

Student Union Assembly
Tuesday, 3/5/2013

Meeting called to order at 7:16PM by DT Amajoyi (Chair)

Assembly Members Present: DT Amajoyi (Chair), Kevin Huang (OD), Rocio Zamora (COD), Shaz Umer (IVC), Shiku Muhire (COAA), Victor Velasco (EVC), 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 Rousseve (Kresge), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Maria Jennings (LL), Michael Liber (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), CJ Ocampo (Nine), Iden Yekan (Nine), Shanna Ballesteros (Nine), Melody Aguilar (Oakes), Justin McClendon (QSU Alt.), Omar Bravo (APISA), Steven Hernandez (QSU), Daniel Lewis (Porter), Mick Del Rosario (Porter Alt.), Shingo Brann (Porter), Kevin Troxell (Stevenson), Lila Blackney (Stevenon Alt.), Megana Kunda (Ten), Rebecca Brown (Ten), Eric Rubin (Treasurer), Michael Amster, Nallely Ramirez, Adrianna Gonzales, Ivan Medina (MeCHA), Eddie Sanchez, Etienne Laffargue

Assembly Members Absent: Norma Vasquez (APC), Brittany Smith (CoS), Nicolette Johnson (Cowell), David Nguyen (Merrill), Kayla Oh (Oakes Alt.), Linda Moua (Oakes), Sindy Ramirez (Oakes), Jocqui Smollett (ABSA), Nicky England (SPM), Charlsie Chang (Stevenson), Sammie Vega (Stevenson), Jessica Veklerov (Ten), Saam Keshavarzi (Ten Alt.)

Approval of the Agenda

Shaz: **Motion** to add 10 minutes for sponsorship proposal.

Max: **Second.**

Shiku: Are we having a meeting next week? Can we move it to next week?

Shaz: Sponsorship needs to be ready by March 14. If it goes next week, I won't have time.

Shiku: I **rescind** my amendment.

Shaz: I move to have it after SOFA recommendations.

DT: Any objections? So moved. Are there any other amendments?

Ghandi: **Motion** to approve.

Melody: **Second.**

DT: So moved.

Reading of the Previous Meetings' Minutes:

DT: I'll be looking for a motion to approve if there are no corrections.

Rebecca: **Motion** to approve.

Kelsey: **Second.**

DT: So moved.

Announcements:

DT: Please send your things to Tem and he will put it on the online minutes.

Kresge Pride – SUA Sponsorship Request presented by Helen, Ariel, Mark



Kresge Presents
PRIDE 2013 - Sheet1.



SUAFundingRequest.
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We feel that SUA should be a big part of Kresge Pride. It's for the students by the students. It's a festival that happens June 1st; it's going to be a half march and half festival. All colleges will and can be involved with the planning. Also it's by the students. It's on a Saturday. The march begins at Quarry plaza and we will walk to the other colleges. We make banners for them. During the festival, we will have free food catered and there are vegan options as well. We have tables for queer affiliated orgs. We will have other orgs to table at our event. We will have entertainment. We have a lot of giveaways; it's just a really great event for the community. The theme is pride wherever you are. Pride meaning that it's you coming in terms with yourself and showing it. On this campus we prioritize solidarity and acceptance. This year, we are also including family student housing in our march. We are asking for \$4,500.

DT: So, for anyone who has been to Kresge pride, it's huge. There are allies that go to it. This group went to SOFA, but they can't since they aren't an official org so I asked them to come here. This is an important event because it is unique program to our campus. We will monetarily sponsor them for this event. Are there any questions?

Ghandi: How much will it cost?

Helen: We are reducing costs. It's not as expensive.

Eric: When you submitted your SOFA thing, you were going to spend a thousand on a keynote speaker.

Helen: It's not updated, we haven't decided on a speaker yet.

Steven: Whom have you come to for funding so far?

Helen: We will go talk to college senates; we have our own funds from Kresge. We also have funding from Kresge parliament.

Steven: If you want to go to QSU, we can probably help.

Shanna: How much funding do you have the event?

Helen: We have \$3,500.

DT: Have you gone to the other colleges?

Helen: No, not yet.

DT: Any other questions specifically for pride? Thank you so much and we will keep in contact with you.

Helen: We meet at Kresge; Wednesday's at 7PM; located at the student lounge.

Finalization of SOFA Recommendations

DT: The overall intention is to push this through as a block. If there are issues that your colleges/orgs found with specific recommendations, we will pull this out and discuss. We've had a lengthy discussion already about this. So let's start from there.

Shiku: **Motion** to approve.

Daniel: **Second.**

Michael: **Objection.** I just want to **clarify.** We shouldn't fund Rainbow that much money. We propose to give them \$2,500.

DT: We need to split them up.

Victor: **Point of clarification,** we can't apply one number to two proposals.

DT: Is there a dollar amount to be reconsidered for Birth of Word? CAD is giving them a certain amount under measure 49. Even though they are a part of CAD, it doesn't mean they are getting funding for it. One of them is getting funding from CAD.

Rebecca: It doesn't seem like the KASA event needs that much money. It's more actually the event itself, while everyone serves a large population, you can correct me if I am wrong. The purpose of SOFA is benefit large portions.

Daniel: In Porter senate, we approved some funding for them. The student body is able to watch them. It's not exclusive. They are a RSO. Pride came and they serve a large constituency, they are still an RSO and they do tend to students.

Shiku: Can you **clarify** what SOFA is geared to do?

DT: SOFA is a recommendation body, they have to be an RSO and there is a bunch of criteria. It is on the bylaws, page 24. To get back to Michael's concern, only one of them getting money from measure 49.

Michael: We would like to propose that Say You Heard My Echo get \$1,000.

DT: Michael's concern is that they are getting money.

Shiku: I would like to **object**.

Daniel: **Second**.

Shiku: It's a really short turnaround time, that additional \$500 can stall their event. I think that it might slow down and they might not find a source of funding.

Victor: Kelly Tsai is an amazing spoken word artist, to bring her onto campus. She is amazing and she is really down to earth. I would propose to keep it at \$1,500.

Ghandi: I'm on the same page; Stevenson council didn't fund them for the same reason to go with Michael's valid point. We had budgetary issues at Stevenson council, since SUA has a big budget, I don't think we should fund their full requested amount.

Ivan: It is a valid point but also, I know a lot of other events, had I known they will have tickets. These are events that they are seeking funds and they don't have enough if they are looking for money.

Rocio: I was going off Ivan's point; all other funding places they are receiving money from aren't guaranteed. It'll bring a big amount of people to event. We should keep the amount. A lot of spaces they are going to does not necessarily guarantee them they get money.

Eric: I also think we should keep it at the set amount, it's not like they are giving them a full amount that they asked. I think they deserve this amount.

Shaz: Can we look at the total budget?

DT: It was sent out on the minutes that Tem sent out. Make sure you look at it before the meeting. Are there any other discussions?

VOTE:

All in favor of giving them \$1,000: 5

All opposed: 16

Abstentions: 4

The motion to give them \$1,000 does not pass and they will receive their intended amount of \$1,500.

DT: Anything else we want to pull?

Ian: VSA Cultural show, there is a stipulation. On the proposal they are going to Costco for their items, I don't know if Costco's abides with our sustainability requirements so I **motion** that they talk to Porter about it.

Louise: We just want them to work with the dining hall and abide by the compostable rules.

DT: The motion is that they should work compostable materials that work with the system.

Lila: **Second.**

Shiku: **Point of clarification**, the \$1,000 would go to pay Porter to deal with the compost, so is it an item they pay for?

DT: They would buy the compostable products from Porter.

Michael: **Second.**

DT: Any objections to move by consensus? So moved. We will let them know tomorrow.

Slug Shuttle Fee presentation by Shaz Umer



Slug Shuttle Fee
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Summary Report
020913.pdf



Fall 2012 SS Time &
Place chart.pdf

I have the measure language on the screen. (3 attachments)

Shaz: Is there any questions on the measure itself?

Victor: I have three questions. You mention you went to the colleges?

Shaz: We went to the colleges for sponsorship. If any orgs want to invite us, we are willing to do sponsorships.

Victor: Which colleges in particular?

Shaz: College 9 said they would sponsor.

Victor: The 90% said they like it but how many said they would want to pay for it?

Shaz: We don't have a question in particular.

Victor: Are you thinking about writing a referendum?

Shaz: Absolutely. We want to know that this is a cost that people want to bear?

Melody: Who did you ask?

Shaz: The survey was the people who wanted and took the trip and the students who cancelled.

Shaz: We did the surveys primarily because it's happening in the spring; we want to see if we can make improvements.

Melody: You surveyed students at town meetings?

Shaz: We asked them during town hall meetings, they were surveyed.

Melody: Do we have a comparison of the two?

Shaz: It was more vocal.

Eric: Would there be a way to opt out of this fee? I personally wouldn't use this service.

Shaz: I'm sure you can waive this fee. Why is the fee being added? The number one reason for this is safety for the students. This will help freshman and sophomore. It'll be difficult for them to get back home. If the parents ask you how they child is getting home, we can say student government is pushing for this. It's not going to involve TAPS; it's a new service that we hopefully will be involved with this program. You may be looking at an appeal process for this fee.

Ivan: I was looking at the actual language and I have the same questions as Melody did. This data is the people that want to take the ride. That is a very low margin. For those people who didn't take the survey, do you count them as abstentions?

Shaz: These numbers are just to improve our program for spring break. We include any information for these services. This is what we are working on with TAPS. I'm here to answer questions for the measure itself.

Rebecca: In the proposal, you talk about a cancellation fee. What will the cancellation fee be used for?

Shaz: It's going through a committee. The money could be allocated to new shuttles or bike shuttles; we want to focus on the slug shuttle. If that is what they want to do, it's what can happen.

Kelsey: In the spring, will the round trip be available?

Shaz: Depending on how much money is being available, we are running round trip for this year so we can assess for next year. We are still working it out for this year.

Kelsey: A follow up question, can we just be picked up at the airport?

Shaz: You would have to book individual tickets.

Maria: On the second page, this would apply to approximately 800 students quarterly. It's less than 5% of the student body so I have reservations about having the student body paying for this.

Shaz: It goes back to what Eric said, it's not another TAPS fee, this is a campaign under SUA and the main purpose of this fee is safety for the students. I'm not here for an endorsement but I'm here for a sponsorship.

Maria: TAPS already charges \$330 so are they using some of that money?

Shaz: They are in a deficit right now, they do have a small pot of money from parking tickets and they are willing to try out this is a pilot program.

Shiku: My question is in regards to is that it'll be on the ballot; I would want your office to survey a lot of students on campus to see if they would like to pay. Asking the students that already take it would be a yes. So I'm asking for around 1,700 people. Ask them a question and put in option that if one did need that option, it could be on there. You would be paying on an individual basis if you actually needed the ride.

Shaz: We publicized at the colleges about this. About surveying population wise, we survey a lot of students and that's when we start meeting students and parents.

Shiku: I think the break down is where the official numbers of the people you have been speaking to is. Having the thousand people you spoken to would help me understand the information needed. The official numbers would help ease our mind.

Shaz: We sent a campus wide e-mail; there is only so much we can do. If SUA wants us to physically ask students, we can do that but it's a lot of work.

DT: We are over time; there will be more discussion next meeting. Or we can extend time. Let's not pass this and have people out.

Mick: **Motion** to extend time by 5 minutes.

Vanessa: **Second.**

Shaz: This is just general information about the surveying with did to improve spring quarter. I'm here for the ballot.

DT: Any objections meaning we will meet at 9.

Ivan: I think the discussion we have had is redundant, we need more numbers so that is my objection.

Vote:

In favor of increasing time: 5

All opposed: 13

SUA Constitutional Amendment final version presented by Vanessa Morales

DT: This is just a presentation and will only have clarifying questions.

Shiku: To **clarify**, so the money that is usually for the OD would be reallocated.

Vanessa: Either we create a new position or the money would have to be cut, if the other is an intern, then we move the money around.

Rocio: This is regarding the other orgs; there are other orgs on campus.

Vanessa: It's not limiting those orgs.

Kevin: So you are just asking for sponsorship for one of the two options, whether the OD as an intern and one as two OD's. What is the rationale for taking out the OD position?

Vanessa: I would want to make one focus on on-campus and one to work on off-campus.

Louise: So, we have asked this question as a senate, what is the difference between a hold and a veto?

Vanessa: It would be a 3/4th majority would institute this hold if they believe there is information that comes up, they can bring it back to body to discuss it. It's like a failsafe; either there is not enough info for an informed discussion.

Louise: I wanted to know what would make a hold legitimate.

Vanessa: Let's say the find out an org had to change a date of an event; the officers would bring it back to reconsider their decision.

Rebecca: I have a **question** about the chair system to executive system, why would we need that in this space.

Vanessa: We would want a position to focus on the meeting. It's like somebody directing the meeting such as when Tem is typing it's his job.

Mick: The fact that the SUA is a growing org, sooner or later the needs will increase, this is why we are preparing for this and streamlining this transition. If we make this possible, we would make this easier and help SUA function efficiently.

Rebecca: I still don't understand why we need to change the titles of the officer.

Melody: **Motion** to add 5 minutes.

Ian: **Second**.

DT: So moved.

Ivan: I like this information to be send out to MeCHA.

Vanessa: I need to get the sponsorship done.

Ivan: My question is about the chair/executive dynamics, I want to ask why we would change to the system that we want to stay away from.

Vanessa: I know most of the agenda items are come up by officers.

Shiku: The officers do not rule or dictate what goes on the agenda. Please do not use false statements.

Vanessa: I'm referring to the trend.

Ivan: The additional spots for folks, I'm also wondering what would be the process of that, because you are allowing new seats.

Vanessa: Ideally, I would like the seats open to anybody, I don't want to tell orgs that are already here that they can't. The ones that are here are here. I want to open up new spots for new voices.

Ivan: The parliamentarian position, I'm understand that the chair of the board facilitates, I'm wondering how that will contest with this, I'm wondering the how adding another intern would fulfill the position of the chair's job.

Louise: So this person will facilitate the meeting?

DT: This is coming back to this space next week.

Shiku: **Motion** to extend 6 minutes.

Rocio: **Second**.

Shaz: There are a lot of things that need to be discussed; we should have a lot of time next week.

Omar: If a lot of the questions, ask the people presenting.

Shaz: 5 minutes is not enough time. Next week is for the bigger discussion.

VOTE:

All in favor to extend by 5 minutes: 9

All opposed: 12

Abstentions: 4

Mick: **Motion** to close speakers list.

Max: **Second.**

Shaz: **Objection**, we are out of time.

VOTE:

In favoring for having a speakers list: 9

Opposed to speakers list: 12

Library Referendum Resolution by DT

DT: I've been in communication with the librarian, I didn't want to sign this off without everyone's approval for sponsorship or not. It was great that so many people had things to say. We get to challenge each other, it's not just one person says something and everyone agrees. I wanted you all to acknowledge that. I'm continuously getting temperature checks about how people feel about the campus. What came out of that this is something we don't want to sponsor. If this was on the ballot, is this something you would vote for. When I clarified the extension of hours and paying for it, people said no. Library doesn't get any from this. There isn't much we got from prop 30. In collaboration with these folks, I incorporated a lot of fixes in this draft. As it looks right now, and it's understandably so, the undergrads are against this. The graduates even voted for the referendum because they know that as TA's, their students need the library and it should be a temporary fix. You will all get this sent out on the minutes so I'll read through it.

Mick: I like it.

DT: If there are things you want to change so we can do that next meeting.

Louise: So we are going to vote on two separating things?

DT: I'll make two different docs. Not all the colleges confirmed.

Shiku: I was wondering if we could shift our energy to educating the students.

DT: The portion where it says “demands”, the EVC will sign this too. I want to get a feel from SUA and see if we can collaborate with GSA. I’m not sure if that would be the case.

Shiku: I’m pushing for an education campaign.

DT: That is a great amount of power since they are our TA’s.

Max: I wish everyone could stay longer. Let’s move on.

Rebecca: **Point of clarification**, so what we are doing with this?

DT: What I’m trying to get from her is to get a sunset clause, it’s still something that we aren’t support of, I want to check in with her what the process. We can’t amend the ballot language. If the EVC says you can, then it could be. We want students to vote on it, that’s what sponsoring means.

Max: I forgot to mention, GSA didn’t endorse it. The library isn’t running it as one undergrad, one grad. They won’t get it by petition from GSA.

Kevin: I am just going to suggest the T-shirt proposal and table it next week.

Everyone **seconds**.

Adjournment at 9:10PM