

Student Union Assembly  
Tuesday, 4/23/2013

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM 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), Brittany Smith (CoSoC), Kevin Flannery (Cowell), Linh Ngo (Cowell), Corbin Hall (Crown), Giovanni Maldonado (Crown), Max Hufft (Crown Alt.), Ian Bernstein (Eight), Roshni Advani (Eight), Carl Eadler (Kresge), Kelsey Rousseve (Kresge), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Maria Jennings (LL), Justin McClendon (Merrill), Michael Liber (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), CJ Ocampo (Nine), Iden Yekan (Nine), Shanna Ballesteros (Nine), Gabby Areas (Oakes), Linda Moua (Oakes), Melody Aguilar (Oakes), Nallely Ramirez (MeCHA), Steven Hernandez (QSU), Mick Del Rosario (Porter Alt.), Shingo Brann (Porter), Charlsie Chang (Stevenson), Lila Blackney (Stevenson Alt.), Megana Kunda (Ten), Rebecca Brown (Ten), Tony Milgram (Ten), Eric Rubin (Treasurer), Adrianna Gonzales (Intern COD), Alfonso Quintero (Oakes Alt.), Michael Amster

**Assembly Members Absent:** Nicolette Johnson (Cowell), Brad Mleynek (Crown), Louise Cabansay (Eight), Jocqui Smollett (ABSA), Luisa Lee (APISA), Daniel Lewis (Porter), Michael Barney (Porter Alt.), Guillermo Rogel (Stevenson), Sammie Vega (Stevenson),

Approval of the Agenda

Shaz: I **motion** to add after presentations a C4 presentation.

Lyle: **Second.**

DT: Any other changes? I am looking for a motion.

Iden: **Motion** to approve the agenda.

Shanna: **Second.**

Reading of the Previous Meetings' Minutes

DT: Let's move to the minutes.

Maria: I was there.

Mick: Please change my previous announcement to "UCSC College Democrats".

Justin: **Motion** to approve minutes.

Lila: **Second.**

DT: Moved.

### Announcements

Justin: Journey through India show was awesome. Tomorrow, the Dean of Students office is having a survey; you get a free slice of pizza, Quarry plaza from 12PM-2PM. Last time we got over 200 surveys. Moat day this Saturday as well.

Eric: I want to remind you that SOFA reps are needed soon.

Rocio: The American Indian resource center, this Saturday at 11-4PM at the FSH lawn.

Kevin: On Tuesday my office and SLAP are going to have a student power colloquium with Angus Johnston, this Thursday 7:30 at the MPR downstairs. There will also be a candle vigil for anniversary of when student loan debt hit a trillion.

Shaz: Our main event is this Friday at Stevenson Event Center. We got a lot of good talents. The alumni association will be there as well.

Steven: May 1<sup>st</sup> 7-10PM at the Cantu, we are having our spring mixer.

DT: Last we, two other officers and I talked to the media arts dean. It's a proposal for a new building for different reasons such as interdisciplinary reason like art or a place for people to play music. There is also a proposed park. The point is to engage students because we don't have that established place for that on our campus. They need student reps for this. April 26<sup>th</sup> in the alumni room.

Michael: When will the building be made?

DT: They need a 20 million dollar check. It would be a hub.

Rebecca: **Yield.**

CJ: Is the funds for that already secured?

DT: No, they are doing massive funding right now.

Justin: Are they concerned that the recital hall is there?

DT: It's also a space for live bands to come and people for programming.

Victor: We are going to host another online education forum 3:15-5:00PM at the Stevenson Event Center this Friday.

### Elections Bylaws Amendment Discussion

DT: I wanted to make sure SUA is protected legally. There were two people who didn't sign the new election form. Those two people would have the right to file a complaint so that is why I opted to present a compromise. Most of the candidates did sign the form. Those two people asked for their identity's to be kept and their reasoning. Lucy said we shouldn't do anything to the code that would jeopardize the candidates. Sayo said we should always abide by the bylaws. We need to talk about where we are going from here and talking about the last two items that we tabled. I wanted to talk about this as a space. Are there any clarifying questions?

Vanessa: We tabled the flyering one for this week and we tabled the spending limits for after elections.

DT: We would only be discussing the flyering one today.

Justin: Would the flyering discussion affect this years' election?

DT: It would be for next year. Are there any recommendations to move forward?

Iden: Since two candidates didn't feel comfortable, what we are doing right now wouldn't affect them.

DT: Quick thing, the ones we passed are minimal.

Kevin: I reserve my right to make a **motion**, can we just say that we will enforce them in practice and then next year we can officially use them next year? There is nothing in this that infringes on any of the candidates. It's all on the elections commissioner and how they operate. In the interest of time, I just make a motion for us to implement the bylaws that affect the election commissioners for this year and actually instate the

Lyle: Will they still be in actions this election?

Kevin: Just the ones that were passed. There are things that you can just add on.

Vanessa: **Point of clarification**, the last one can actually affect the candidates.

DT: My note about that last one, Lucy already plays a part in that right?

Lyle: The bylaws say that an anonymous complaint goes the campus elections officer.

Vanessa: It never said anything about it in the old one. The other thing I wanted to talk about is why they didn't want to sign it.

DT: The reasoning and their names are hidden.

Rebecca: I don't think the word "implement" should be used. Practice is a softer word.

Iden: For this election or next year?

Rebecca: Yes.

Iden: We all came to a mutual consensus so we should go along.

DT: What we can say is that we can regard these bylaws and its practices but we will not enforce them.

Corbin: For the sake of being safe, should we say “to the extent that the existing bylaw permits”?

Carl: If they aren't laws, why does it matter?

DT: I think it matters because folks brought this issue up, a lot of these things are clarification things. We are just dealing with wordplay.

Max: I just a **point of clarification**, the main reason we are asking people to sign off on these things is because we didn't know we could pass things after they signed their candidacy.

Lyle: Does that mean we would have to implement them next year?

Kevin: I **rescind** my motion. I motion to implement them for next the election.

Vanessa: **Second.**

DT: So moved.

Carl: **Motion** to pass the elections bylaws amendment regarding classroom flyering.

Shanna: It's for saving the education space.

Ian: **Second.**

Melody: **Objection**, I want it to go to a vote.

Kevin: I have concerns. The idea of sustainability has been pushed around with this and I believe there are a good intentions. I just don't know much change this will do. There are flyers all over the ground in UCB because they can't flyer in the classrooms. The sustainability office doesn't have flyering as one of its principals. The flyers would be outside where they won't be picking it up. Because we have service workers, they would recycle them. The staff wants students to be organized and there was no complain from the staff. As far as helping out workers, there is going to be some indirect consequences to doing them. You are giving admin more of an excuse to cut them off. Passing this

amendment as one direct consequences and it will affect student turnout and that concerns me. During our voting registration campaign, SUA was all about getting the vote out. The students wouldn't have any single piece of exposure to elections. You can't expect all 17,000 students to vote if they don't know about the elections. This will suppress the vote and that is not what elections should be about.

Michael: When I look at this, do we reach out to faculty about these laws?

DT: This is something that would be enforced by the elections commissioner. They would be in direct accordance with this. If it is the case where it's happening, the candidates would be sanctioned. To address, I believe the concern about voter suppression, it's about letting students know what people are doing for the campus and the SUA.

Michael A.: Also reaching out to the other orgs such as student athletes. A lot of the papers that come to me, I don't return to.

Gabby: We talked about this in our senate, we had an extensive conversation, we decided not the pass this. As the SUA, there are thousands that don't know about SUA, the candidates should be representing the students. Elections are the time to get people to care. A lot of students don't and that elections don't even matter. I think it's wrong to make assumptions that flyers don't do good. If it's sitting on the back of the chair, I'm going to read it. Everyone has the equal opportunity to flyer. It's about being involved and having elections' accessible.

Lila: They don't like flyer over at Stevenson. People write things on the flyers for stupid reasons. You are going to get candidates that actually care and more one on one time with the students.

DT: Please refrain from offensive things; it's fine if we disagree. Be respectful and articulate that.

Max: **Point of inquiry**, how long is the speakers list? Could you yield me to the bottom?

Corbin: First of all, it wouldn't create a huge amount litter outside of classrooms. As far as the effectiveness, it just becomes a competition rather than outreach to the people. I just know who is running but nothing about them.

Lisa: Just because it happens at UCB, it doesn't mean it'll happen here at UCSC. I agree that people don't really care about it in lecture halls. When I see actually slates tabling and getting out there, it seems that helps.

DT: I am going to remove committee breakouts.

Justin: Can we refer to them as candidates and not slates?

DT: I am implementing a redundancy clause or yield your time.

Rebecca: I wanted to say that college ten supports this mostly because it's about sustainability. Classrooms are for learning. I have mixed feelings about this. My issue is that we have a low voter turnout rate. What if we don't this and thus forcing candidates? We could do this as a trial. If voting turnout is an issue, this seems like it'll force people to talk to other students. I don't know if it'll help with the sustainability. When you are banned from a certain space, it could potentially be a problem. We aren't controlling the whole body.

Charlsie: I think the arguing for sustainability comes down to the individual. It's just a lot of small images. People are continuing to deface it and it doesn't seem beneficial at all.

Eric: I agree that flyering helps spread the awareness. I think campaign flyering isn't helpful in getting the world. I am for this bylaw because it doesn't seem to affect the turnout. It'll be more help for candidates to outreach.

Kevin: The get out the vote used flyers.

Brittany: I think it's great that we all want to talk. I see a reliance of social media. We are saying that Facebook is the most disconnected way of talking to people. I wouldn't know elections were happening with the flyer. If we are going to outreach to the students, how are we going to do that?

Shiku: Folks are saying that there is limited information on the flyers. The flyers on the back of the chairs have limited information. If I wanted to, I could put more info. That being said, as a candidate, I control what goes on it. Accessibility issues, it's a serious issue that cancelling flyering on this campus. The one thing we all have in common is we go to class. If I post all my information on Facebook, not everyone has one. It's a huge issue to limit the flyering to outside. There is a huge assumption that people don't have. It's more wasteful to have flyers handed out one on one. There are flyers still in classrooms that were put up on Monday.

Alfonso: **Yield.**

CJ: **Yield.**

Max: I reserve my right to make a motion; I think everyone here knows how exactly how they want to vote. I call to question.

**Vote:**

All those in favor of passing this bylaw: 20

Against: 10

Abstentions: 3

**Motion passes.**

Iden: The SUA is going to exist next year, in terms of the trial period; it's up to the body. It's becoming super complicated and drawn out.

Lyle: This will be implemented next election.

Carl: Should we have the elections commissioners get out of the vote?

DT: They have to abide by the code.

Victor: This is getting really messy. Regardless if we have a low turnout, if that's the case, does that mean we will go back to this? A lot of arguments are made and we should respect the decisions that were made.

Corbin: **Motion** to put a sunset clause for it to be revisited (next year has to run with it imposed, so it would be revisited the next elections)

Mick: I'll make an amendment, we will revisit during the 2013-2014 election cycle.

Shiku: **Second.**

Iden: **Point of clarification**, if it's not implemented this year, what's going to happen?

DT: It'll be after the elections next year.

Shanna: The reason why I am objecting is that we need be able to get data from students. It takes more than a year to assess it to get appropriate data.

Linda: **Point of clarification**, what is appropriate data?

Corbin: **Point of clarification**, can we extend time to collect data?

DT: The next day after elections, the data will be there. I recommend that the sunset clause should happen right after elections happen. The data always exists. If we do decide to extend time for more data, you can extend it.

Shiku: **Point of clarification**, there hasn't been data collected for how candidates are outreaching now.

DT: All these conversations will happen next year.

Maria: Next year, there won't be flying in classrooms, voting turnout would be affected.

Vanessa: We are going to have data next year. You want a buffer year so we don't have a stark change. If we analyze it for a year, that can be okay and helpful, but it won't gauge an accurate representation of what affected the turnout.

Rebecca: Having the re-visitation sooner would mean we could fix the damage just in case.

Mick: **Point of clarification**, classroom flyering would be banned.

DT: Yes, then they can assess what happens after the elections.

Vanessa: **Objection**, we should still do two years.

**Vote:**

Favor for passing the sunset clause: 19

Opposed: 6

Abstention: 7

**Motion passes.**

Seismic Retrofitting: Student Union presentation by DT Amajoyi

DT: What are our baseline needs for this? This is no plan for the big five organizations and they didn't build you into the plan.

CJ: **Point of clarification**, this is temporary or permanent?

DT: Both, many spaces are fighting.

CJ: A lot of these aren't even accommodating, the measurements don't even add up. My opinion is that we need solidarity between us. This isn't right. We don't want anything pass anything we already have. We can't be divided and conquered. We need a set of demands, so work with it.

DT: We need to know what our needs are such as space. We need things that are negotiable and non-negotiable. We are meeting again next week.

Lyle: With the money options in the corner, that's how much they'll spend for these different ideas?

DT: We haven't gotten any idea where the money is coming from?

Tony: Option 4, SUA is not there.

Rebecca: SUGB wants to know about what you guys think. I **yield**.

Alfonso: From the looks of this, I find it completely outrageous. We should be working with the orgs at risk and possibly take action against the university.

Victor: I am wondering if there are conversations of knocking down buildings in the quarry and build one huge student hub. Is it possible to demand more time? We have to



make a decision in the next three weeks. This is a body looking for feedback right now. Speaking as SUA, we demand to have more time because this needs to be a longer conversation.

DT: That gave us these two weeks ago; the new deadline is May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin: The timeline seems really rushed. I am curious to see who is pushing this. They seriously want to get this done fast. Every single option here shows a lost to student space. There shouldn't be any negotiation because we have the losing stick. The students should be choosing where places are going.

DT: Because this is something that is going to happen, I don't want us to be victimized as a space. All the options on here don't have to be our only options. Always note the things that happen and that they are not okay.

Shiku: **Motion** to extend time 8 minutes.

Melody: **Second**.

Lyle: **Objection**, it's going to be longer.

Shaz: **Motion** to extend time by 20.

Shiku: **Second**.

Rebecca: **Motion** to do the presentations first.

Shiku: **Second**.

#### C4 Dinner Presentation by Lisa

Lisa: C4 is a dinner. We are lucky to have significant amount of money. We are going for a big semi-formal dinner. We are having a multi-tiered cake. We are only short \$90.

Max: What does C4 mean?

Lisa: Cross Committee Communications Caucus.

Eric: When is it?

Lisa: May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Lyle: Where is it going to be?

Lisa: I am hoping it's this room.

Victor: What's the attendance like?

Lisa: I'm hoping with the outreach I am doing, I'm hoping for 50.

### The Color of Gendered Violence Proposal Discussion

Shaz: I reserve my right to make a **motion**; I motion to fully fund this conference.

Tony: **Second.**

### Seismic Retrofitting: Student Union Discussion continued

DT: Back to the seismic conversation.

Shiku: I feel like the organizations have grown as well as SUA so speaking as a student-led organization, we are almost at the equivalence them, if they proposals don't have them, they shouldn't be proposed. I would feel comfortable if they put the big five on the table.

DT: I don't think we should wait for the dean of students. If we can come to our own proposal, then we should.

Rebecca: SUGB would not let them behind. We wanted to keep SOAR with us and the orgs. SUGB has a \$10,000 budget. It would be a potential for more space.

Mick: Would that mean that we are removing the people from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Bay Tree Bookstore.

DT: We don't completely government.

Lila: **Yield.**

Rocio: My concern about the plans is that there is a lot of storage being added to this. I don't think these spaces are used for storage. Using our spaces for storage, I don't want any downgrade with what we already have.

Justin: **Point of clarification**, are we talking about moving permanently or just for this year. What buildings are going to be renovated?

Iden: **Point of clarification**, for study storage? Would there be studying?

CJ: I think we should move temporarily for a year. In that case, we need a contract, wherever we go, it's only a year. We should take the measurements and we shouldn't go other smaller. None of the options they gave us are okay.

Shanna: **Point of clarification**, so you asking us to come up with a proposal? I don't think it's appropriate to have a proposal without talking with the other groups.

DT: We want a unified front as students.

Justin: When is SUGB' final deadline?

Rebecca: The last day is May 10<sup>th</sup> . There is hope of maybe getting reps of the student orgs and talking to the dean in person.

Vanessa: What's "reflect" on there?

DT: It'll be both meditation space and prayer.

Carl: **Motion** to adjourn.

Justin: **Second.**

Adjournment at 8:10PM