

Student Union Assembly
Tuesday, 4/16/2013

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by DT Amajoyi (Chair)

Assembly Members Present: DT Amajoyi (Chair), Rocio Zamora (COD), Shaz Umer (IVC), Shiku Muhire (COAA), Victor Velasco (EVC), Kevin Huang (OD), Brittany Smith (CoS), Nicolette Johnson (Cowell), Kevin Flannery (Cowell), Linh Ngo (Cowell), Corbin Hall (Crown), Brad Mleynek (Crown), Max Hufft (Crown Alt.), Ian Bernstein (Eight), Louise Cabansay (Eight), Roshni Advani (Eight), Carl Eadler (Kresge), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Kelsey Rousseve (Kresge), Michael Liber (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), Justin McClendon (Merrill), CJ Ocampo (Nine), Iden Yekan (Nine), Shanna Ballesteros (Nine), Linda Moua (Oakes), Melody Aguilar (Oakes), Gabby Areas (Oakes), Daniel Lewis (Porter), Mick Del Rosario (Porter Alt.), Shingo Brann (Porter), Lila Blackney (Stevenon Alt.), Charlsie Chang (Stevenson), Guillermo Rogel (Stevenson), Rebecca Brown (Ten), Tony Milgram (Ten), Megana Kunda (Ten), Eric Rubin (Treasurer), Steven Hernandez (QSU)

Assembly Members Absent: Maria Jennings (LL), David Nguyen (Merrill), Nallely Ramirez (MeCHA), Jocqui Smollett (ABSA), Marinel Yoro (APISA), Michael Barney (Porter Alt.), Sammie Vega (Stevenson), Michael Amster

Approval of the Agenda

Rocio: **Motion** to add a funding proposal to the agenda for 10 minutes after committee report backs.

Mick: **Second.**

DT: So moved.

Mick: I would also like to add the SLAP event speaking to the agenda.

DT: It's been taken care of.

Mick: Okay.

Kevin: I make the **motion** to move to table election bylaw amendment till after May 21st.

Shiku: **Second.**

Rebecca: **Point of clarification**, why?

Kevin: I think it's in bad faith to change the code before campaigning begins after we already have our candidates and commissioners after they already adhere to their code of conduct.

Shaz: Because it was introduced last quarter, I think there are certain sections of the bylaws we should consider. I do agree with Kevin, we shouldn't need to look at certain ones.

DT: Before any new discussion, I do want to provide you all why we are looking at them this meeting of winter quarter. It didn't make sense to discuss a big topic without everyone here the first week. The second week back we had the election commissioner. It was a personal preference to stay on task. Our meeting would have been until 3 in the morning. It's a bit of reasoning for you all. I'll offer brief discussions. We can put it to the vote.

Max: I agree and disagree with both sides. There is a lot of small stuff on there that doesn't really change anything. If we address each item line by line, it stops people from stressing.

Shanna: There are things on there like posting flyers and financial tracking that should be considered but there are few that are major. They are important changes that happened since last year's election.

Kevin: I still think it is bad faith because its six days before campaigning. I don't think it's appropriate to change it and we can take time after elections to talk this out. I think the regulation of spending limits is good but it doesn't show when. I believe these needs to be thought out.

Rebecca: Well I do recognize what you are saying there, a lot of the stuff here is for clarification which I don't personally there is an issue with changing. At least the clarification stuff, I think we should have a conversation about it. I don't think it will hugely affect the choices the candidates will make.

Shaz: I'll **yield**. There are just minor changes on there.

Mick: **Yield**.

Kevin: **Point of clarification**, my motion is to table after the elections.

Vote:

Favor of tabling the bylaws amendment in the agenda to next week: 8

Keeping the bylaws amendment on today's agenda: 20

Abstentions: 6

We are keeping the bylaw amendment on the agenda.

Mick: **Motion** to approve the amended agenda.

Shanna: **Second**.

DT: So moved.

Reading of the Previous Meetings' Minutes

Linda: Door closes at 9:30PM

Mick: **Motion** to approve minutes.

Justin: **Second.**

DT: So moved.

Announcements

Mick: I have two things: I would like to request a moment of silence for the Boston tragedy. Thank you. On a lighter note, there are democrat party meetings every Monday evening from 7-7:45PM third floor above the bookstore.

Eric: Hi my name is Eric, my announcement is about SOFA, I have received some but the majority has not sent them. Please e-mail me a SOFA rep. My e-mail is on the sheet.

Rebecca: This announcement pertains to SUA as a whole. The dean's office has decided that some parts of campus be retrofitted. SUA will be kicked out of the student union for a year. There will be a meeting about it and it concerns whether they want to be for the year. It'll be Thursday April 18th at 9PM at the second floor of SUA. People who want to help make the decision, that'll be next Thursday same place.

Shiku: I was curious if the big five orgs know that their spaces will be moved.

Rebecca: SUGB sent e-mail to me about the notification.

DT: The redwood lounge and e-squared are involved in this, how many where you around when they asked where SUA wanted to be at. I'm currently in negotiations with where our space might be. I think there are better proposals where we will end up. This is for years to come. There are a couple different spaces I see for us to get but they are all in talks. Literally people are coming in to the offices just to measure things with no notification. This is an issue of respect and a simple thing is let us know you are coming, and give you three weeks to know where you want to be at.

Rebecca: A lot of the proposals that they sent involved campus-wide students' spaces and convert them to storage. That is what we need your help on. It may cost more but at least we maintain.

Shanna: Did they think about where they want to send them?

DT: None of the proposals were efficient. The dean's office came up with a list of why they are doing this but they didn't tell people what was going on.

Steven: QSU is having a spring mixer, 7-10PM on May 1st; we are hiking to the Garden of Eden April 21st and are meeting at 12 near upper campus.

Michael: On April 21st, we are having Moat Day and having a barbecue.

Shaz: We are in secondary auditions right now. We've cut down to 29 people. It's on Friday 26th from 7-10PM. We also have a promotional video out. It has all of our judges on there.

Linda: Is the event formal?

Shaz: We encourage it.

DT: This weekend on April 20th, Indian Student Organization's cultural show, starts at 7PM at Mainstage.

Introductions by Kelly and Cassidy

DT: If you have any questions for them, feel free to contact them and they've already started working. I'm excited for election season.

Committee Breakouts and Reportbacks

Maria: Lobby core and people power discussed that all the Cal grant bills have been more accessible. On April 23rd, 24th, and 25th, there are hearings for a ton of other bills we are supporting. We will want to get as many students up there. If there is any interest in lobbying, we are going to take vans of students up. You don't have to come all the days. It's all-free of charge. Let me know.

Melody: We want to have a week of action. We talked about it having the second week of May. If you are interested, I'm going to pass a sheet a paper.

Steven: We are working on the resource centers and talking about a possible rally of action with students that want to be involved with helping out our resource centers. We are meeting on Friday at 2:30PM. Anyone who is interested in diversity, please come.

Linh: We were discussing the class survey. We are trying to have a smaller target audience. We are also thinking about sending it out during enrollment. Another idea we were discussing is our midnight snack attacks during midterm and final weeks. We are trying to hashtag so students can know about this and vote.

Shaz: UCSC's Got Talent Video

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4FZD9RVXcQ>

Rocio: The Color of Gendered Violence Presentation



Bylaw Amendment Discussion

Shanna and Iden:



Rebecca: When it comes to college 10, they'd feel comfortable with us voting.

Mick: I just wanted to point out that it's been out for four weeks.

CJ: Back to Louise's point, is there a problem with legality for a revised election's code?

DT: It'll get messy if we push it back.

Max: We should vote on this and if we aren't allowed, we can just let it be void.

DT: Given policy, if we can't do it, we won't do it.

Ivan: Can you make a motion saying if this is legal, it will go through.

DT: If it goes against policy, it goes over us.

Kevin: If we make the decision tonight, when will we hear from policy?

DT: I will e-mail them tonight. I'll defer to Lucy. Let's start with the first one.

Eric: I approve that you guys are trying to fix this loophole, the one problem I have with it is that if they want to be paid for half their work, it could get messy by determining half.

Iden: It's half of the time they are in that office.

Kevin: **Point of clarification**, they are only in there for spring quarter.

Shanna: It's the moment they start till they finish.

Rebecca: So pretty much the ending of elections, you would cut it down that the middle.

DT: The body decides whether the person is sufficient in their position.

Rocio: I had a question about the receiving pay if they resign, does this take into consideration the circumstances of why they resigned. To my understanding, they were bullied out of the space, does that take into consideration into the circumstance.

Iden: This is just in terms of time. If you quit halfway, it's halfway.

Rocio: I'm just questioning if it takes the work they did into account.

Shanna: It's hard for us to measure their work load.

CJ: **Point of concern**, it isn't clear and it could be ambiguous and used against the space in a way of an argument.

Vanessa: Can you suggest that it's when they are hired and the results are in?

DT: I think putting in what Vanessa said would suffice.

Rebecca: I do have one thing on this; I don't like the word "satisfactory" because it's ambiguous. That may be a word that creates controversy. It could really end up screwing the person and possibly this space.

Carl: My question is, if it is by time, what would happen for the person and their work duration.

DT: There are hourly agreements and agreement pay. Some elections do more work than others. We can determine if they did a good job or not.

Ivan: One of the things I wanted to take into consideration, if you are cutting it in half, wouldn't it be something like an hourly thing? We can have SUA determine the work situation and amount of work done.

Corbin: Is it possible to as a space, agree to track down bullying so they don't have to resign?

Shiku: On that note, wouldn't that contradict that we aren't an investigative space?

Shaz: There is a space that actually does that.

Vanessa: Based on the discussion we are having, the current status of the election bylaws, it already says that on the bylaws. The job description says that they are paid half of the amount at the midpoint and the rest at the end.

Justin: The only thing that this is changing is the first line.

Iden: This is clarifying language.

Mick: I just want to suggest that we do have the power to make edits.

Kevin: I just suggest editing since people are having the same discussion over and over. I suggest a motion.

Justin: The bold red line is the only thing that we are changing.

Kevin: I think it's valid to clarify that. I want to suggest midpoint of employment and I really do see a problem with "satisfactory".

Victor: Because this is a university hire, are we still allowed to make amendments to job description?

Ghandi: How is "satisfactory" determined within our space?

Rebecca: It would be nice to take into consideration, we are working as employers and not anything at else.

Vanessa: I **motion** to extend time by 20 minutes.

Roshni: **Second.**

DT: So moved.

Vanessa: **Motion** to change the language “midpoint” to “midpoint from hire to end of the election period”.

Ian: **Second.**

Shiku: What happens if elections were extended?

DT: Last year was a what-if scenario. We just need a bottom-line level for security

Louise: I would make a friendly amendment, would be “prorate”.

DT: In the case that they worked two weeks, they have to get paid.

Ivan: **Objection**, I don’t believe in that cutting it in half would work that way, when you cut it at half-point. I feel like there is an alternative option.

DT: Being paid hourly is different from agreement. The midpoint is a pay period, not an hourly amount.

Iden: It just goes back to the satisfactory term. It’s a flexible term. It always goes back to whether it’s a constitutional term.

Ivan: I rescind my **objection**.

DT: Are there any objections now?

Vote:

All in favor of passing the motion: 26

All those against passing the motion: 0

Abstentions: 5

Amendment passes.

Lyle: **Yield.**

Louise: **Yield.**

Kevin: **Move** to approve this amendment.

Shaz: **Second.**

DT: Any objections? Moved.

Carl: **Motion** to approve the second one.

Brad: **Second.**

DT: Any objections? So moved.

Lila: I feel like we shouldn't pass this one right now, there should be a way to implement a way to track the money being spent. We should wait after to do this one.

Kevin: **Move** to table until after election.

Justin: **Second.**

DT: So moved.

Vanessa: **Motion** to approve this amendment.

Ian: **Second.**

DT: Any objections? So moved.

Rebecca: I would like to say that this would be detrimental to campaigning and turnout. I think we are micromanaging too much. I feel like this would be hard to enforce. These flyers are very important and they are important to a lot of people.

Shiku: In terms of the fliers being in the back of a chair, the first person might get the flier but the next might. The whole point is to advertise a lot of people. It's actually more wasteful to hand a flier to someone. This seems a little counterproductive.

Iden: **Point of clarification**, right now, we are just focusing on putting it on the back of chairs. As the language is right now, it was just a suggestion.

Shiku: There are so many other locations you can put the fliers.

Ghandi: I am all for sustainability, it's really going to lower the turnout and harm the elections even though it's not UCSC material to be wasteful.

Shanna: It's because people have seen students throw it on the ground. We are trying to do it save the space for education and not advertising.

Justin: **Motion** to add 15 minutes for all.

Mick: **Second.**

DT: So moved.

Ian: So I know that the point has been brought up that it's really a great way to getting the point across, I don't see why it would be necessary not to just restrict.

Louise: I just wanted to make the point out that someone could put flyers for a candidate and there is no mechanism in place to prove that someone else could flyer.

Iden: **Point of clarification**, this whole thing is in good faith. There is a lot of ways people can cheat; this is hoping that the candidate won't cheat. It's up to them to make that choice. Hopefully, we can trust the commission to make the right the decisions.

Shaz: It's more about name recognition, when you are campaigning, you should get to know the students. I remember last year, people called me at 10PM and I saw a classroom trashed and the custodians had to clean that up. It's just not sustainable at all.

Mick: **Yield.**

Carl: I am going to make the suggestion that flyers in the classroom should have a size limit and recycle thing on it.

Brad: I'd rather have the candidates come up to me. It's a mess, not just elections. They get thrown on the ground. I don't think having a "please recycle" would work too. It's the job of the candidates to get their word out; I want someone to be personal instead of a piece of paper. I think we will get more qualified candidates.

DT: You should be doing both, it's not in replacement of.

Kevin: I am going to reserve my right to make a motion; I think Rebecca makes a good point of micromanaging too much, I move to not approve this amendment.

Rebecca: **Second.**

Max: **Objection**, I think a lot of people support this.

Vanessa: About the micromanagement thing, we already have places where you can't put flyers.

Shiku: I do see this in good faith; I also believe that there should be a negotiation between university and SUA and the custodians. We should go to the university and find a common middle ground.

Rocio: I want to make three points: Flyering, if we want to retain the educational space, there are other ways of distractions like Facebook; there have been so many rallies for the workers when there hasn't been support for the workers all year.

Shaz: Call to question.

DT: Right now, we are voting to vote on Kevin's motion.

Vote:

In favor to not pass this amendment: 11

In favor to pass this amendment: 17

Abstentions: 2

Motion fails.

Kelsey: **Motion** to extend time 15 minutes.

Brad: Friendly amendment to extend time to 9PM.

Shaz: **Second.**

Lila: I reserve my right to make a **motion**; I know that the Cowell reps said they would bring it back to their college; I motion to table this after elections.

Kevin: **Second.**

Iden: **Objection**, I think that as representatives of our college that we are the voice.

Max: I would like to add to that, I've done my job and reported, I don't think my college should wait for others.

Kevin: It is six days before the campaign and this is a fundamental change.

Melody: Because it's very controversial, I really think we should get more voices from our colleges. Then again it's our responsible to bring this back to our college.

Shingo: If we don't pass this now, the main point is that there will be paper wasted. The main point is going to be a waste.

Rebecca: Unfortunately, I don't actually think it'll be on the floor of the classrooms, but it'll be on the floors of the quarry, etc.

Vote:

Motion to table this discussion of the amendment till after the elections: 13

Opposed to tabling: 15

Abstentions: 3

It does not pass.

Carl: **Motion** to pass this amendment.

Ian: **Second.**

Rebecca: **Objection**, if this bothers people this much, we should talk about it.

Ghandi: We need more people to do this. We've been brushing this to the side.

Idea: One point we are trying to make is to make this based on the candidates and what they are going to do with their plan. I feel like these flyers don't really tell you anything. They just put a platform there. It didn't educate you. It was a marketing thing like who could get the most flyers out. Quite frankly, one slate had much more flyers than the other. This is to make it fair for what the candidates are trying to do and not based on the picture. It should be about the person and what they'll do for the campus. Most students aren't responsible students when it comes to flyers. You have to think about much money you'll save.

Shiku: **Point of clarification**, is it okay for this to be presented because it sounds like the amendment is trying to curve for a party that was out-flyered last year?

Vanessa: **I reserve my right to make a motion**, we are just going to yell at each other, it is possible for us make our decision in effect at any time.

Kevin: The thing with implementing it next week is that candidates already signed the papers in agreement to the rules.

Vanessa: **Friendly amendment**, I say we postpone Carl's motion and the discussion and vote on it next week.

Vote

Pass the amendment: 17

Objection: 11

Abstentions: 5

It does not pass.

Shaz: I **move** Vanessa's motion.

Rebecca: **Second.**

Vote:

Favor to table: 20

Opposed: 4

Abstentions: 6

Motion passes; we will table this to next meeting.

Max: **Motion** to approve.

Vanessa: **Second.**

Victor: **Point of clarification**, who will they meet?

Max: Lucy.

DT: **Point of clarification**, what if I am a visitor or worker and see that there is a problem.

Max: In my mind, the first thing is that the campus elections commissioner has the campus directory. It's one less step that has to happen.

Rebecca: **Point of clarification**, can you clarify the process of section (i)?

Vanessa: They would submit the evidence and keep them anonymous.

Mick: **Motion** to extend time to 9:15PM.

Lila: **Second.**

Iden: We should change the language to make it clearer.

Rebecca: You said you want the student to provide an ID, and then you want them to meet with the elections commissioner?

DT: There seems to be clarity.

Max: I'll **amend** my motion.

Vanessa: Once the identity is clarified by the campus elections commissioner, the evidence would be submitted by the elections commissioner on behalf of the anonymous.

Max: The person would say an anonymous person came to me with this evidence; it's all to verify that they are a student.

Justin: **Second.**

Amendment passes.

Justin: **Motion** to pass the amendment with the changes to be made.

Max: **Second.**

DT: So moved.

Ian: **Motion** to adjourn.

Louise: Second.

Adjournment at 9:10PM