

Student Union Assembly
Tuesday, 5/14/2013

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), Brittany Smith (CoSoC), Kevin Flannery (Cowell), Linh Ngo (Cowell), Nicolette Johnson (Cowell), Corbin Hall (Crown), Max Hufft (Crown Alt.), Ian Bernstein (Eight), Roshni Advani (Eight), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Justin McClendon (Merrill), Michael Liber (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (Merrill), CJ Ocampo (Nine), Iden Yekan (Nine), Shanna Ballesteros (Nine), Alfonso Quintero (Oakes Alt.), Gabby Areas (Oakes), Kayla Oh (Oakes), Melody Aguilar (Oakes), Jocqui Smollett (ABSA), Varaun Bradley (ABSA Alt.), Daniel Fernandez (QSU 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), Michael Amster

Assembly Members Absent: Kevin Huang (OD), Victor Velasco (EVC), Brad Mleynek (Crown), Giovanni Maldonado (Crown), Louise Cabansay (Eight), Carl Eadler (Kresge), Kelsey Rousseve (Kresge), Maria Jennings (LL), Linda Moua (Oakes), Marinel Yoro (APISA), Nallely Ramirez (MeCHA), Steven Hernandez (QSU), Daniel Lewis (Porter), Michael Barney (Porter Alt.), Mick Del Rosario (Porter Alt.), Guillermo "Ghandi" Rogel (Stevenson), Sammie Vega (Stevenson),

Approval of the Agenda

DT: I'm passing copies of the agenda. If there were any amendments you would like to make or to remove. Are there any amendments to the agenda?

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

Justin: **Second.**

DT: So moved.

Reading of the Previous Meetings' Minutes

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

Roshni: **Second.**

DT: So moved.

Announcements

Idea: It is “Know Your Rights” week. There is an event at Namaste from 7 to 9PM. There is also a debate going on. You can choose wherever you want to go.

Shiku: My office is hosting Memoires of the slug, Quarry plaza May 23rd 4-6PM. There is a like page as well. This will be a UCSC confessions page gone live. You can go up to microphone and say that this school rocked or sucked. We can use this for PR for UCSC.

Justin: The Dean of Students office is having a vote for feedback. Take a survey and get a root beer float. Next Thursday 3-4:30PM at the Quarry. Alma will be there.

Rocio: My office is hosting a mini-conference called the Colored of Gendered violence. We are going to be having workshops. It’s called survivors on May 21st, Esselon Nation Conference Room at 12-1:30PM. Another one is called against Men against Patriarchy. Our keynote speaker is May 22nd at night. She is a dope spoken word artist. Our last event is a film screening of “No! The Rape Documentary.” I encourage you all to come. Second, we had our advisory council meeting last Friday. We met as Friday with the dean of students. I encourage you to attend these counseling meetings. The location is still to be determined.

Rebecca: If you guys want, College 10 has a relay for life team. We are fundraising and it’s for cancer.

DT: The SUA Banquet is May 24th from 7-9PM at Terra Fresca. All of admin are invited. There is going to be cheesecake and chocolate cake. We are giving out awards for people in this space. There will be superlatives such as most likely to “second” a motion and things like that. It’s really fun to really engage in that way. It’s my Chief of Staff Brittany who will do that.

Student Sustainability Advisers Presentation by Silas Snyder

Most people have lived on campus. In your mailrooms, there is a box for recycling batteries and whatnot. I do weird recycling like chemicals and I do move out donations as well and utilities. It’s wonderful to be available to present in front of you all. I am going to give you my name. My name is Silas. My email is Silas@ucsc.edu. 6782 is the ER number for the eco-rep. These people are eco-reps. They ask how we can make this campus more sustainable. This position is to help housing. They work about 10 hours a week. They work with you all. We are currently doing the recruitment. They get to move in a week early. You have to live on campus. You get a whole bunch of money to help us do amazing things. The SSA helps with me water and electricity conservation. Those of you who aren’t first-years have seen the move-out donation. They provide us containers. They provide barrels for food and containers for toiletries. This is important stuff because it’s a partnership we don’t have to pay for. The third piece of information will be sent to DT, which is a sign-up sheet. As you talk to your students at your local colleges, I am also spamming Facebook a bit to get the URL out. Does anybody have any questions?

Eric: Is this a work-study or non-work-study job?

Silas: It's neither. You don't have to have a work study for this job.

Michael: You basically have volunteers work 10 hours a week to help you out.

Silas: They are training on the UCOP high level sustainability training. They do a personal waste audit so they get an idea of their own personal challenges. I ask them to lift compost bins to see potential problems like contamination. Then they work with RA/CA/NA's as well.

Michael: So any type of work such as physical labor or talking?

Silas: It's mostly education. What we are trying to do is getting people to put things in the right place.

Shaz: Any more questions, thank you Silas.

Shaz: We will have any discussion?

Corbin: They wanted to fully fund colleges against cancer and most likely bring down G.I. slugs to \$800.

Shaz: We can go one by one if you guys want.

Roshni: **Motion** to fund scientific slugs \$1,800.

Rebecca: **Second.**

Corbin: Crown senate wants to fully fund colleges against cancer. Since they are going to other places, it could still roll back to us.

Eric: Just to clarify, as on the SOFA board, the reason why we did give \$1500, we found out that they were funding \$3000 from core. We said \$1500 would be good.

Tony: **Yield.**

Rebecca: **Motion** to fund Colleges against Cancer \$1,500.

Tony: **Second.**

Max: **Motion** to approve recommended amount for Fish Rap.

Lyle: **Second.**

Corbin: Crown senate wanted to lower their funding to \$800. They presented to the Crown students and they said they managed to bring their costs down. It's also a lot of money for a barbecue.

Rebecca: If their costs have gone down, the money would roll back to us. At most, we are supporting a brand new organization, and we do have the money. It's not like we are hurting for money this quarter and it is a good cause.

Eric: I agree that it's a good cause, their total budget is around \$3000 so I believe \$1500 is the amount they still might need.

Roshni: **Motion** to fund G.I. slugs \$1500.

Ian: **Second.**

Shaz: Any objections?

Roshni: **Motion** to fund chess club \$500.

Lila: **Second.**

Rebecca: **Motion** to fund \$300 for On the Spot.

Lila: **Second.**

Justin: **Motion** to fully fund coaching corps.

Tony: **Second.**

Shaz: Any objections?

Roshni: **Motion** to fully fund Hermanos Unidos.

Rebecca: **Second.**

Justin: Do we know if they have the film rights?

Tony: Is it possible to fund them and be able to take away money if they don't get the rights?

Eric: I'm sure DT knows more about this.

Rebecca: **Motion** to fund Hmong Student Association \$128.

Rocio: **Second.**

Summary of the amounts funded:

1. Scientific Slugs

Event Title: Publishing Articles for Scientific Slug Magazine

Amount Funded: \$1800

2. Colleges against Cancer

Event Title: Relay for Life of UC Santa Cruz

Amount Funded: \$1500

3. Fish Rap Live!

Event Title: Printing the Fish Rap Live!

Amount Funded: \$600

4. G.I. Slugs

Event Title: VETS Memorial Day BBQ

Amount Funded: \$1500

5. Chess Club at UCSC

Event Title: Funding for Chessboards

Amount Funded: \$500

6. On the Spot

Event Title: 24 Hour Film Race

Amount Funded: \$300

7. Coaching Corps

Event Title: Coaching Corps Spring 2013

Amount Funded: \$639

8. Hermanos Unidos de UCSC

Event Title: Sammy the Slug @ Kresge Presents Pride

Amount Funded: \$270

9. Hmong Student Association

Event Title: HSA Cultural Event

Amount Funded: \$128 (Stipulation – Must make sure that they have the rights to present the film documentary legally)

Brittany: Quick announcement. If you are a vegan, please pass your name to me so I can have that reserved for you.

Shiku: **Motion** to table this discussion because many of the officers and reps are not here. They are in Sacramento.

Alfosno: **Second.**

Rebecca: **Objection**, we are not passing it today right?

Shaz: It is up to the body again.

Ryan: I think it's beneficial to table, especially going through the budget process like the EVC office; it really helps to hear the input from the officer.

Max: I completely agree with Shiku's motion on the grounds that not many officers are here. Either way, we are running out of time. We should only discuss with the representation that is here.

Brittany: **Yield.**

Shiku: My only concern is that I'm sure the OD and the EVC would like to be present. I am very against passing anything this week.

Brittany: The discussions definitely form opinions. I don't know if that is about putting this into a holistic approach. I think it would be really important and mindful when we do come to these things, we should come back to a consensus. Every sentiment should be explained correctly here. There is a certain level of people who gets to speak and who doesn't speak.

Max: I would like to have a friendly amendment that we continue this discussion but table any external discussion and have a five-minute recap next meeting. Is it friendly?

Shiku: Yes.

Alfonso: Yes.

Shaz: The **motion** is amended. We will table everything is external and that we will recap five minutes before the discussing the budget.

Shaz: Since there are no objections, we will move on to discussion.

Rebecca: College 10 thinks that the officers should not have a line item that has parking permits.

Lyle: Kresge agrees. They don't believe officers should get parking permits. As much money possible should go to the students.

Lila: Stevenson was absolutely against giving them permits. As much money should go to the students.

Shiku: Parking permits have always been contentious. We discussed remote permits. I think parking permits aren't as big as an evil. If anyone has done any programming, there is a lot of travel that happens. East remote is not open till 5. This is very true for officers. We do a lot of flyering in the morning. The car is not amenity. It's definitely needed for this position. It should be geared for the CA/NA/RA to get them. Extend the conversation. Secondly, a lot graduate students have parking permits. It's a really huge disservice to the undergraduates.

Tony: To quick clarify about C10, they said they wanted to take the money and move it to general funds.

Rocio: I agree with Shiku said about programming. When we did voter registration, Victor had to go to every college. You need a parking permit for that. These officer positions require a lot of long hours. Not many students have the privileges of living on campus. By taking away the parking permits, it acts as a barrier for the student to act as an officer and helping students out. It's very hard for me to commute. Having a parking permit helps facilitate this process.

Nicolette: We aren't saying that shouldn't have parking permits. All of us at this space at midnight at times. I want to agree with Shiku said about needing it for programs. Not all CA's, NA's, or RA's get a parking permit. They should be available but not paid for student funds.

Rebecca: I think they are useful for all the people. The thing is that we are talking about the amount we have to allot to student program. We don't have money. That is almost \$3,000. It could be used to sending students to conferences. The parking permits aren't a bad thing, we just don't have enough money for it.

Vanessa: One thing is that admin and graduates have to pay for theirs. They are more expensive permits. We can't just say that we all can't get parking permits. If we expand parking permits for all students, then we will be developing the land for parking and not for facilities or classrooms or living space. Merrill doesn't believe that officers shouldn't get parking permit.

Charlsie: I feel like parking at the remote lot isn't helpful for since it's far away from everything. I think the option for B permits should be there.

Brittany: The staff on campus, it comes out of their paychecks. If you are thinking about it, it is a 40 hours a week job. It's the case that they are working in the office and top of paying for rent and food and gas. It would make sense that would be on the same payroll as staff and admin. They are working for us. We should make sure who we are working for us. Just focus on the officers. Since, the car is a necessity; it's going to go towards

how far the student dollar should go. There are just a lot of general ideas but we should definitely fine-tune them.

Ryan: I really want to echo what Brittany said, for staff that get their pay's reduced, it's a very high cost of living in Santa Cruz, and you have to pay your permit and it's a burden for the person and not so much the budget. It offers a return to the student body and it allows the officers to do their job efficiently.

DT: I am imposing a redundancy clause and keep your comments two minutes and under.

Alfonso: **Yield.**

Rocio: I think to make the statement that the officers should pay for themselves; I am putting it in the perspective of low-income officers. The other thing is that B-permits are paid by you.

Justin: In terms of the cost of living, we are students first. There are 16,000 undergrads. There are people are living off-campus. They still have to pay for permits. We are talking about \$3,000 and we can use that money to hit the student body in a better way.

Iden: The officers do a lot of work. They basically do work to service us. The point has been us. Parking is so bad, it makes it even more hard to program. Some people can't afford them. For some people, it's pretty expensive. It's going to restrict officers. I think in general, they do a ton of work, I think giving them a permit isn't really a big deal. I think the least we can do is give them a permit for the work that they do.

CJ: I was wondering if I could take this meeting and videotape it. I just want to show the students what they are missing.

Max: I would like to say that many of us could not go back to car. I'm not going to have the privilege to own a car. We had a great IVC without a car and his permit costs went to his program. We had someone do it absolutely fantastic without it.

Rebecca: I recognize the fact that all the officers put in a good. Unfortunately, we have a budget problem. We aren't the only student leaders on campus. They work past when the buses run. They have to hitch a ride home. They get paid minimum wage and they don't get parking permits out of that.

Shiku: To clarify my point about the CA/NA/RA to get parking permits, it's just to recognize that many student leaders should get a permit. It was our way as SUA to extend this opportunity for folks who program. That's what we are supposed to be here to do and we should extent opportunities to this folks. For folks that cannot afford, I don't think that everyone needs a car. If there is money lying around, you can use it. It's very noble that our IVC did all these things without a car. I just want to make sure that we are not individualizing and highlighting what people did and making it in standards. We don't get reimbursed.

Max: **Point of order**, keep it germane.

Shiku: This space next could be very different.

Shaz: Over the summer, I worked with TAPS with DT, and we didn't find a need for parking permits. This is a very contentious subject. We could just decrease the parking permit. Do they really need it for 280 days? They could purchase a one day permit.

Shannon: I think that the first point regarding about offices doing work, it's a great thing that the IVC office didn't have a car. As a student Oakes, it's a necessity and a need. There are bigger issues that need to be address. If there is another way to come up with an alternative, let's work with what we have. I do want to speak in the perspective of an organizer who doesn't have a car; I think it's best to keep the parking permit. I think that it is coming back to the students, and it's naïve to say it's just going to them. It helps them being visible on campus.

Rocio: I think we should be supporting our student leaders. Some students are here from 1AM to 2AM. I don't think that students have to hitchhike. Not everybody can walk home two in the morning. It's not that safe for individuals to walk. Our student leaders are doing a service to the university.

Alfonso: **Yield**.

Vanessa: **Point of clarification**, the amendment shouldn't be brought up. There are other alternatives for us to explore. It is so student programming doesn't get affected.

Rebecca: I think something that keeps coming up, it's not an attack to the parking permits. I recognize that people need to move from place to place. However, what is being said is that student fees shouldn't fund them. The people who brought are up. I know people who aren't voting because of the parking permits. It's something that students feel strongly about. We are here as representatives. I've seen the flexibility of other students' leaders on campus. Yes, it makes things life easier, but it doesn't detract from the students.

Michael: One of the main arguments is just to make the job easier. If the money doesn't go to permits, the money will help them for programming so it'll help in a different way.

DT: This is a topic that we can have a poll vote. It's to my understanding that you all talked to your colleges about this. Everyone clearly knows where they stand.

Iden: I know that college 9 didn't specifically talk about this.

Roshni: Our colleges didn't speak.

Justin: Can we table this for next week?

DT: Think outside the box for this issue. Think about the internal and external points for this. If you do not have a parking permit, think about how you get around. Please talk about this with your colleges.

Lila: Stevenson had some really strong feelings about the line item for IVC line item. I know that people might not like what I have to say. They were really angry about the amount of money for internal affairs. They said that that was imposing a hierarchy within the offices. They want to see a \$60,000 split. They want to take away from conferences such as exclusive ones. They wanted to take that money and put it for the internal vice-chair. Our chair was really passionate about this. Unfortunately he was to work college night. They felt very strong.

Idea: College 9 also agrees. The IVC's events cost more in general. The other officers do spend money, but they are more like rallies and meetings, which does not cost that much. UCSC's Got Talent cost a lot. Just in general, the kind of activities that are hosted, there should be more money going into that.

Kayla: I was wondering if you can scroll up to see the conferences.

Rebecca: The increase of money into conferences wasn't that popular. We don't really see the majority of money we pay into SUA. I don't think they have the impact for the amount of money we are investing in. To some of the representatives, I honestly wished we have a way bigger budget, when it comes down to it, we don't see that much money. We don't have visibility on this campus. I don't think conferences give us the visibility.

Melody: Conferences are open to everyone on campus. They are inclusive. Whether this is an issue of visibility, this mentality that it is exclusive is wrong. Maybe the IVC this year spent a lot of money, but maybe the next IVC might not need that money. We won't know if they will expand or cut the programs started this year. It creates a hierarchy amongst the officers. They all serve different purposes. The other thing is that we are saying that these conferences aren't doing for things. I created the South American organization and we retained them.

Justin: We talked about the programming line item. We had a unanimous decision to increase the funding. All the programming done by the IVC helps reach out the campus more than the conferences.

Shiku: I would like to introduce a compromise; the IVC office would receive \$3000. We should move the rest into the SUA programming line item. That is the general pot shared by all of us. I don't believe in throwing a huge amount like \$8000 has to go to the IVC line item. Everyone has to make sure we are visible on campus. If we want to have a conference about the offices, we can do it. I can tell you that 15 programs with \$1750 are pretty good. If you are picking up scantrons from e2, you probably got them from my office. I just want us to really focus on introducing our colleges of student life.

Lyle: Kresge felt that we shouldn't give the Student Color of Conference \$2000 more and they should get it from somewhere else if needed. I actually really want see these presentations. I think these people from the conferences should come to these spaces what they've learned and what they want to bring back to this campus. I only see it at SUA. I don't think they are visible enough. If you are able to fund us, we will give you a presentation.

Charlsie: I thought we voted at the beginning of the meeting about not talking about conferences since Victor isn't here.

Gabby: I just wanted to comment, I think that if we want students give presentations, we should put that as a stipulation. It would benefit this conversation if we think about where we stand as being UCSC students. I completely support putting money in the line item, but we should put more money to helping students retained. We should try to get on the level of the other universities in terms of academics first.

CJ: I think we should put more money into programming. That's awesome. I think we need to put more money for critical thinking. I think that a lot of communities would be angry because of the hierarchy. I know CoD ran out of money a long time ago, they asked this space but they got money elsewhere. Why aren't we putting money there. You are sending the message that underrepresented communities' problems aren't as big as ours. These are just examples. I really stress this message that we are sending and what we stand for.

Lila: I wanted to clarify taking away the idea of exclusive conferences. I wanted to stress that Stevenson was angry at seeing the budget. They wanted it go to the student life activities. That's great if they have a critical aspect. Not even student can afford leaving on the weekend. That was the consensus of student council. Our biggest event is 4/20 and that isn't supported by the UC. They wanted to see more on campus events for students.

DT: Please watch your language. Please be respectful with everyone. Secondly, I mean no snapping. Notice what that does to you, it's putting down someone else's point. It's fine that we are challenging each other, but don't do it at the disrespect of others.

Max: I have two points; I have a request of you DT to stop someone doing such things. My main point is that there was a rep from Oakes. I agree with that because we spending the amount of conferences that are the same as UC's but we don't have the money for that. It took us a long time for a budget increase. When we do pass measure 8, it's straight there on the language. Not giving what the students voted for, it's not right. I don't think that can be accomplished by \$1750. That's my big reasoning of putting \$8,000. We are spending so much money on external things.

Corbin: Is it possible that we have a copy of the draft? I think a lot of the conversation right now is regarding about which is important. The IVC is more monetary intensive. There could be collaboration between them. I think it would be great to see that.

DT: I am dismissing this at 7:50PM. Do your research and your homework on this. I would CoD last year, were twice the amount. I get that everyone knows where they are at. We are not meeting during finals week. You all need to start talking; it's all about the student body that we serve.

Kayla: I was just wondering if we can pull out records about how many students went to conferences. My only issue is that there is such a lack of outreach. It's barely over 25%. To me, I would really like to see the amount of money go back to the students directly. The experience you have is so unique to give to someone else, I feel like it's not a direct impact of what the outreach truly is. I would argue that we do have a hierarchy.

Gabby: **Point of clarification**; are the conferences all under the EVC?

DT: The officers divide it up during the summer.

Jocqui: Just talking about these conferences truly foster leadership. At the end of the day, we had the highest number delegates at these conferences. The issue is outreach, because of that. The surplus of black leaders on campus is at its highest. We have all these things going. Speaking for the black community, our African Black Coalition conference is on point.

Justin: I was wondering, if there is any other office that asked for more money?

DT: there is a lot of things that go into organizing in the SUA. It's not enough for everyone. Do you mean upping your line item? Shaz just asked me to highlight. We need to move forward with this. Hopefully we could finish this before the banquet, me being hopefully. Next meeting, I don't want us talking at each other, I want numbers. We need to start making cuts.

Shiku: **Motion** to adjourn.

Justin: **Second**.

Adjournment at 7:50PM