talk to me after the meeting. It'll be next year, tentative Feb 28th to March 2nd.

Nallely: E squared is have an event, increase awareness of ethnical organizations.

Norma: Oakes Guzman room, anti-study jam, we are going to have a cool relaxing chill environment, snacks and drinks, free testing materials. We came up with a study space map at 2-5PM.

Nicky: UCSC sustainability office, provost sustainability internship program. We are starting to outreach to next years all year programs. The internship matches you with someone off campus. I'm here to promote the program, if any of you are interested, I have flyers.

Shaz: this Friday, SCOC, cross committee, it'll be at 5-7PM Kresge town hall, there will be a lot of food.

Victor: I want to give everyone a friendly reminder that FAFSA is due March 2nd. If your parents haven't done their taxes, you can submit "will file", there is a deadline to submit that information. Just make sure to send in your info.

Shiku: My office will be hosting three events, the anti-study jam, the one coming up soon is this Friday 1-3PM, we are going to invite a journalist from the Congo, talking about the inter turmoil from the gentleman at humanities 1 room 402, we will have light refreshments. He is going to UCB and agreed to stop by Santa Cruz. We are having an event march 7 from 3-5 red room, life after college, we will have snacks. Mostly dialogue between students, March 7th, location will be announced soon.

Shiku: We are also working on a survey. I am trying to extend the hours of the arc center; we are taking safety precautions, it'll take only 2 minutes to fill out. We are going to talk to TAPS for a shuttle that passes by the arc center.

Kevin: Tomorrow is a statewide action between students across the state and the service workers union; it'll happen at two different locations. There is one at noon located at Cowell and Stevenson dining hall. There will be a second one at 9/10 dining hall at 3:30PM. There is going to be a lot of workers there. It'll be a really great event.

Brittany: March 5th, 5:30-7:30PM budget town hall forum, the effects of prop 30 on campus, snacks provided.

Shaz: Point of info, when is that?

DT: March 5th, right here. Any more announcements? We will move on to presentations.

Fiscal Staff Salary Discussion

DT: I can take 5 minutes of discussion. Then we will move to a vote.

Rebecca: This is a pretty necessary proposition right?

Michael: Do we know the person that is going to be hired for this position?

DT: Once we know the money being paid, then we will have the hiring committee process. They were the same criteria.

Michael: So no one has applied?

Jessica: Would now be an appropriate time to **make an amendment** to stipulate that if approved, that SUA would be informed and meet the candidates. We won't be the ultimate deciders but just meeting the top choices and giving our impression.

DT: Sayo, correct me if I'm wrong but it'll affect confidentiality right?

Sayo: They usually reserve those for admin because it's a big thing. The SUA will have representation on the hiring committee.

Jessica: I **rescind** my amendment.

Kevin: I reserve my right to make a **motion**, if we were to stall on this; I see it as not a positive move. We have to approve the money before we can send out the hiring announcement. We need to move forward with this. We need somebody dedicated to the SUA. I move to approve the proposal for fiscal manager.

Max: **Second.**

DT: Any objections?

Jessica: Can we do a yes/ no vote?

DT: All in favor in approval the proposal expenses?

VOTE:

Yes: 28

No: 0

Abstention: 0

DT: We have an approved proposal!

Resolution for Fair and Just Healthcare Presentation by Kevin Huang

Kevin: I hope you all read this resolution. What's going on is that there are two fundamental things. There is a deficit in the program, \$57 mil in the UC ship plan; we don't know where the money went. Somebody really screwed up at the top level, what is being proposed right now is a 25% increase for health care premium. This resolution is telling them no, especially the blame isn't the students. Somebody screwed up in management. Second, the plan is going to be exempt from Obama care, the problem with that is going to be a life time cap for the health care you will receive. Private health care cannot impose lifetime caps on health care coverage. Any other UC can be exempted from the loophole. It'll be detrimental to the students who need it. This is a form of insurance. Students need the coverage.

Rebecca: **Question**, what is the minimum essential coverage? Does it mean broken bones or like going to the health center.

DT: The issue with this is that with the caps we have, the majority don't reach that cap. The only the people truly affected are the ones with needs such as heavy dosages of prescription drugs or really sick students. What happens to the cap for the small percentage of people, but it's a significant amount since that is a real problem for them.

Michael: Is there a university case study for this, like the Obamacare plan for this system? Are there any other examples of universities like this?

Kevin: This development only just happened, since Obamacare is recent, the act doesn't get implement till 2014, going into that year, they need to figure out if they are going to be exempt from it or not. There are no other examples of it right now. For the most part, there are probably other universities that will exempt their students from it.

Vanessa: When is this resolution going to be approved?

Kevin: In three weeks.

DT: The thing is that the UC screwed up and we need to amend it soon.

Jessica: So it's the UC office of the president that is making this decision or who is voting? Do they have an alternative proposal that we can endorse? Do we see any alternative to the fee hike?

Kevin: They have been looking into alternatives. He informed us of a couple different ways. Each campus would have their health care system. I can't specifically say.

DT: I was at the system wide meeting. I met with president Yudolf directly. The issue is no one is being accountable. How do you become stable to a deficit? That is a huge gap of money. They weren't doing monthly reports. The office is hesitant to take the problem. The 45% increase to cover the deficit is something we shouldn't pay for. They have bloated benefit accounts; they are not going to say they want to. We are taking a stance on this, it's not our fault.

Kevin: That is why we are pressuring them.

Victor: Where are the sources? It lacks clarity for the resolutions.

Kevin: I have footnotes. There is also a petition that is public. If you all want the sources, I can send that as well. You can also do your own research as well.

Rebecca: I have two questions, one of them is the thing about the deficit, when did notice this?

Kevin: This year, the money was just gone. Nobody knows what happened. A couple things got coded wrong. Things got really messed up.

Rebecca: The referendum says 25%.

DT: The 25% is the increase in the premium. The first mistake is that they were charging us the wrong amount. It should be incremental. It'll cover the debt. Other than the debt, there is the deficit that is the 45%.

Kevin: A lot of things are changing with this debate, it's moving really fast.

Louise: I found out why its exempt. It's funded out of the student's pocket. That's the reason why there is an exemption. The UC's run it. There is already legislation to ban this.

CJ: Say we take a stance on this whichever way, what happens after that? How much weight? Is there action?

Kevin: I do know that there are folks that are planning on actions. The TA union is angry and they are planning on it. I do have a date for a meeting on planning. This is a starting point for SUA; I thought it would be beneficial for SUA on this stance. UCSA has a resolution. It's backed by 17,000 students at UCSC.

DT: I think that is a really good question CJ. They are begging us to sit on these committees. When we do things like this, it's to take stand for the students. If they don't know what we want, they wouldn't care.

Kevin: There will be a planning committee with UAW, tonight at 8PM. It's at Porter C.

Daniel: The lounge next to the dining hall.

Kevin: We had an action for this in front of the health center. They seem like they are on our side.

DT: Any other hands?

Jocqui: I like the resolution and everything, I have a concern. Are we coming up with solutions for this? Are we coming up with ways?

Kevin: As of now, we aren't the office of the president, we don't have access to the finances, and there is more work to be done. Myself at least, I don't know enough to provide an alternative. Grad students stay here on average 7 years.

Vanessa: **Question**, where is the number, 40-50 dollars?

DT: I got it from the office of the president.

Kevin: if we don't have this coverage, you never know till you get cancer till you get it. It's a form of insurance, when that time comes, you can be helped. If you don't have that, you are screwed.

Vanessa: They don't have to provide insurance to students.

Louise: as trends go, insurance is getting cheaper, since the UC doesn't have a middle man, their current model might be obsolete, and there are ways. Resolutions are important because the congress signed a letter to the office of the president about this. Our voice will add on to that heat.

DT: Looking for a motion to move forward to this.

Shiku: **Motion** to approve.

Cindy: **Second**.

Vanessa: **Objection**, I rather have a vote.

DT: All in favor of this resolution please raise your hand.

VOTE:

Yes: 20

No: 1

Abstention: 9

DT: So resolution passes.

Library Referendum Discussion

DT: This is the actual language. We as students shouldn't be the ones covering. Giving the tight constraints, this is the only way we could move forward as of current. (Measure Name: Measure 42 Renewal PDF) The permanent funding is referencing to the no sunset clause. The one being written right now does not approve of a sunset clause. I talked to Elizabeth about a visitation in future years. If the UC is better financially in the future, then they should take care of it. They essentially did not want to keep renewing this. The campus is good at negative financial projections. Even the money from prop 30, the library did not get anything out of that. That is the pretty good situation for the UC but still nothing on them. Here is the resolution for the measure 42 renewal (Resolution for Measure 42 Renewal doc). I can take a few initial questions.

Victor: First, should we motion to extend time.

Mick: **Motion** to extend time.

Shaz: **Amend** to make 15 minutes.

Roshni: **Second**.

Victor: Does it mean all of us, like SUA? To me, it reads differently.

Max: We are going to need to sponsor this to get on the ballot, what this resolution is trying to do is endorse it. To sponsor is to sign a form. With the resolution, I feel like we are saying we are for this, I'm on the fence about it. I'm not going to support the resolution till the sunset clause is there.

DT: In terms of the language, it's the finalized language. Given the current campus climate we are at.

Max: Just saying this is not resolution clause, admin is going to forget about it, unless there is a huge student action. It's always been what's been coming up. I don't think people are going to care about this down the road.

DT: Any recommendations?

Max: I don't like where it stands.

DT: Write me language so we can amend/discussion.

Rebecca: I remember talking to our senate about this; I wonder why we couldn't vote on it tonight. With what Max was saying was that I don't agree with it for the fact that

Iden: It says 83% supported this; did it give an option on the survey about the fee? I doubt they would support the fees.

DT: People wrote in the survey that UC regents should cover the fees.

Shaz: **Point of clarification**, the language would be resolved at the SUA. We are asking sponsorship for 2/3 on the ballot, will it say we supported it?

DT: We can take out "is in support of" and just say sponsor.

Mick: Last week, we voted not to sponsor it. Our reasoning was that it didn't include a sunset clause. Porter senate believes there should be.

DT: It seems a lot of the same points are being brought up. Write me language so we can find a solution together. If this doesn't pass, that is a drastic cut in library. This is huge ramifications to students.

Vanessa: I do agree that the libraries are essential students. We shouldn't be taxing the future students. Each college has a library. It is a possible solution to be moved to the college libraries if it doesn't pass. We shouldn't be supporting it.

CJ: What if we want to endorse it? I'm just curious.

DT: We just include it as a line that we endorse it.

CJ: I would like to include that we do endorse it, if it's going to be rewritten, I'll just wait for it. I'm not saying that officially.

DT: I believe that we are all on the same page; I just want people to have solutions. If we wanted to, we can include it in the language.

Louise: I have two things; first of all, if we do, keep colleges open, it does not have the resources that the library provides. It doesn't have the books or the computers, study rooms, etc. I have a quick question, has the date passed to amend this?

DT: This is the final doc. I did advocate having the sunset clause.

Rebecca: What Louise was saying, C10 is tiny, it couldn't fit the entire C10 population. Our priorities are not there right now. Certain campuses prioritize their library. Certain departments have cut professors. It seems to be what our campus is focusing on right now. The library is an invaluable service, while the clause is important; it makes sense to pass it now.

Kevin: I have some points to add to this discussion. We should look at our graduates; the grad union assembly unanimously rejected the proposal. Speaking for myself, I'm very hesitant about this referendum; I'm actually looking at permanent budget cuts. 31% is the amount that the library cut. That to me really shows the prioritization for our services, even student affairs are a 32% cut. It's really shameful to me because it shows how much support they have for us. There are universities that have 24 hours open, it's essential for us and for graduate students. They don't have the access to the research they need. I'm really hesitant for this. As a solution, I wouldn't sponsor this referendum. I don't see student government to be the second arm of government. That is a shame. I've talked to the CoAA in 2007 and 2008; he is absolutely ashamed that this is coming back to campus. Administration needs to get their head straight.

Brittany: For including language, where are we going to put that on the sunset clause? And we should put it up on the screen.

DT: This is not being voting on today. It's not right for me to sign this off and say we all sponsor it. Send me language so I can revamp this.

Michael: In reply to your comment about your individual colleges. The real question is if the individual college libraries can contain the population that goes to McHenry and Science and Engineering.

Shaz: All we are saying that we sponsor it, let's just let the students vote on it. That is what sponsorship is, there is a lot of confusion. I **motion** to strike "is in support of and".

Louise: **Second.**

Shanna: I don't feel like there is a response back, my **question** is do you know if there is any push for funding of the library and what ways?

DT: There has been a lot of lobbying of the library staff; I was at the meeting when they got nothing from prop 30. It was like what Kevin was saying, shameful. They had meetings with EVC to explore options. Different options were proposed to them. She was talking about the faculty and trying to get them in the loop. Is there any push from the faculty? It's continuous and not addressed yet.

Cindy: There should be more efforts of the SUA about the fees they are paying. A lot of people don't know. They should know what the UC is making them pay for. As Shaz said, this should be put on the ballot so students are informed.

Shiku: I had a question but now **to clarify**, if one were to change the official language, the time is already over with, right?

DT: Yes.

Victor: **Yield.**

Max: I would like to make an amendment, this is along the lines with the UC librarians who met with the student body, it was brought up several times that sunset clause. I would like to add a clause.

Rebecca: **Objection**, It's the university we should be making angry.

Max: I have a direct response. Even during the presentation, the librarian has moved around the topic.

DT: We are in the middle of discussion for Max's amendment. We are speaking on this.

CJ: Speaking to that, we shouldn't blame the librarians. It's admin's responsibility; it's negating the point that it's their fault.

Shiku: Agreeing with CJ and Max's point; making a friendly amendment, word it to introduce the reality that there is no sunset clause.

Michael: Power is the ability to get something from someone who would otherwise not give it to you.

Max: I **object** because it's saying that they could add that portion to it.

DT: I will be awaiting language from Shaz, Shanna, Brittany, Ian, Vanessa, Kevin. Please email me this language before 5:00PM tomorrow.

DT: Can I motion for someone to add 20 minutes to the agenda?

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

Mick: **Second.**

SOFA meeting presentation by Eric Rubin



SOFA General Body
Suggested Funding A

DT: There is \$14,000 to allocate. It will be tighter spring quarter.

Michael: \$352 leeway.

DT: Take this back to your colleges. There is a rep for each college and orgs. You will vote at your different colleges. Procedure next meeting is that we will pass this as a block. From there, we can take an objection for each item.

Shiku: Can we have the amounts that they requested as well?

DT: Put amount requested before amount funded.

Ian: The amount funded means recommended right?

DT: Yes, make sure Eric to change that on the final document.

Jim Beall presented by Melody Aguilar



JimBeall.ppt



Bill Monning.pptx



IVC Shirts.xlsx

Bill Monning presented by Maria Jennings

IVC Shirt Proposal by Shaz Umer

Shirt link:

<http://www.uberprints.com/designs/shared/301437/TYhbwhvgKiS5LODeHPtr/>

Shiku: Are you going to print using that much?

Shaz: I just want to play with what I can get. I think it's appropriate from where the line item is coming from.

Louise: That is a lot of money.

Shaz: I can get the breakdown next week. I'll come with a cost per shirt.

DT: You are asking to use general fund.

Shaz: If you look at the budget for fall, we don't have a budget with the line item there. It's unused salary pay.

DT: There is a line item for the director student of the life.

Shaz: The issue was there was no vote last year because the amendment passed. We also amended it in the fall. That position was approved last year.

DT: We should have an actual quote.

Steven: Who gets the t-shirts?

Shaz: They are free. One thing is that \$1,000 is a lot of money so I will go with Louise's recommendation of an itemized budget.

DT: One quick thing, check the website for the Elections Commissioner.

Daniel: **Motion** to adjourn.

Louise: **Second**.

Adjournment at 8:14PM