

Student Union Assembly
Tuesday, 5/7/13

Meeting called to order at 6:05PM by DT Amajoyi (Chair)

Assembly Members Present: DT Amajoyi (Chair), Kevin Huang (OD), Shaz Umer (IVC), Shiku Muhire (COAA), Victor Velasco (EVC), Brittany Smith (CoSoC), Kevin Flannery (Cowell), Brad Mleynek (Crown), Corbin Hall (Crown), Giovanni Maldonado (Crown), Max Hufft (Crown Alt.), Louise Cabansay (Eight), Roshni Advani (Eight), Carl Eadler (Kresge), Kelsey Rousseve (Kresge), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Justin McClendon (Merrill), Michael Liber (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), CJ Ocampo (Nine), Shanna Ballesteros (Nine), Alfonso Quintero (Oakes Alt.), Gabby Areas (Oakes), Melody Aguilar (Oakes), Steven Hernandez (QSU), Mick Del Rosario (Porter Alt.), Shingo Brann (Porter), Charlsie Chang (Stevenson), Guillermo "Ghandi" Rogel (Stevenson), Megana Kunda (Ten), Rebecca Brown (Ten), Tony Milgram (Ten), Eric Rubin (Treasurer), Varuun Bradley (ABSA Alt.), Daniel Fernandez (QSU Alt.)

Assembly Members Absent: Rocio Zamora (COD), Linh Ngo (Cowell), Nicolette Johnson (Cowell), Ian Bernstein (Eight), Maria Jennings (LL), Iden Yekan (Nine), Linda Moua (Oakes), Jocqui Smollett (ABSA), Marinel Yoro (APISA), Nallely Ramirez (MeCHA), Daniel Lewis (Porter), Michael Barney (Porter Alt.), Lila Blackney (Stevenon Alt.), Sammie Vega (Stevenson), Adrianna Gonzales (Intern COD), Michael Amster

Approval of the Agenda

DT: Copies of the agenda are going around right now. Roll call sheet is also going around. Let's tend to our agenda.

Shaz: **Motion** to add IVC fund transfer under new business.

Shingo: **Second.**

Cassidy: **Motion** to add 10 minutes under presentation to give an update about the elections timeline.

Ghandi: **Second.**

DT: Suggest a **motion** to add 10 minutes for USSA presentation.

Kelsey: **Second.**

Shaz: So moved.

Reading of the Previous Meetings' Minutes

Shiku: **Motion** to approve the minutes.

Rebecca: **Second**.

Announcements

Alona: I am intern under the commissioner of diversity. We are having a conference May 21st through the 31st called the Color of Gendered Violence. We are aligning ourselves with the global struggle of rape culture and violence. We would really love for you to come. The dates are on the flyers.

Rebecca: The college 10 senate has a relay for life team and we are hoping to fundraise. We have an event at Pizza My Heart from 4PM-8PM downtown at May 15th.

Shaz: The IVC office will be sponsoring the rock and roll concert. They will be doing henna tattoos. Come out and get food. It starts on 1PM to 12AM.

Steven: The diversity committee is having our first meeting on the 3rd floor of the Bay Tree bookstore this Friday.

DT: SUGB still has their meetings on Fridays at the student union.

SOFA Recommendations by the SOFA Reps

Lyle: Scientific slugs are putting out a magazine to discuss the sciences in a more understandable way. They want to flyer and put crates at the bus stops. We recommended \$1800.

DT: We had enough money to fund everyone fully but we decide each single one. It's not responsible fiscally just to fund everyone.

DT: For Relay for Life, we met them halfway because Kayla mentioned that they received \$3000 for core council.

Lyle: Fish Rap Live is just asking for printing costs. They are very popular on campus.

DT: G.I. Slugs is a new, small, underrepresented group. It's an open space. We recommended funding them the total amount. It was appropriate to fully fund them.

DT: Next one is Chess Club. They identified themselves as underrepresented. They need the money for chessboards and timers.

Tony: On The Spot asks for people to write a script, film, and edit within 24 hours. They are asking for money to publicize the film that is created. It's welcome to everyone.

Tony: Coaching Corps is relatively new. It has students volunteer and coach kids. It's all volunteers. It's a cool concept because they are trying to reach out for the community.

DT: Hermanos Unidos is trying to make a statement. In that culture, they have this connotation that they have a machismo and homophobe attitude. They wanted to change that and show their solidarity with the other communities.

DT: We added a stipulation that they would need to secure the legal rights to show the documentary. Everything is pretty much for food.

Shiku: I don't understand why the first one didn't get full funded.

Eric: They are trying their first issue.

Elections Update by Cassidy

Cassidy: Thank you all for having me at this place. I broke everything down by date. Officers, please RSVP to participate in the debate.

Shiku: How would you like candidates to prepare? Is it a head to head debate?

Cassidy: We are providing time to give open statements and they will be timed and moderated by myself.

Vanessa: For the RSVP, do you just want us to RSVP to the event?

Cassidy: Please do that by the 10th to the e-mail I sent out.

USSA Update by Kalwis

Kalwis: Instead of waiting around for congress, since they have been working very slowly. Why don't we as students come up with our own policies? We got students all across the country to write a piece. The bill was the student loan fairness act. It provided a way to address student debt. Last April 25th, student debt reached a trillion dollars. It's preventing our generation from participating in the academic recovery. How many of you are thinking buying a house right after college. Because of student debt, it's not really a reality to buy a house right after. The economy is still recovering and we need to make sure students get well-paying jobs to provide you with a decent standard of living. I came here for the alumni dinner to speak. Santa Cruz is a great place and it means a lot to me. When I was here, I was trying not to work. One of our former SUA chairs is testifying for private student funding. The month of May is going to be dedicated to student loans.

IVC Fund Transfer Discussion and Vote

Shaz: I am out of funds for the year. I am requesting to move my parking permit line item to my programming line item for my office. It's \$474 dollars.

Kevin: I **move** to approve.

Shingo: **Second.**

EVC Fund Transfer Discussion and Vote

Victor: I have an intern position that was left open and I wanted to put that money in for the week of action. Towards the last week, we will have another week of actions. The funding will be used for materials. We will be collaborating with other student organizations. We plan to feed our volunteers using these funds. It was about \$2700 from underpaid interns.

Carl: I **motion** to transfer.

Shiku: **Second.**

Motion allows Victor to transfer \$2,700 from his unpaid intern line item for materials.

SUA Banquet Proposal Discussion and Vote

Rebecca: **Motion** to take all the money from the officer retreats and training line item and the rest from web tech line item.

Officer Retreats and Training Line Item: \$1627.81

Web Tech Intern Line Item: \$1172.19

Total: \$2800

Lyle: **Second.**

DT: Motion passes by consensus.

Round #2: Drafting SUA Budget (2013-2014)

DT: We can go through the budget by chunks if that is okay with everyone. These are just officer pay. I had SOAR and Sayo help me with those numbers. I am going to ask for us not to touch that. We have the chair account. The only change in this is the parliamentarian. As of right now, there are zero dollars in that line item. The EVC has pilot positions that expire this spring. It's up to us. I'll let our EVC chime in about these positions as well.

Victor: I would say the campus organization director should be an official position. Local affair position was hard to hire someone. Last year was hard too. Field volunteers don't have money in this year. Campus organizing director, I would say yes. I would say the local affairs director is a yes too.

DT: The EVC's recommendation is that we keep the "campus organizing director" and "local affairs director" keep their position and their same amount.

Rebecca: What does the local affairs director do?

Victor: It's similar to UCI. They could focus on city council issues. It depends on the officer in terms of what this position does. It changes from year to year.

Rebecca: Why did you have trouble finding someone?

Victor: The application pool and the expectations I had were strict.

Kevin: I **move** to approve Victor's recommendation.

Shiku: **Second.**

Kelsey: Why did copier program elections go down by \$300?

Max: It's really up to how the commissions use that line item.

DT: The basic argument was that they didn't use the whole amount.

DT: I added \$1000 for the UCSA dues because we were under budget.

Shiku: For the Womyn of Color conference, do you know if that will be there next year?

DT: We will know this summer.

Shiku: I would recommend increasing the Student of Color to \$12,000.

Shaz: Do you know if we have any schools that will want to bid?

Lyle: How much money do we have to work with?

Shiku: **Motion** to increase the Student of Color line item to \$12,000.

Melody: **Second.**

Ghandi: Stevenson said they wanted to see feedback from the conferences. They actually recommend not too increase the Student of Color, Womyn of Color, and UCSA Student Lobby Conference.

CJ: There are a lot of communities that do benefit from these conferences. E squared and MeCHA and the other big five orgs benefit. These communities are underrepresented in positions of power. I think analyzing the statistic of California; we need to know which communities are being served.

Steven: I found the experience to be very inspiring. I think that the fact this space promotes these conference, it shows that our space supports diversity.

Melody: They help form new communities. I was able to create a South American group.

Kamron: This conference helps develops leaders. UC-wide only 3% identify as African-American or Black.

DT: This conference serves all students.

Lyle: I think it would be great if the student of color network with the other organizations. I have a concern with the Womyn of Color and meeting.

Rebecca: I haven't been to student of color but I see that they do have an impact. We should make it a bigger effort as a body to give the resources to help bring back the knowledge they receive from this conference. If you want to start a new organization, it's a daunting task but if you are inspiring, then you can.

Kevin: \$4,000 wouldn't give us access to USSA. I think the current amount would be \$8,500.

Shaz: Can you explain the benefits of being direct and indirect members? What part of the constitution says we have to pay \$0.25 per student?

Kevin: It says in the language of the measure 8.

Shaz: It doesn't say we have to do that.

Kelsey: If each student has to pay \$.25, how will that work?

Kalwis: What happened was that when I was chair, we used to pay \$12,000 because that was the rate. The membership of USSA lowered it. Just this past congress, our membership increased the dues to \$.50. That's why it got to that number.

Kelsey: How many people go to that?

DT: Our congress has about 20-30 people. LegCon is about 12-20 people.

Kevin: I move to increase the dues for USSA for \$8,000 to be in accordance with the new dues.

Melody: **Second.**

Rebecca: **Objection**, \$4,000 is an extra amount of money and it should have more discussion.

Tony: **Yield.**

Vanessa: The bylaws state \$.25 per student.

DT: It doesn't say a minimum or maximum.

Kalwis: I don't think you would get full membership status because you would have to go through the presidents.

Kelsey: Would we have to change our bylaws before we change this line item?

Kevin: **Point of clarification**, the \$.25 is more like a minimum, before we were paying \$11,000.

Melody: I was going to ask why it went up \$.25 to \$.50.

Kalwis: It's affecting the West African higher. We represent over 4 million students. Right now, we are restricting staff. Our budgets are cut significantly. We fundraise a lot of money to pay for staff. Many organizations give us stipulations how to spend the money. We wanted to make sure to have complete say over the things we wanted to do, not what other foundations stipulate us to do. In order to save that autonomy, we increased to \$.50.

Tony: I just had a question. What is the difference of indirect and direct membership?

Kalwis: As a direct member, you get a say in the issues. You get discounts to go to the conferences. The main thing is that you get direct access. If you aren't a direct member, you have no one represented on the board. You get more access to the department of education.

Tony: By raising it by \$.25 to \$.50, how would that directly affect our participation?

Kevin: Changing from \$4000 to \$8000 would keep our membership. The access we have such as the White House and department of education and having board members.

Shiku: I was going to add to the conversation about the staff supporting us. The campaigns are amazing on the national level.

Victor: I want to address a few concerns. Any issue that students have worked on has always been controversial. In terms of increasing \$.25 to \$.50, we need to think about the issues in the long run. During USSA congress, I was one of the people that helped co-write a bill.

Vote:

In favor: 14

Against: 0
Abstentions: 12

Brad: **Motion** to extend time by 15 minutes.

Michael: **Second**.

Justin: To be honest, we are in the sixth week. It makes it hard for organizations to put things. I say we add more to winter. Or we can have SOFA done the first few weeks of the quarter.

Shiku: My recommendation just to move spring quarter's money and flip it with winter. As far as the timelines go, having SOFA could be placed twice in a quarter.

Louise: **Yield**.

Rebecca: I was going to say, \$14,000 for fall, \$17,000 for winter, and \$12,000 for spring.

Eric: I agree with Justin. The applications for RSO's are accepted from April 5th to the April 29th. It's kind of time crunched so most organizations don't put in an application.

Vanessa: I **move** for what Rebecca said.

Shiku: If we play around with the timeline, my biggest concern would be that now there is a convenience.

Corbin: **Point of clarification**, does the money move to the next quarter?

Max: **Point of clarification**, if we allocate money to a quarter, could we split that amount if there were two meetings?

Rebecca: Just speaking on the timeline, spring quarter seems to have big events so people ask for winter quarter.

Shiku: I want to make a friendly amendment; spring quarter would be \$15,000 and \$16,000.

Rebecca: It's not a friendly amendment.

Shiku: **Objection**, what I said.

Shiku: I rescind my motion.

DT: QSU did a lot of the work this year.

Louise: How much can we allocate?

Justin: I don't want us as a body to just put the rest of the money in this.

DT: Let's just look at this conversation if we had x-amount of dollars. We can reconcile the numbers later.

Ghandi: **Motion** to recommend \$4,500 and we can go back to our colleges.

Lyle: **Second.**

DT: I've used it as a line item to get to my meetings.

Lyle: Wouldn't it go down since you have direct access?

DT: It's just for board meetings.

Vanessa: **Motion** to extend by 15 minutes.

Lyle: **Second.**

Shiku: I would like **motion** to decrease the amount of \$2,000 to \$1,300 to the assembly retreat.

Brad: **Second.**

Shiku: **Motion** to decrease the officer retreat to \$1,600.

Rebecca: **Second.**

Shaz: I would like to see about \$8,000.

Ghandi: Student life sucks here on campus. UCSC's Got Talent was great. This would make a lot of people happy. To have an event like that every quarter, it was awesome.

Max: **I move** to add \$8,000 to the IVC student life line item.

Rebecca: **Second.**

Shiku: **Objection**, in the break down, it seems like the money was already allocated. I'm not sure the person next year would use that money amount next year. There is money on this campus. I think maybe upping the amount a \$1,000 to \$2,000. I don't think \$8,000 is necessary. I would like to see \$3,000 as the recommended amount.

Max: To just to support the motion I made, we put a lot of money to a lot of conferences and dues. We don't really have any large amounts of money for the students. I think we

need to change our priorities to the programs for the students. Spending \$1,750 is too little.

CJ: I agree with Max, but I always want to say that we don't spend enough money on diversity. I want to know what programs are out there that will help make a change in restructuring the community. I understand that it's cool to put cool programs.

DT: Let's keep our comments to two minutes and directed to the chair.

Shiku: If the IVC office is looking to add \$8,000, where is the money going to come from?

DT: We'd have to make cuts.

Shiku: I don't think putting \$8,000 right off the bat is a smart thing to do, we can do it increments. If we are going to talk about putting \$3,000 for this office, what about the other offices?

Lyle: **Motion** on the floor to extend time by 30 minutes.

Brad: **Second.**

Kamron: **Yield.**

Rebecca: We as a space need more money. Once thing I would favor funding the IVC, it's more along the lines to get spaces when we have large amounts of students. I think that it'll help the visibility of SUA.

DT: We as UCSC, we are a different type of beast. It's a different campus.

Shaz: As IVC, the itemized budget is just a recommendation. The IVC office encompasses diversity and academic affairs. By giving the IVC more money, it doesn't mean that we are isolated the office, but to put more into working with other.

Ghandi: **Yield.**

Alfonso: **Yield.**

Brad: The money right now is really not enough for student life. There definitely is a need for money there. I don't want this to sound wrong, I never thought diversity is just race or anything like that, but it can be anything. When you do a student life program, that is open to every single student. Look at who performed at the event. That's where our diversity shows. This is how diverse we are. I think the IVC student life and outreach outreaches to every student. I'm sure that the 7 dollars students pay every quarter should be for something they want to see.

Tony: **Yield.**

Vanessa: We should incorporate the offices with each other. Maybe we need to up the programming but this is just a start. I believe that \$8,000 is a big number, but it needs to go up.

Max: Thank you DT, it was brought up earlier as to why we aren't spending more for other officer. The IVC should be seen as a line item for the students and programming. Instead, student governments should be putting events for the kids. We shouldn't consider ourselves student government but a student advocacy group.

Kevin: I believe does need more money. I'm not sure adding \$8,000 would be more sustainable. It would take away from the essential parts for SUA. I have a concern for the fiscal sustainability in this one line item.

Shiku: Like I said before, \$3,000 for the IVC office is an option. I'm curious as to why it's an all or nothing. I want us to think more critically about the idea of diversity. I feel like diversity is a sacred term. It also calls to question having a big amount of people attend an event but not leaving with anything. I feel like the IVC has the ability to do that but it. \$8,000 is a lot. SUA programming has around a thousand. All offices could take money from the SUA programming line item. I just think we need to be more critically. We have to be accountable.

DT: The way SUA programming is, if you look at the very top of the budgets. My intention is that we want to max out the allocable programming.

Lyle: **Motion** to table to this next week.

Shingo: **Second.**

Shingo: **Motion** to adjourn.

Justin: **Second.**

Adjournment at 8:50PM