

Student Union Assembly
Tuesday, 3/12/2013

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), 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), Adrianna Gonzales, Carl Eadler (Kresge Alt.), Kelsey Rousseve (Kresge), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Maria Jennings (LL), David Nguyen (Merrill), Michael Liber (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), CJ Ocampo (Nine), Iden Yekan (Nine), Shanna Ballesteros (Nine), Kayla Oh (Oakes Alt.), Linda Moua (Oakes), Melody Aguilar (Oakes), Sindy Ramirez (Oakes), Etienne Laffargue (MeCHA), Jocqui Smollett (ABSA), Justin McClendon (QSU Alt.), Omar Bravo (APISA), Steven Hernandez (QSU), Daniel Lewis (Porter), Mick Del Rosario (Porter Alt.), Shingo Brann (Porter), Charlsie Chang (Stevenson), Kevin Troxell (Stevenson), Lila Blackney (Stevenon Alt.), Sammie Vega (Stevenson), Jessica Veklerov (Ten), Megana Kunda (Ten), Rebecca Brown (Ten), Eric Rubin (Treasurer), Michael Amster, Nallely Ramirez,

Assembly Members Absent: Norma Vasquez (APC), Brittany Smith (CoS), Eddie Sanchez, Ivan Medina (MeCHA), Saam Keshavarzi (Ten Alt.),

Approval of the Agenda

DT: Make sure only three reps per college and one rep per organization are voting this meeting.

*At the start of the meeting, there are 32 people allowed to vote.

Max: **I motion** to remove the SUA constitution discussion from the agenda.

Lila: **Second.**

DT: Any objection to move by consensus?

Shiku: **Objection**, may I ask why?

Max: I don't want to waste SUA's time.

Rebecca: College 10 has a lot of questions. Maybe we can have a shorter conversation about it?

Max: It could be clarifying questions but I would like not to have a major discussion.

Shaz: **Question**, can there be a separate committee outside of SUA to talk about this?

DT: That already exists. The concern is outside of this space. I think it's fair that they ask clarifying questions.

Rocio: It would be really beneficial to discuss it during the meeting. It's a great opportunity to be present and learn about it.

DT: We will vote on it.

VOTE:

Favor to remove the constitution discussion: 15

All opposed to remove: 12

Abstentions: 5

The motion passes, it will be stricken from the agenda.

Shiku: Is it appropriate to vote if you just walked in?

Rebecca: We had a lot of questions and I want to make a motion to add 15 minutes where it is right now to talk about it.

Melody: **Second.**

Max: **Objection**, same reason as last time.

VOTE:

Favor to add 15 minutes to the agenda: 13

All opposed: 15

The motion fails.

DT: No other changes? May I add a suggestion to make a motion about the library presentation? I would like five minutes.

Mick: **Moved.**

Max: **Second.**

Iden: Is it the same thing?

DT: I have updates. I like us to look at it again and provide updates. It's quite necessary. Are there any objections by consensus? It could be the last presentation after slug shuttle.

Lila: **Motion** to approve.

Kelsey: **Second.**

DT: So moved.

Reading of the Previous Meetings' Minutes

Ian: Page 5, regarding my motion for the additional stipulation on the cultural show, it says that I had a motion; they had to work with porter dining hall. I always wanted to ask why there are two motions.

DT: Other changes to the minutes?

Max: So moved.

Shaz: **Second.**

DT: Any objections? Let us move to announcements.

Announcements

Rebecca: This week at the student union, there will be coffee and snacks from 3PM-5PM every day this week. Come to the student union because there is free food.

Jocqui: Destination Higher Education is coming April, program to bring African American students to campus. We are looking for volunteers. There is a volunteer meeting at 8PM and there is another one at the ABSA meeting Thursday.

Steven: This Saturday and Sunday study jam at the Cantu.

Lila: At Crown and Merrill, Friday rock wall, free Jamba juice. Come out and support. 11AM-1PM.

Shaz: Everyone should have received the email for slug shuttle. If you want to book a trip to the destinations or know anyone who needs a ride, sign up. We have one more time slot if you need a ride back. It's on TAPS website.

Victor: Who here went to SLC? My office is going to host a post follow up an event about prop 13. I wanted to open it up to this space. April 10th, week of action discussing immigration reform, organizing with student orgs a march that is going to start at quarry to meet other orgs and unions. It'll be on May 1st. it's a global day of action for a lot of +treasons. If you interested, please let me know so I can incorporate you in the emails.

DT: Any more announcements? First presentation is about Family Student Housing. *Not present yet. The next is the fossil fuels presentation. *Not present yet. We will move to the SLC report back.

SLC Report back by Melody and Brooklynn

Family Student Housing Presentation by Orville Canter



Family Student
Housing Proposal.doc

Orville: It's been a year since we spoke to you. Student families are being priced out of the housing. The students are dropping out and not applying for UCSC. The enrollment for UC's has increased by a third. It's a dramatic loss for a population in our campus diversity. There are fewer of us every year. We gave them an option for affordable family housing. We made a proposal for cooperating housing. If you build affordable housing for families, you bring in new funds. The other option is an additional funding. We are being loss and stretched. We want you to do something to preserve this small, but precious part of our campus community. It's a great place to raise a family. I can't send my kids downtown, I let them hang out here. UCOP won't approve of the funds for the project. They are trying to bring up enrollment but they have to drop the standards. They try to bring in money but they can't.

Daniel: My question is about is FSH buildings aren't sanitary anymore. They want to tear them all down and rebuild them?

Orville: I have no problem with them destroying the buildings; they just need to make it affordable.

Roshni: I just wanted to clarify, what is the reconstructions that are happening? And restate what we can do to help?

Orville: They are taking our rent and rebuilding. These families are poor. They are paying 500 a month for a place that students live in. The prices were too high, we were paying more for a project that we have no place in. we are trying to spread awareness. This is a diversity issue.

Roshni: Should we petition? Should we have a rally?

Orville: The need to know that there is a concern.

DT: They aren't affordable for families? Can they be affordable for students?

Orville: UCOP is going to ask how we are going to pay that. We can force enrollment and force people to live for two years on campus. The numbers of families are dropping. The rent keeps increasing. If they have another plan, I would like to hear it.

Rebecca: I'm confused, what's the rent problem?

Orville: You guys pay for a dorm. You guys are getting ripped off more than we are. I say started demanding affordable housing for all students. The cost per square foot is beyond anything. Cooperate housing would work. Students need to stand up for themselves. The ASFCME workers were helped. Some of these people are student parents.

Jessica: I remember hearing a while back about how they obliterated the child care system on campus.

Orville: They kicked out faculty, students, and community members. People had to drop out of school because they couldn't get child care. The waiting list is a year old again. You have to wait a year for care. We should form a resource center. We could open up child care and we could subsidize for people who need it.

Orville: We will rent it out to the students. Family housing was built in the 60's. It was kept at cost; it changed because they boosted the rent for dorms. They didn't think of costs and what would happen to the economy.

Chris: Sitting vacant, what is that?

Orville: There was a second child care facility near the base of campus. They closed it and it has been sitting there. The teachers who got laid off wanted to reopen it. They said they have to bid it out. It looks like they don't care.

Shanna: What was their response for the family student housing? Aren't they doing anything for help the standards?

Orville: There is mold, she developed asthma.

Rebecca: Have you guys ever considered suing?

Orville: We have. Not our first choice suing our Alma matter. At this point, I'm going to go down fighting, if you guys want to help, please join.

[UC Divestment from Fossil Fuels presented by David Shugar](#)



Jessica: Do you know how much of the 75 billion is invested in unsustainable corporations?

David: I don't have the exact number.

Daniel: you want them to only divest from companies like shell, or the companies that manufacture them.

David: I'm sure it's the companies only directly involved.

Daniel: For the next resolution, you should pressure them to invest in sustainable.

David: The first step is divesting, but that is the next step.

Ghandi: What kind of opposition is there to this?

David: I feel like the opposition isn't from the students but from the regents. I'm one of the only students in UCSC doing this.

Mick: How do you expect people CSCC to come over to campus and talk to us?

David: I'm part of them so it's hard to get them to get here.

Louise: What colleges have you asked for the endowments, does it include the UC's a whole?

David: The UC's have the same investment portfolio; we are asking to shift the portfolio.

Louise: I would like you to work with College 8. Quick concern, sometimes endowments are risky.

David: It's about the investments, and then you have your endowments go to a bank account to get an investment. Let's stop investing in fossil fuel. It'll only affect investment returns.

Rebecca: **Yield.**

Jocqui: What is the regent's argument?

David: A lot of the regents are big investors in fossil fuels.

Lyle: Are you going to other orgs and college?

David: I wanted to go to SUA since you all represent our UC.

Rebecca: How is it sure that we won't cost us money in the long term?

David: They published numerous studies; it doesn't affect your investment portfolio.

Rebecca: Could there be a reward, instead of trying to destroy these companies.

David: Reinvesting in green is our priority.

Max: I'm the chair of crown senate; it would be nice if you want to come to our senate, we'd love to have you. If you send me an email, I can put you on the agenda. It's a great piece to collaboration with government.

Shaz: I'm requesting t-shirts. They are for volunteers. I want all the volunteers to wear this t-shirt. It would be a great opportunity for SUA to get these shirts on time.

Kayla: I just wanted to add, last time, I did, it was chaotic. We want it more organized. The logo looks awesome. it helps keep things organized. We will also have signs. It is also great advertisement.

Shiku: My concern is that, we are using student fee money. I find it problematic that this is being brought to space while there is another referendum regarding the constitution.

Shaz: I don't know what that has to do with the proposal. I just want the SUA to know we are pushing a successful campaign. It'll help students instead. The constitutional amendments have nothing to do with this.

Carl: Do you have the logo?

Alfonso: I just wanted to bring up Shiku's point again. There seems to be a shift priority.

Max: So, from my experience, SUA has funded t-shirts time and time again. We fund shirts on a normal basis. I think this is a great use.

Melody: For this amount of money you are requesting? How much are you making? How many volunteers right now?

Shaz: We have 20-30 right now. It's a great campaign.

Lyle: I don't think it's a shift in priorities, this is an office in SUA and it's for the students.

Kevin: I don't think it's very questionable to get t-shirts in general. When the election commission is getting t-shirts, it's trying to get out the vote, this is actually using student fees to fund a service they may or may not. I'm actually reading the student handbook right now. (See Section 86.20). The political nature of this entire campaign, at that point, SUA can't use student fees to push it. If this were on a city on the hill press, that's something that students would be mad about.

Rebecca: I had a clarifying question, you were asking for \$750? Are you going to buy more t-shirts?

Shaz: It's just a cushion.

Rocio: It is concerning when you brought the presentation regarding slug shuttle, as SUA, we haven't sponsored the project, SUA is still concerned about. To use it with the name of SUA because there are a lot of students here that isn't completely sure about the slug shuttle in general. I don't want to dismiss the students talking about the shift of priorities, I feel like it's worth recognizing that it wasn't a priority shift.

Melody: As a rep, my community has concerns. It doesn't make sense to me. The vote campaign outreaches to whole campus. This only outreaches 5% of the student

population. I wanted to clarify that difference. Because there is not a lot of statistics, it's what I'm not concluding and so are the other reps.

Ghandi: So, I'm a first year, honestly I am disappointed how the government is acting. Attacking the priorities of the office is wrong. It is great to have this program safe to this effort. I am disappointed.

DT: He does bring a good point. Attack the issue, not the person. Things will get contentious. It's fine to be critical of an issue. Clapping like that delegitimizes their concern and it affects both sides. Make sure you check that on either end.

Vanessa: **Yield.**

Max: I reserve my right to make a **motion**. I hear the same points said differently, I move to vote.

Steven: **Second.**

Rebecca: **Objection**, Kevin had a legitimist concern. I support the slug shuttle. I just want to make sure that we would want this, and if we are in support of.

Sammie: I just want to reiterate that there is a misconception, last night; people reserved their spot to slug shuttle. It's a fantastic element of this service. It's not perfect, and it can improve. We could find a way to make it successful. This is a service for the students.

Lila: I just wanted to point at from my understanding, the get out of the vote campaign. It's just to show that this is on the ballot, not to vote for it, but to vote on it. I want to echo the sentiments of Ghandi; it's pointless to go back in forth, if you have questions, seek out Shaz after the meetings.

Shiku: I didn't want to sound like I was attacking Shaz; it's walking a fine line. It seems like the IVC office is on the shirt. It feels like the SUA is directly supported by the SUA. I don't really understand where this project is at the point where you can make big decision. Whatever the little amount, you are using the student's fees. I think it's a great idea, but the execution of it is questionable.

Lyle: **Yield.**

Nabeil: Can some provide clarification about the constitutional amendment that is being talked about?

Louise: I agree that it could be hectic to organize these buses; next time the slug shuttle will run is next quarter. The only purpose it would serve is campaigning. It would be questionable due to UCSC policy. Campaigning-wise, that could be a conflict.

Alfonso: **Motion** to extend time.

Mick: **Second.**

Jocqui: I like slug shuttle, I don't know about the t-shirts, I'm concerned with priority shifts. There are people in my community that have questions.

Shaz: I went to 9/10 senates. The constitution is very difficult to understand. I was there to answer questions. I think there are great concerns.

Vanessa: You can come to me after about the constitutional amendment.

Charlsie: All 10 colleges support slug shuttle, on behalf of Stevenson government, I'm voting for this.

Kevin: I don't think that my concern was really heard, I don't really appreciate that it's a direct attack. What I'm saying is that this is a direct violation of UCSC policy.

Sayo: I think Kevin has a point that I can talk to council about it.

DT: The motion on the floor is to fully fund.

Melody: Are we allowed to vote on it if we don't have all our q's answered?

DT: The amount for \$750 is coming from director of student of life pay.

Favor of fully funding:

VOTE

Favor: 22

Not in favor: 6

Abstentions: 3

Roll Call Vote:

Favor: Alexis Bartels (Crown), Corbin Hall (Crown), Giovanni Maldonado (Crown), Ian Bernstein (Eight), Roshni Advani (Eight), Carl Eadler (Kresge Alt.), Kelsey Rousseve (Kresge), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), David Nguyen (Merrill), Michael Liber (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), Iden Yekan (Nine), Kayla Oh (Oakes Alt.), Justin McClendon (QSU Alt.), Omar Bravo (APISA), Daniel Lewis (Porter), Mick Del Rosario (Porter Alt.), Charlsie Chang (Stevenson), Lila Blackney (Stevenson Alt.), Sammie Vega (Stevenson), Megana Kunda (Ten)

Not in Favor: Kevin Huang (OD), Rocio Zamora (COD), Shiku Muhire (COAA), Victor Velasco (EVC), Nicolette Johnson (Cowell), CJ Ocampo (Nine), Linda Moua (Oakes), Melody Aguilar (Oakes), Etienne Laffargue (MeCHA), Rebecca Brown (Ten)

Abstentions: Shaz Umer (IVC), Louise Cabansay (Eight), Jocqui Smollett (ABSA), Shingo Brann (Porter), Jessica Veklerov (Ten)

Motion passes.

Library Referendum presented by DT

DT: Thank you for sending me language. I incorporated it within the overall sentiment. If you have not heard, GSA said no to sponsor. This was meant to be temporary. Don't let this come back to us and I told her that. She hears the student sentiment. The EVC and I are going to block this referendum. I don't want us to criminalize the library. The referendum will not be happening. The UC will cover the hours. It's something we are still fighting for. We have a year. This is a direct from the EVC. She will sign off this. So that is the update.

Mick: It's good, we like it. We finally got it to the point, it's perfect to me.

Victor: Comment, I want to say thank you, it really takes a strong leader to do this, it takes a lot to be aggressive. I don't know many chairs that could buy use that time. They are paying millions of dollars to buy time.

Daniel: Just on the language, there is a typo.

DT: There is always money; it's just where your priorities lie.

Daniel: Are they going to tell us where the money comes from.

DT: We need to pass this and we don't want a student service to get cut.

Rebecca: **Point of clarification**, this won't come out of the departments

Jessica: **Motion** to pass the resolution.

Shiku: **Second**.

DT: Any objections? So moved.

Brief 5 Minute Intermission



SUA Elections
Reform March 2013.c

SUA Bylaws Amendment

Iden: I am presenting an act for a reform the elections. There was a lot of chaos last year. It's going to be changing the bylaws to make a smoother process. It's going to make this process fairer. I'll **yield** to Austin now.

Austin: Hello everyone, I am the president of college 9. This last year was a little dramatic. Over the past year, I have gotten into discussion about proposing changes. What were handed out right now were changes to certain articles. I am presenting as a

member of the students. Going down the list, first off, we have commissioner pay in event of resignation. There were 3 election commissioners. The issue was about the pay. Krystal from Cowell talked about how unclear pay was during a resignation. They would receive their money in halves. (See Section 3 part V.) The next item is continuing enrollment. There is nothing in the code that says a graduate can run. The next is financial reporting. A lot of money was being spent on campaigns. I was informed that people spent more than their funds. One thing I considered is that there should be a cap on money spent on the elections. The idea behind this is that you can receive campaign contributions. It's so candidates can't be outspent. In the past, we have seen all the flyers, we want to change that. We are a school that is all about sustainability. We want to ban people putting flyers in the lecture halls. The next one is under the hearings, someone can file a complaint.

DT: We can have a minor discussion/clarifying questions.

Justin: I have a **question**, with the first point, if they both resign halfway, does that mean the person stepping in would get the other half.

Austin: The bylaws don't stipulate that far, what I'd assume is half way would get the money.

Iden: It's half the year right?

Austin: Its half the appointment period.

Michael: I would imagine that an elections commissioner wouldn't it be a burden to find a new person. I don't know understand why you are slicing it in half. The elections commissioner should get \$400 to start and \$600 to end. The change is up to the body. We just want to show that you have to complete the work.

Sayo: It's arbitrary really.

Jessica: I wanted to know the rationale behind the file to graduate. According to the application, the work period is May 1st to June 4th, I was wondering the problem concerning the graduate.

Austin: It's aimed towards the candidates.

Kelsey: You said that you are changing it to \$350; the money that they get \$250 from SUA is still the same? But the max they can spend is \$350?

Austin: The \$350 amount is an arbitrary limit; the rest can be spent with your own money.

Jocqui: How will people see if they spend over the \$350 limit?

Austin: The elections now state that people can get disqualified.

Jocqui: I'm just trying to think of how that process will go in that case.

Austin: The elections code asks to keep track of their finances.

Jocqui: So candidates can't flyer and chalkboard, so how will we get people to vote?

Austin: You don't need to flyer every single chair. It seems like a better use for the candidate and gets rid of the passive campaigning. It would be distracting to the student. It should be more outside campaigning.

Rebecca: The only reason that I knew about the elections were because of the flyers. If someone came up to me from quarry plaza, I'd try to stay away from them. I don't think it would slow the elections. I do recognize that they are wasteful.

Victor: I have a few questions. The first one is probably about what happened last year. Someone was pretty much bullied out of the position last year. I am wondering if that was taken to account.

Austin: We were addressing the pay directly. The issue of bullying, one of the things you can make that subject to punishment is intimidating the elections commissioner.

Victor: Where is all this money coming from for the budget?

DT: We can reassess that.

Shaz: Is it about campaign spending limits?

Victor: The money you are spending on elections, where will you get the reimbursement.

Austin: It won't have any direct impact on the budget. None of the changes affect the money SUA has. If you look under 5 C, it shows specifically about the officers.

Alfonso: I had a quick question about classroom flyering.

Austin: If you guys want the flyers, it's up to you guys.

Charlsie: I just wanted to point out the fact that seniors can't run anymore because last year, the senior candidate last year. It's because they care less since they have nothing to lose.

Max: I'm glad her words are being taken in to consideration. My concern is the half-pay, from what I learned from the commissioners last year, they all have different styles, let's do all this programming, the other one was like, let's get through all these cases. We should have an "at discretion."

Louise: My concerns were spoken by two other people.

Corbin: Flyers can still be put outside of classrooms. I don't really pay attention what's around me during lecture.

Victor: One of the candidates kept putting their posters outside the lecture halls, they almost got disqualified. We can look into it.

DT: You can't do it.

Victor: The anonymous complaints, explain the rationale please?

Austin: Last year, we got a complaint that didn't even have a person who existed behind it. It'll be confidential. No other student will be involved.

Michael: I'm just curious of the election commissioners half way.

Austin: Each person had a different reason for leaving. Just to keep in mind, just being on the commission is stressful job. We have a lot of people arguing. Sometimes people can't handle the roll. It's difficult to be position.

DT: It's an important note that they all have varying issues. There was bullying involved. I don't want the sentiment that people couldn't handle their job, but there are a lot of things that happened last year. At the end of the day, they did work.

Rocio: **Yield.**



2013 SUA Elections
Timeline.docx

Elections Timeline by DT

I'm looking to do this on the April 2nd meeting. We can discuss that if we don't have reps for that quarter. The highlighted in yellow is what we want to talk about. If there is a fee referendum that is going to run, we need to get it to UCOP.

Max: I don't know what the case for someone else; I think my college would comfortable with the April 12th deadline.

Mick: **Motion** to approve the timeline.

Lila: **Second.**

DT: Any objections?

Kresge Pride Discussion

Louise: Since this is a campus wide event, college 8 has a line item so we give them the full amount.

Victor: In the past, where has this money come from? I know that there cost is high. In addition to that, there is a lot of amazing prizes. It's an incredible event. I'm just curious to know what line item specifically.

Michael: \$792.

Vanessa: Is that \$984.99 the current amount?

Rebecca: What is the highest possible amount we can fund them?

DT: My recommendation is to give them money is \$600 from SUA programming. We have rollover money. If wanted to take money from somewhere else, we could.

Louise: There is unused money from the parliamentary line item. There is quite a bit to play around with. I'm going to go around, give me recommendations. I'll create a sheet from whatever is left over. I'm taking recommendations.

Shaz: I wanted to make a motion to sponsor, and we can talk about the money later. We will allocate the certain money amounts. It's a great event. I **motion** to fund them with the stipulation that they talk about a money amount later.

Michael: **Second.**

DT: They haven't given us a timeline yet, we have a bit of time. Any objections?

Justin: Last time we talked about the budget, we talked about the UCSA funds were over the amount we predicted, has that changed.

DT: It'll be taken care of.

- Line items to take money out of:
- Parliamentary
 - RSO Carry
 - SOCC and SLC
 - SUA Programming

Shaz: **Motion** to adjourn.

Daniel: **Second.**

Adjournment at 9:06PM