### Student Union Assembly

Tuesday, 5/27/2014

Meeting called to order at 8:05PM by Shaz Umer (Chair)

Shaz: Good evening. We will begin with roll call.

Assembly Members Present: Angelica Montes (MEChA), Lisa Washington (A/BSA), Sam Simpson (QSU), Roshni Advani (Eight), Ivette Torres (Eight), Elaine Wong (Eight), Victoria York (Oakes), Yajaira Chavez (Oakes), Jonica Buck (Oakes), Rachel Kirkwood (Nine), Sam Shaw (Nine), Shub (Nine), Nabeil Lemar (Ten), Leslie Gonzalez (Ten), Steven Hernandez (Ten), Jessica Ly (Cowell), Tyler Papp (Cowell), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Lila Blackney (Stevenson), Edmond Yaghoubian (Stevenson), Vanessa (Stevenson), Miina Coulon (Kresge), Gul Taneri (Kresge), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Max Winter (Porter), Sergio Klor de Alva (Porter), Art Motta (Porter), Corbin Hall (Crown), Ayki Adil (Crown), August (Crown), Priscila Rodriguez (Merrill), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill), Maria Garcia (Merrill), Ivan Medina (CoD), Vanessa Morales (CoAA), Charlsie Chang (CoD), Tony Milgram (EVC), Max Hufft (IVC), Shaz Umer (Chair)

**Assembly Members Absent**: Gregory Baraghimian (Nine), Samantha Sobol (Stevenson), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Leslie Villafana (Crown)

# Approval of the Agenda

Tony: **Motion** to have a moment of silence for UCSB.

Shaz: I'll do that.

Tony: **Motion** to add 15 minutes for GSA presentation right after announcements.

Rachel: Second.

Shaz: Are there any objections? Motion passes.

Steven: **Motion** to move officer report backs after public comment and resolutions.

Leslie: Second.

Art: **Objection.** 

Steven: Since we have a long meeting, I say we move it to the end.

Lila: I don't think it takes a lot of time. I think it would be good for people to know what officers do.

**Vote** to move officer report backs after public comment and resolutions.

Yes: 11No: 13 Abstentions: 8 Motion fails, the agenda remains the same.

Max: Yield.

Edmond: I reserve my right to make a motion. For the divestment resolution, no one is here is against violating human right issues, it is too complicated to discuss this late in the year. It was proposed last year late and it was chaotic and hectic. I think we should stay neutral as possible. I motion to table it indefinitely.

Shaz: **Point of information**, you are talking about the University Socially Responsible Investment Resolution?

Tony: Second.

Priscila: Personally, some valid points were brought up. It is our job to discuss what comes to us. It is disrespectful to silence students that want to come discuss an issue. Regardless of how long it takes, we should discuss tonight.

Tony: I agree with the motion. The issue needs the time it deserves. Before finals, it won't get the time it deserves. Several colleges were not able to meet and students. The time of the debate is ideal. A lot of people cannot make it at such an inconvenient time. We have other issues. The constitution requires us to finish the budget or we are not operating.

Lila: Last year, we asked them to present this earlier and they didn't. Many felt they could not make an educated decision. I rather get more opinions on it. We should definitely table it next week if not.

Gandhi: **Point of personal privilege**, there are people in the back so please project your voices.

Maria: I personally do not agree having to table this indefinitely. Many people say that the timing is wrong, people say it is too early, or if it is in the middle then there are midterms. There is never really a good time. There are people here to speak. It is disrespectful for people that are here. It is our job as members of student government to take on this issue. We have the budget discussion. We did not have another meeting for week 5. If the budget is important, you would give it the respect it deserves. The budget conversation could have began earlier this year.

Shaz: Before you go, state your name.

Corbin: If at the end that we would need a bigger discussion, it is on the agenda. We should do it later in the night and not now.

Brad: What is the exact motion on the table right now?

Shaz: If it were the pass, we wouldn't bring it up this year.

Aron: I'm a Jewish student. I have a lot of issues with the resolutions. I have friends and family in Israel.

There is so many issues with this bill. I don't think this bill is appropriate to have on this campus. Both

Jewish and Palestine could have a conversation together.

Steven: I reserve my right to make a motion. A lot of colleges did not meet. I dont think we should

table this indefinitely. I want to make a motion to call to question.

Roshni: **Second.** 

Tony: **Objection.** 

**Vote** to vote on the main motion:

Yes: 25 No: 3 Abstentions: 6 Motion passes, we will now vote on the main motion.

**Motion** to suspend the resolution indefinitely:

Yes: 6 No: 24 Abstentions: 7 Motion fails.

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

Jessica: Second.

Shaz: Are there any objections? We have approved the agenda.

Reading of the Previous Meeting's Minutes

Elaine: **Motion t**o approve the minutes.

Roshni: Second.

Shaz: Any there any objections? **Motion passes.** 

Tony: \*\*Moment of silence.

Corbin: A lot of the media says that the shooter was mentally deranged. He may have been disturbed.

There seems to be an immediate response calling him mentally ill to excuse his actions.

Officer Report Backs

Max: We had the Belgia Oakes and Eight. We had about 80 to 100 people. We had In-N-Out. There were giveaways. We have the last event. It is the C4 event. It will be Friday, 5PM, Cervantes. It is an informative meeting. Finding different paths on campus to use. It'll be a great event. My office tried to to do a presentation but because of the packed agenda, we will have a meeting Friday 3PM at McHenry.

Rachel: What room?

Max: 4360 Group Study

Tony: SB 1210 which is Dream. There isn't much updates. Next Tuesday is election day in California, there are several polling locations. Make sure you are looking to who is running for Congress. Definitely go out and vote.

Vanessa: Still waiting for the responses for the class survey. We will put it on the website or present if we have a time

### <u>Announcements</u>

Lila: We will be doing appointments this Wednesday. The application will take about 30 minutes. SFAC is looking for reps from at least 5 of the 10 colleges. This is a 2 year appointments. You should definitely apply.

Gandhi: As many of you, we have an external office. We are trying to get information for a team to assemble. It'll be 19 days in october. We want this group to reflect the diversity of our campus. Please join the team. A lot of things to get on the 2016 ballot. There is some material that affect the undergrad and grad populations here at UCSC.

Jose: For students not here, how will they know?

Gandhi: I'll be going to classes.

Sam: Queer Prom this Friday. Kresge Pride this Saturday.

Lila: Relay for Life is happening on the 31st at East Field, it is 24 hours. The most popular event will be after sunset.

Lyle: Kresge Pride this Saturday!

Rebecca: EVP of the GSA. As many of you be aware, 22 students were arrested participating in a strike. The GSA of UCSC have actively supported the students arrested. Because we stand in solidarity, and perhaps we assume you too would be in sense were the people peacefully protested, in urging the administration to intercede on behalf of the students, we assume that considering the solidarity that the undergraduate students would fight for students. We apologize for not informing students. Incident of police threat that your chair does not have the authority, a student arrest is an arrest to all students. We of the GSA, regardless of the thoughts, I am here to ask the support for the 15 undergraduates and the rest of students, I hope to permit the urging. While our focuses may sometimes differ, we hope to work together.

Shaz: They are requesting us with a vote.

Rebecca: It is to support the arrested students.

Corbin: I think I may have heard of this, this was an outside police coming on to campus.

Presenter: It was the Berkeley riot police. We wanted a response why this was the case. It was uncalled for. These students were taken unfairly and there has been no disclosure by admin. What was the UCB police doing? There are videos on YouTube that the students were complying yet they got arrested.

Presenter: There are students are being bullying by the campus to their students.

Shaz: You want us to vote on this?

Rebecca: I am hoping you vote to authorize your chair to align with us with this cause. We have trouble meeting with campus police. We can began having discussions about protest.

Shaz: One way, we can approve the UCSA resolution or we can do a regular vote. It is up to the body. I would be more comfortable if something was written down. This is my recommendation so we can approve this resolution. Any resolution introduced must wait for the next week.

Presenter: IVP, the university took no action. There is a certain urgency that all of us.

Max (Porter): **I reserve my right to make a motion**. I urge the body to support. UCSC has a strong history of political activism. We should support our students. I do think that the YouTube videos have a grey areas. We need to take a stance. We should vote on this tonight. I would like to motion to support.

Victoria: Second.

Tony: When this resolution came to UCSA, it passed unanimously.

Christine: I just wanted to bring up two points. The first as an org, we have struggled to gain the ear of people who have power to change these charges. We recognize the authority in this room to speak up on these students. They are not only facing criminal charges but academic charges too.

Priscila: Because this resolution is written by UCSA, I am assuming that when it says UCSA, it'll mean SUA.

Shaz: We need a document saying SUA.

Priscila: I just wanted it to say that we supporting the decision, not UCSA.

Shaz: Since there are no objections, we have passed this resolution.

# **SUA Budget Discussion**

Officer Pay Discussion

Shaz: I am going to yield for discussion. If we vote, it needs <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>.

Lila: Two points, first if you decide to pass, take out the whereas clause. I don't think it is fair to call out people in the space. I think that is one of our community agreements. According to UCSC housing, the average rent for a single is \$741 a month. I don't think this includes utilities. If we are going to lower it, I don't think we should go below \$800 a month.

Vanessa: My question is if it includes summer pay. In that case, if we take \$250 out of every month, it'll be different result

Max (Porter): I would like to request to remove the first whereas clause. I support Lila's suggestion where we strike out chair. I encourage the body. They take about 25% of student fees. Justify why it goes to only 6 individuals.

Leslie: There are other necessities. There are other bills such as the dining.

Tony: 2 officers have cut their pay this year. After taxes it comes to \$850. The expenses go up beyond that. Other students who work on campus, only get 19 hours max. Some officers work more than 120 hours a month. They cannot physically hold another job.

Corbin: Question and statement. Does financial aid pay off campus housing? This much money should not go to 6 individuals. It seems like a bit much.

Priscila: I wanted to make a few points. It's important that we have a small budget. Obviously, there is going to be a bigger chunk. I would agree with Tony because being officer does not allow you to have another job. While valid its an opportunity, if these students can't have an amount of money, these shouldn't either. Maybe we should have the discussion why we don't validate our student workers.

Elaine: I wanted to piggyback on something Leslie was saying. People have different expenses. I don't think housing could be accounted for.

Louise: Our budget is the lowest out of the UC system. Even UCM gets significantly more. I myself will be going to take another job next year. It is fair to consider housing, financial aid takes that into consideration. Officers did get a pay cut to pay their interns this year. Some of these internships were as low as \$100, and it is a little bit low. I think the underlying problem is that we do not have a budget large enough. We need to work together to pass a referendum so we can stop fighting over budget concerns. The resolution tries to solve the problem but not the root cause.

Max (Porter): Everyone has a different budget. This is asking not to get paid nothing. If you cared about the job, you should get their paycheck. It is not saying they will not get paid. I think this is a great gesture. You can get more outreach with more money. I understand they work hard, but realistically, this is not an effective business model. Do we want to go back to your constituents and tell them you voted to lower pay or keep the same.

Shaz: No snapping or clapping, you can nod your head.

Vanessa: Reserve my right to make a motion.

Shaz: It has to be on the resolution.

Vanessa: While I agree that the money they get in relation to the budget is overwhelmed, how much of the budget goes back into the office. I'm sure all the officers have put their own paycheck back into their office. Maybe \$200 across the board is better than it was now. If we do it over the summer. I yield my motion.

Edmond: I motion to remove the whereas containing the "Shaz Umer" language.

Max: Second.

Lila: I reserve my right to make a motion, everyone wants to lower officer pay. I am going to throw out a number. I motion to change the number to \$850 a month.

Tyler: **Second.** 

Tony: Is this is a motion made? I would like to point out, take into account taxes. Take off approximately \$100 for taxes.

Leslie: I want the person to elaborate why \$850.

Lila: It was going off the average rent and you add utilities and you factor in taxes. I think if you just keep talking and talking, we needed something on the floor. It'll get the ball rolling.

Leslie: Thank you.

Shaz: This vote is to amend the language, not approve the resolution.

**Motion** to amend \$750 to \$850.

Yes: 19 No: 8 Abstentions: 6 Motion passes, it is amended from \$750 to \$850.

Joshua: I do not a unison of voices. I heard as a rhetorical point, we cannot name a reason why \$1,000 goes to officers pockets. It does not necessarily go into the pockets. A reduction in pay, not everyone has the same entitlement. To look at this body as a business, is an injustice. Those are struggling are

unable to get involved. I disagree with the whole idea of reducing pay. 120 hours a month, 30 hours a week, that is a substantial amount. We are grinding out, why we are contributing more to the poverty of the society. It's not even leisure. It's about getting by.

Victoria: Yield.

Tony: I wanted to point out that a large part of our jobs is to travel. Even though we get travel budget, we never get food paid for. Me personally, winter quarter, i was in Santa Cruz For only one weekend. I had to dig into financial aid. Please look at that.

Sergio: I would like to add "not including summer fees"

Jose: **Second.** 

Vanessa: If you are going to cut, cut across the board. If you do more hours in the summer, it shouldn't be that much of the discrepancy.

Rachel: One of the things that I got was that different officers require different things. Travel comes with extra expenses. Certain officer jobs demand more money.

Shaz: Keep your discussion to add a "not".

Edmond: Call to question.

Roshni: **Second.** 

**Vote** to include the "not" language:

Yes: 25 No: 1 Abstentions: 2

Max: Call to question.

Roshni: **Second.** 

**Vote** to approve the resolution with the updated language.

Yes: 13No:19 Abstentions: 3 Motion does not pass.

Tony: What happens?

Shaz: That \$1,000 is set and the resolution cannot be brought up.

### USSA Discussion

Lila: I really believe in representation. One of the Stevenson students wanted me to tell the body that she went to conferences and she wanted me to express her full support of USSA. We should keep the amount of LegCon reps the same.

Max (Porter): Oldest student run union. 18 previous chairs signed.

Joshua: You should be heeding the inquiry imploring from the graduate student body. Whatever your biographical with you have been in USSA, it is an important institution. Nationwide, it is long standing. It launches careers. I think most important, you all are politically minded. I hope you are familiar with citizens united. It is lessing our democracy. We need to send more student representatives. There needs to be more faces at the halls. It is your job to encourage involvement.

Tony: While I do appreciate alumni appreciate support, I don't know that is the best thing to look at. That is in the past. We are in 2014 now going to the future. We have to asses what the organization is doing now. There are 7 states in the organization. I just want to reiterate what they want to do in the future for us.

Max (Porter): I would like to read on topic of the paragraph.\*\*reads from CHP article\*\* Max (IVC): I reserve my right to make an amendment. I would like to remind everyone that the point of the debate it is to convince people. If you are going to echo something, it may not hold much weight. I hear a lot of people would say to make a motion. We received a letter recently from a lot of alumni, a lot of those people who receive paychecks. Last 3 years, I hear the same exact rhetoric. The only difference is who is saying. Why should we lock in to such a fee. We hear a lot of board claims. A lot of organizations help create change. However, it is not just USSA that does this but many have made more progress. There are a lot of broken promises. We never got t-shirts to get out of the vote. I hear that the next year is the most important. I learned from the workshops from UCSA or another organizers. There was backwards planning and presentation. We pay a lot to meet with staffers. We pay so much when we can actually lobby here. I am very for compromising. USSA is a great organization. I am a strong advocate with changing it from the inside. One of her famous sayings, you don't an organization, we reduce our funding for LegCon considering that we get nothing in return. Why isn't GSA a member of this organization, I just want to know. USSA is not taking on citizens united. With that, i amend to change this bylaw to read, "can" and not "shall" be set aside. It does not allow us to be locked in.

Vanessa: Second.

Priscila: **Clarifying question**, can you elaborate on the logic of changing the word "shall" to "can". If that happens, will we have this conversation yearly?

Max: Currently, our bylaws say \$.25 a year. We are going above that \$.25. Every year, if we don't want to fund, we have to go to a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote. I think it is relevant and it allows the assembly to voice their opinion. We will be paying about \$.50 to \$1.00. It is a very lock-in type of fee. People can decide whether it is worth staying in or even paying more into.

Tony: We are just talking about the budget right? The graduate students have their own organization. Corbin: I would argue in favor of this amendment. It doesn't sound like people are overwhelming in favor of this. To my knowledge, the main reason is why there are a bunch of schools pulling out. Priscila: I wanted to remind the body about the purpose behind this language. I dont want to speak for people on the committee. The general consensus was that there was some importance of being in USSA. We felt that it was important to retain membership. We didn't just come up with random numbers.

Max (Porter): **I reserve my right to make a motion.** I would like Max to clarify why it is necessarily to change to can.

Vanessa: **Point of order**, the other discussion is not relevant.

Roshni: **Second.** 

Shaz: There is a call to question and objection.

#### Vote to vote:

**Yes: 21** No: 4 Abstentions: 6 **Motion passes**, we will now vote on the amendment.

Vote to amend "shall" to "can":

**Yes: 18** No: 12: Abstentions: 2

Max: Point of clarification, isn't it a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.

Roshni: **Motion** to extend time by five minutes.

Jose: Second.

Tony: Is there a motion on the table?

Shaz: The motion is the resolution.

Victor: **Yield** to Louise.

Louise: Before this resolution, \$8,000 is 1.8% of our budget. That is more than 6,000. I think it is fair that 1.8% goes to these advocacy efforts. If you keep that in perspective, many more students rely on student loans. Keep in mind that the many people need that help.

Corbin: Yield.

Tony: I reserve my right to make a motion. I don't know about the comparing to the last resolution

is not fair. I motion to pass this resolution.

Jose: Second.

Max (IVC): **Point of inquiry**, when will general discussion go on the budget?

Vanessa: My point of inquiry of the percentage of the budget, if it is not considering that, we can't just

say that. if we are talking about advocacy efforts.

Tony: Call to question.

Max: Second.

Shaz: Are there any objections? Motion passes.

**General Programming Discussion** 

Shaz: One of the questions were whether they need <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> or simple majority when they request?

Lila: I don't think we should make it harder for people to get money. I think we should encourage collaboration especially between colleges. You have to work in collaboration with SUA.

Max (Porter): **Motion** to set the language to  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote requirement.

Victoria: Second.

**Vote** for a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> approval requirement:

Yes: 7 No: 16 Abstentions: 9

Miina: **Motion** to make it a majority vote.

Max (IVC): Second.

**Vote** to require a simple majority in order to pull funds.

Yes: 21 No: 7 Abstentions: 5 Motion passes, it would take a simple majority.

Max (Porter): Yield.

Victoria: I have a problem with it sounding like it is easy money.

Max: How much is in the programming budget?

Jose: **Point of clarification,** are we going to discuss how much can the person withdraw?

Ghandi: I think we shouldn't set a limit. We are setting too many stipulations. Will the program facilitate solidarity, etc. We are just wrapping ourselves in a bureaucratic mess.

Max (Porter): I reserve my right to motion. They can work with another individual and collaborate.

10% cap on an individual to withdraw.

Shaz: This language is for any voting member.

Brad: I get the idea of the cap, I would like a better explanation.

Max: Each member can request up to 10%. If you want to take that much percent of the budget, you

should be collaborating.

Louise: Considering the size of the programming fund, it would be appropriate to change anything more

than \$2,000 for a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote. I think it is hard to put a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.

Max: Any SUA member who is requesting would be limited to 10% of the total principal amount.

Sam (QSU): Second.

Vanessa: I have an issue because the 10% of the amount.

Edmond: Does that include alternates?

Corbin: I would like to amend to what Louise said.

**Vote** to amend to have a 10% of the total principal amount:

Yes: 23 No: 6 Abstention: 5

Jose: With this 10%, does it include how many times a rep can draw?

Brad: Corbin's amendment was not a part of that.

Corbin: Amend if the money requested for the event exceeds the 10% per member, it would take a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>

vote.

Gandhi: The amount would be the 10%

Maria: Second.

Brad: If there is collaboration, that budget can be \$15,000. It could almost be like easy money.

**All in favor** of Corbin's motion:

Yes: 30 Abstentions: 3

Rachel: **Motion** to approve the resolution.

Elaine: **Second.** 

Victoria: **Objection.** 

Vote to approve the resolution:

Yes: 27 No: 4 Abstentions: 4 Motion passes, resolution is approved.

# Overall Discussion on the Budget

Tony: **Motion** for a five minute recess.

Ivan: **Objection.** 

Yes: 21 No: 6 Abstentions: 3

\*\*Five minute recess\*\*

Shaz: Everything is free game.

Victoria: Change the line item.

Tony: Are we going through each line item? One we approve it, we can't touch it?

Shaz: Yes.

Tony: **Motion** to set dues to \$8,000.

Priscila: Second.

Max (Porter): If something is stipulated, is it up for discussion?

Shaz: We cannot do any bylaw amendment.

Victoria: Where would the money be taken from?

Shaz: Taken from general funds.

**Vote** to change 921 Dues from \$4,000 to \$8,000.

Yes: 29 Abstentions: 4

Tony: **I reserve my right to make a motion.** USSA Congress is going to be in Irvine. Approximately \$50 per night. Travel by taking a van which is what we did for UCSA. We are taking only 8 people because we only have 8 votes. I would like to set the congress line item to \$4,000.

Max: Second.

Ivan: I would like to increase it \$5,000. I would like to see it go up since it is for the people privileged to vote.

Victoria: **Point of clarification**, we can take as many as we want.

Max: We should wait before we increase this line item.

Tony: We don't have registration rate as of well. It's tentative.

Lila: It'll be a little bit fiscally irresponsible by sending more people if they cannot vote. To me, yeah it may be educational but it'll be more productive to send 8.

Priscila: You vote in congress and it takes over a day, i would say however it is important if we can send more delegates, there is a lot of educational workshops. It gives more of our students to sit on the board. I think it is important to recognize that. By not sending a larger delegation, we are limiting opportunities.

Alexandra: I think it is irresponsible to send students that won't get the full experience of congress. Ivan: When we talk about fiscal irresponsible, I heard statement say because if they have no vote doesn't mean. You are still talking to your delegates. I am only hearing numbers to a body. When we have these discussions, when we talk about that, do we want to challenge ourselves. Does it not increase the ability for folks outside of the space, not every member here organizes. I want to see more people. We are putting numbers to a body and experience.

Alfonso: If we use the rhetoric of numbers, we should only send 1 person to UCSA. They are exclusive because we make it exclusive.

Brad: As much as possible, try to direct your comments to the chair. I don't want to make people feel uncomfortable. I think SUA would be doing it's job by sending the voting member. They do their job to do that. As for sending more members, there are a lot of funding bodies that would fully support things such as this. Students interested in going can go to different bodies to get these funds. SUA is not the only funding body and it is succeeding it's job.

Max (IVC): I have major concerns. We spend 49% on staff but only 11% for RSO's. We get a ton of experience from the conferences. I would really like to see that we are responsible with them.

Tony: At UCSA, everyone gets a vote, not 1.

Vanessa: If we only send 8 people, with our budget, we have to be somewhat exclusive. I think that applies to everything across the board.

Lila: I still don't think they should have the full amount, I would rather have \$5,000. We still save money.

Ivan: If we go to other bodies on our university, you can't really do that, it becomes a bias. I tried to consult that last year. All the funds when picking a delegation become a limited amount. If you are getting money, whoever has more money gets to travel. The second point I'd like to highlight is that these conversations about inclusive or exclusive. We are a decisive body. We need to cement discussions. This is what has been said.

Ghandi: I heard some people in this space, we cut congress from \$11,000 to \$3,000. Even if we go higher, we still cut the budget.

Max (IVC): I reserve my right to make a motion. I call to question.

Edmond: **Second.** 

Victoria: **Objection.** 

**Vote** to vote on the motion:

Yes: 30 No: 1 Abstentions: 4 Motion passes, we will now vote on the motion.

**Vote** to change line item 922 Congress from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

Yes: 27 No: 6 Abstentions: 2 Motion passes, the 922 Congress line item now has \$4,000.

Maria: We should add more money to LegCon. It is in D.C. Discussion expressing their sentiment that they do not do a lot for students, hopefully they will be able to lobby. It'll encourage other students to bring back their information. Take into consideration that it will include members that have to go. It is important that we increase that.

Priscila: **Motion** to change the 923 LegCon line item from \$5,600 back to \$11,000.

Lila: To my understanding was that the people went to LegCon. If someone who went thinks that it wasn't worth it.

Shiku: As a board member not funded by SUA, everything we do is built up going to LegCon. This year was a flop. Irvine went out of their way to stay longer. I think in the future, we can assume there was no snowstorm. I don't think we should limit ourselves. LegCon is important. It allows us to advocate on the national level. Not only do we achieve the pell grant, it'll limit us from the national things we do.

Tony: For LegCon this year, I couldn't attend because I had finals and regent meeting. The staff has heard this concern of finals but they still schedule LegCon the week before finals. We are here as students. This year, we lobbied at every legislator. The message was delivered to each legislator. We still got our message across.

Jose: What was the reasoning of cutting it?

Shub: We discussed that considering it is so expensive, we are more effective of taking a smaller team. A smaller team would be allowing to achieve our goals.

Max (IVC): I went to LegCon. It goes to the same time to the same people. It is often times staffers. We can schedule months in advance to meet our congressmen and congresswomen. We spend a lot. I would really like to see that USSA does a better job. You don't tell an organization they've done a bad job by giving them more money. They need to improve their time. I move to amend 0 out the LegCon line item so we can revisit it, \$3,600 for lobby corp on national lobbying and \$2,000 spent on board members so they can go to LegCon, I'm willing to compromise that.

Sam: Second.

Sam: I support standing by USSA. I do not support LegCon. Everything can be replicated. We can perform these workshops. Gandhi gave us a compelling presentation of Janet. It requires us to fly 3,000 to meet with the same legislators. We are goes to the East coast to meet with people that are here. Tony: I just like to state, the additional money would allow Lobby Corp to go to more places. It'll allow us to get more legislators. It allows us to travel a lot more and hit more legislators in California. Priscila: I keep hearing this over and over. There are two different organization. We pay 3x more and it is on the statewide level. I highly appreciate it that we stop comparing the two. I haven't heard anyone that has outreached on people who went last time. I don't think zeroing out a line item will accomplish anything.

Shiku: It was really hard to battle with changing the dates. That was a staffer decision. That was a decision as to when the officers were in office. We send as many students to go to congress so they can sit on the board. As a board, East coast will lose out or West coast, but we need to work out on the dates. The goal is not to network on the same, we need to talk to NJ, Texas. USSA is the most beautiful platform for people to meet. Maybe the leadership of the board could have been ten times better. We don't organize against the same people. We have historically taken actions against SallieMae. Where is the information you are coming from. To pull out of USSA, it'll be hard to decide if we don't have the results.

Jose: **Point of clarification**, I thought we added more time.

Shub: I do feel like it is important to look at this year. The large part of LegCon was workshops. I was super excited but I came out disappointed. We got a better education of Lobby Corp. The amount of money spent flying over was not well spent. I don't think it warrants more per person.

Alexandra: I don't think we should zero out the line item. It deserves a delegation.

Max (Porter): Call to question.

Sam: Second.

### **Vote** to vote:

Yes: 26 No: 3: Abstentions: 6Motion passes, we will now vote on the main motion.

**Vote** to zero out LegCon, use the \$3,600 for national lobby efforts, \$2,000 for travels:

Yes: 19 No: 17 Abstentions: 1 Motion passes.

Brad: That was an amendment to the motion made.

Shaz: The **motion** is now to approve the line item.

Sam: Call to question.

Shub: Second.

Ivan: **Point of clarification**, the motion passed?

Shaz: The motion passed.

Ivan: The count?

Shaz: 19 to 17.

**Vote** to approve the budget:

Yes: 20 No: 16 Abstentions: 2Motion fails.

Gandhi: The votes did not match up.

Shaz: Some people did not raise their hands.

Max (Porter): **Motion** to approve budget.

Corbin: **Second.** 

Tony: I don't know we should approve it just yet. Let's not kill it.

Brad: I realize that we just want it to pass, I do think we are almost at that point to go to the vote. There are other things that we could look at that may have not been brought up. I would like to scroll down. I think it is too soon.

Max (IVC): **Point of inquiry,** how much time for the agenda?

Max (Porter): I **reserve my right to withdraw.** I want to encourage everyone to hurry up. I withdraw my motion, but seriously hurry up.

Jose: Can you share the budget?

Louise: I would like to entertain the motion the EVC reduce their summer pay by \$900.

Max: Can you do that?

Shaz: It is stipulated for the academic year.

Ivan: Moved.

Roshni: **Second.** 

Shaz: **Motion** passes.

Tony: **Yield.** 

Jose: **Motion** to approve line items 100 to 182.

Louise: I want to discuss another line item in this section.

Brad: **Point of order**, there is a lot of chit-chat. I can't hear. This is important to me and the students in this room.

Max: **Motion** to cut all the officer summer pay to \$3,000 each and move the \$900 to interns.

Victoria: Second.

Ivan: If we do that, we are assuming every officer has the ability to reduce their pay. Bills need to be paid. There is a gap between officers that can afford that.

Vanessa: I just wanted to know the reasoning behind the motion.

Max (Porter): I would like to respond to that, current pay is set \$1,000. There is only 3 months per summer so why give \$4,000.

Ghandi: I just want to make this clear, the EVC office wants this cut. We are doing this because we are budgeting the office.

Ivan: We do pay taxes. It is not \$1,000. It is \$800.

Max: Any member of this space, dont assume it is a personal reasons.

Shaz: Everyone in the room, please keep it down so we can go through the agenda.

**Vote** of cutting all the offices to \$3,000 and move \$900 to pay for interns.

Yes: 3 No: 23 Abstentions: 6 Motion fails, the amount remains the same.

Jose: **Motion** to withdraw the original motion.

Sam: Second.

Shaz: The main motion is to approve the Stipends and Staff.

### Vote:

Yes: 6 No: 13 Abstentions: 16 Motion fails.

### **Motion** to approve section:

Yes: 25 No: 4 Abstentions: 1 Motion passes.

Priscila: **Motion** to approve line items 201-209.

Shub: Second.

Max: Yield to Louise.

Louise: I wanted to suspend the bylaws so I can hire interns for the summer. The process of interns are delayed. I want to know if I can do that even though we passed the section.

Shaz: We are supposed to amend the bylaws. As it stands, we cannot make that decision.

Brad: I am confused as to why not, I get that it is in our bylaws. If that is what she wants to do it, it makes sense that she has the right to do that. It is her office next year. I am for it.

Shaz: I would recommend that we finish the budget and see if we can pass it.

Max: I reserve my right to make a motion. If there is concerns hiring staff late, we had a lot of transition delay. We will hire on October 1st. We put something on the agenda to re discuss. I want to pass our budget. I **motion** to extend time by 10 min.

Max: **Objection.** 

**Vote** to extend time by 10 min.

Yes: 25 No: 3 Abstentions: 6

Max (IVC): **Motion** to approve line items 300-803.

Jose: Second.

Max (Porter): I call to question.

**Vote** to approve line items 300-803.

Yes: 35 Motion passes.

Priscila: Can you make dues reflect the changes?

Max: So **moved**, 900-925.

Lila: **Second.** 

Shaz: Motion passes.

Vote for Election Commissioner, motion passes.

Shaz: Organizations like Kresge Pride come and ask us since they can't ask for RSO. We are creating a separate line item for those organizations.

Max: **Motion** to approve lines 1200-1229.

Roshni: **Second**.

Steven: **Objection.** 

**Vote** to approve line items 1220-1229 (no title):

Yes: 21 No: 7 Abstentions: 6 Motion passes.

Brad: It is bothering me the difference between general programming and general fund. I suggest

possibly changing General Programming is programming fund.

Max: **Yield** to Lila.

Lila: Motion to change "General Programming" to "Programming Funds".

Brad: The reason I left SUA out is because other colleges may be using it.

Max (IVC) : **Second.** 

Max: **Motion** to pass line item 1300.

Roshni: **Second.** 

Priscila: **Point of clarification**, I know we took out funding.

**Vote** to approve line item 1300 SUA Programming:

Yes: 25 No: 3 Abstentions: 4 Motion passes.

Jose: **Point of clarification**, what happened to the general fund?

Shaz: Next year, they can reallocate.

Shub: **Motion** to pass the budget.

**Motion** to pass the budget:

Yes: 29 No: 7 Abstentions: 2 Motion passes, the budget is approved!

Steven: **Motion** to amend the resolution that was passed.

Vanessa: Second.

Shaz: Motion passes.

Gandhi: **Point of information**, is there a meeting next week?

# Resolutions

# Compassionate University Resolution

Victoria: **Motion** to approve.

Roshni: **Second.** 

Corbin: **Objection.** 

**Vote** to approve the Compassionate University Resolution.

Yes: 31 No: 1 Abstentions: 3 Motion passes, resolution passes.

Maria: Can we amend break the break for 10 min?

# \*\*Ten minute recess\*\*

# <u>University Socially Responsible Investment Resolution</u>

Shaz: I will go over the resolution. There is 2 hours of public comment. You can talk once and 2 minutes. We will go to the debate. At that time, only assembly members can discuss and then vote.

# \*\*2 hours of public comment\*\*

# SUA Members Discussion

Sam: I would like to call my fellow students to action. This is a substantive first step. Support divestment.

Corbin: I feel somewhat conflicted with this year. Last years debate was a bit to be desired. There has been a lot of first hand accounts that are convincing. I know that a lot of the student body is divided on this issue. I want to represent to the student body. I feel torn between the first hand accounts on either side of the issue.

Ivan: When I came here looking at the resolution, that is what I focused on. In this resolution, I have yet to hear any dissenting opinion from divesting. There's the idea of Orientalism and treating everyone like a terrorists. That is isolating so many people into terrorist feelings. So many people say the Mexicans are taking their jobs. I can think of indigenous communities and whiteness. There has been a large privilege of whiteness. Because they are white and they are privileged. I can say. I have been uncomfortable since I was born.

Shaz: I am going to reiterate no clapping. Please do not put me in the position to ask you to leave.

Steven: I **reserve my right to make a motion.** While my motion may not reflect my opinions, we are

creating a language that isn't going to hurt anyone. We could remove the piece about the South Africa

and the apartheid. I don't believe the language is necessary for the purpose of the argument. I motion

to remove the whereas clause regarding the apartheid.

Lila: Second.

Corbin: I think that is a good move. To my knowledge, the campus was far more unified on that issue.

Vanessa: I would agree with this motion. From the comments that we got, a lot of the issues were

because we were comparing the apartheid in South Africa. We are trying to make this resolution feel

safe for the public. I think that is a positive thing.

Priscila: I strongly disagree with removing the language, it is silencing by removing it. The resolution

explains why the case is brought out in this conversation. It is silly to remove it and watering down this

conversation.

Max: I **reserve my right to make a motion.** A lot of the language is divisive and alienating. This body

can take a stance without taking a political stance. Solely based on human rights occupations, such as

the US invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan, supporting divesting is something we can do. I don't

appreciate people calling out peoples' whiteness if you don't know. I would like to call to question.

Vanessa: **Second.** 

Priscila: **Objection.** 

**Vote** to vote:

Yes: 34 No: 2 Abstentions: 2 Motion passes.

**Vote** to strike the "South Africa" language

Yes: 14 No: 18 Abstentions: 6Motion fails, language remains the same.

Leslie: It was brought a lot due to the holiday that we are unable to meet. It is our duty to meet. Putting

all personal beliefs aside, it my duty to bring social justice to this. I encourage my peers to vote for

divestment

Charlsie: I don't feel comfortable voting no. My tax dollars go to oppose my people in China. This bill is

symbolic because we are against it and it only affects campus climate in a negative aspect.

Lila: I said this last year, as a student, I am full support. As a rep, I cannot. Look at the people and what they want. We are representatives here. We are accountable here. I want to vote yes but I can't. My representatives will tell me I did not represent this. We are not here as individuals.

Max (Porter): I **reserve my right to make a motion**. Although I support divesting from companies, I would like to see this be a broader resolution and instead targeting. I personally felt uncomfortable by the language. It is my job to vote the way my constituency to vote. I will vote how they would want me to vote. There has be ample time for public comment. **Motion to pass this resolution.** 

Sam: Second.

Elaine: Representing 8, if indeed the resolution was to divest out of Israel, we felt that they should have focused more on the companies. We would like to see a new resolution that had less on the conflict. This thing is going internationally. If the purpose is to stop the violating of human rights, we should focus on the companies.

Max (IVC): The point of debate is to convince other people to vote a certain way. I am going to talk about once how I felt this was addressed and what I think about this bill in general. I want to thank everyone that came tonight. A lot of it was respectful. There was a lot of people that made it sound condescending. Consider how much time people put into their position. People do this for no pay. There was a lot of laughs, we spent a lot of time community agreements was disrespectful to me. I am not saying the space in general was disrespectful. I am tired of labels being thrown to legitimize the issue. I appreciate the first hand accounts. I thank everyone for coming and I'll talk more about the bill. Thank you.

Jose: **Point of concern**, some people cannot hear so speak up louder.

Victoria: First off, i think it is appropriate what I have to say. I understand people have concern, there is a reason why we are elected. we should know the beliefs of our own college. As a representative of Oakes, we as a college are in favor of basic human rights. I'm sure people are worried about campus climate but I see people be disrespected on the daily and nothing is done about that.

Vanessa: As much as the stories are relevant, it is not the purpose of the resolution. It conflicts what I am hearing and what I am reading in another. As presented, it is the companies we are trying to divest from and we are not divesting from people or culture. I really like the conversation to go in that direction.

Edmond: Can I reserve my right to amend the main motion? The problem is the political aspect of the resolution. During the apartheid, the Blacks were considered a subhuman race. They were not given their rights. You see the exact opposite. You see Arabs and Israelis side by side. That would be impossible if it was an apartheid. Not everything is fair here. I would like to make a motion to remove political statements of South Africa and Israel and apartheid state when it is supposed to divest. Shaz: The highlighted part is to stay.

Sam: I **reserve to make a motion.** I see a lot of tired faces. For those of you are not mandated to be here, I'm proud of my fellow slugs. I would like to **call to question.** 

Lila: Second.

Tony: **Objection.** 

### Vote to vote:

Yes: 15 No: 17 Abstentions: 2Motion fails, discussion continues

Angelica: I am here representing MEChA. It is a community that knows how it is the be oppressed. I am disappointed to see the aversion and embracing how political this topic is. To erase the language is erasing of the experiences of the people, there is a reason why we are framing this context. If you want what it is to be comfortable, try being oppressed. This resolution is ultimately about whether you want to stand up against oppression.

Ivette: Something that has been said, they want to see a more general conversation. I don't see other orgs spending time to create a resolution. I thought it was unfair. If no one is bringing up a resolution, it is unfair to deny this community.

Shub: I have my own personal opinions. In my opinion, this resolution should be more about divesting. As presented, I feel like the most of the conversation has relied on accusing sides in a political conversation. It is a misrepresentation of what the message should actually be. We should be talking about divesting from these companies. As presented, the conversation would be, we pick one side and we are singling out these companies as a result of that.

Tony: Why are we focusing on Israel? Let's talk about the genocide. Lets talk about the human rights violations here in US. What would these companies stop? This would create a larger media presence. I am opposed to symbolic resolutions. If this passes, it'll make more students uncomfortable. This is

isolating one part of the larger problem. I do not support this solution and I don't think fellow students should hide who they are.

Priscila: As a college rep, my college's ethos is global consciousness. There are human rights violations everywhere. We'd be here for days and not weeks. Several countries are pointed out in the appendix. We are talking about several countries. I think it is important that we take a stance tonight. I am really happy that people are here and still with us. To quote a voting member, you don't tell a company that they are doing a bad job by throwing more money at them.

Sergio: I think we had a lot of time discuss this. I would like to **call to question.** 

Sam: Second.

Ivan: Objection.

### **Vote** to vote:

Yes: 17 No: 17 Abstention: 7 Motion fails, discussion resumes.

Rachel: I want to thank you all for leaving the language. I urge you all to vote on the bill as is. That being said, I am in full support of divesting. I am for divestment but not this specific resolution. I would have to abstain for this vote.

Max (IVC): I want to bring up to my concerns. What happen to this Fall? Last year, there was a lot of talk to discuss this in the Fall. We had time on the agenda and yet it came now. I think we should vote, I am concerned that regardless if we pass or not, I want more discussion. I think it important to let people know. It is important to know what is going on in the world. I am concerned with leaving the language on that, it calls out Israel. I have major concerns with timing overall. Time could have been prepared if there was time given. This was sprung upon us with very little notice. I am in support of passing, however but springing this on a different community is inconsiderate. I think this bill is entirely symbolic. I am not saying it is a bad thing. It can help over time. If we talk about symbolism, how many students are representing and are we doing it effectively. There are a lot of direct members. We are trying to come to a space where we are compassionate towards one another. We need to be talking about supporting everybody. I do agree with my quote, this bill is not about these organizations.

Lila: We encourage for everyone to follow UCSC divest on twitter. Last year we asked for more time,

it was presented on week 8. I would like more time. I don't think this bill is about the companies. I think it is used in ways that are inappropriate.

Max (Porter): I reserve my right to make a motion. Not one thing brought to debate. I call to question.

### **Vote** to vote:

Yes: 21 No:12 Abstentions: 3 Motion fails, discussion resumes.

Ivan: Identifying whiteness is not an attack. It spreads far and wide. Skin color, phenotypes, are put into place. By reinstating where the idea of whiteness, I am providing an ideology where to speak. I would like to go back a year. We passed a political resolution. We passed resolution to divest from the Congo. We passed immigration reform which condemns the U.S. nation. It was unanimously as well. We have been organizing the Dream Act which is a direct attack on U.S. policy. It is not saying that you can't bring it back. It's a homogenization of struggle. To say all struggles can be forced in the resolution, that dives into the reason of whiteness. Let's talk about intersectionality. When we talk about symbolic resolution in terms of the apartheid, people stand up. When we talk about people in power, that dives into whiteness. This is not symbolic. I want the body to be critical about these things. We should take that into consideration.

Nabeil: It's not black and white. When I went to Israel Palestine, all our tax dollars goes to the military and attacks civilians with drones. If I had a choice, I don't want my fees to go oppress other people. You bring up Syria or Afghanistan, now there is a resolution, don't think about this politically, individually think about this. It's a try. If this fails, I'll try more. You all have a chance. Do you think you can stand for oppression?

Corbin: My concern with the political language of the bill it is not about my whiteness being challenged. I have been accustomed. The reason why I feel uncomfortable with the language is that, i know as a rep, i cannot vote on behalf of students.

Maria: Thank you for not changing the language because it will be determinantal to the purpose. It's been said if it is about human rights violations, why aren't we targeting all corporations. You have to think who is presenting the resolution. Why didn't they question that for fossil fuels? It is our money. We are going into debt for this. By investing in that, it shows that we are okay with that. To think that this only is specific to this issue, these are transnational companies.

Angelica: I am hearing a lot of concerns, of course we can't tackle every single human rights issue. Why can't we do anything about the ones presented to us today. If you are neutral, you chose the side of the oppressor.

Edmond: If this resolution is strictly a human rights violation, the body would vote yes. There are two sides. There is clearly something incorrect with the resolution. If you know what Israel is, West Bank, or Gaza. not many people know what goes outside in the USA. Look at us now, do you see how divided we are. The only way to get better is if we have dialogue. This resolution is putting Israel at fault. Of course that will resonate. But the whole picture isn't seen in this situation.

Victoria: Maybe I am reading this document wrong, this document talks about the companies. With that, we have had a great deal of discussion from passionate students. I feel like it is time to for us to do our job. We are being disrespectful by taking their time when we are doing a roundabout. We should know the believes of our college. I **reserve my right to call to question.** 

Roshni: **Second.** 

Sam: Objection.

### Vote to vote:

Yes: 35 No: 2 Abstentions: 1 Motion passes, time to vote on the main motion.

Shaz: Abstentions do not count to the total.

### **Roll call vote** to pass the resolution:

Yes: 21 - Angelica Montes (MEChA), Lisa Washington (A/BSA), Sam Simpson (QSU),
Roshni Advani (Eight), Ivette Torres (Eight), Elaine Wong (Eight), Victoria York (Oakes), Yajaira
Chavez (Oakes), Jonica Buck (Oakes), Rachel Kirkwood (Nine), Sam Shaw (Nine), Nabeil Lemar
(Ten), Leslie Gonzalez (Ten), Steven Hernandez (Ten), Sergio Klor de Alva (Porter),
Art Motta (Porter), Corbin Hall (Crown), Priscila Rodriguez (Merrill), Maria Garcia (Merrill), Ivan
Medina (OD)

No: 12 - Tyler Papp (Cowell), Lila Blackney (Stevenson), Edmond Yaghoubian (Stevenson), Vanessa (Stevenson), Miina Coulon (Stevenson), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Ayki Adil (Crown), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (CoAA), Charlsie Chang (CoD), Tony Milgram (EVC), Max Hufft (IVC)

Abstentions: 5 - Jessica Ly (Cowell), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Gul Taneri (Kresge), Max Winter (Porter), August (Crown)

### Resolution does not pass.

Victoria: **Motion** to suspend the section of the bylaws (IX)(C)(10)(B)(e).

Leslie: Second.

Max: Call to question.

Sam: Second.

**Vote to vote** to suspend the section of the bylaws:

Yes: 34 No: 2 Motion passes.

**Vote to suspend** the section of the bylaws on page 4.

Yes: 24 No: 12 Motion passes, the item is suspended.

Victoria: **Motion** to reconsider.

Shaz: The motion has to be from the winning side.

Tyler: I **motion** to reconsider the resolution.

Elaine: **Second.** 

Tony: I'm sure the seconder has to be from the winning side.

Shaz: Reading Robert's Rules, any member can make the second.

**Vote in favor** of reconsidering the motion:

Yes: 23 No: 14 Abstentions: 1

### **Roll Call Vote** to reconsider the motion:

Yes: 22 - Angelica Montes (MEChA), Lisa Washington (A/BSA), Sam Simpson (QSU), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Roshni Advani (Eight), Ivette Torres (Eight), Elaine Wong (Eight), Victoria York (Oakes), Yajaira Chavez (Oakes), Jonica Buck (Oakes), Rachel Kirkwood (Nine), Sam Shaw (Nine), Nabeil Lemar (Ten), Leslie Gonzalez (Ten), Steven Hernandez (Ten), Max

Winter (Porter), Sergio Klor de Alva (Porter), Art Motta (Porter), Corbin Hall (Crown),

Priscila Rodriguez (Merrill), Maria Garcia (Merrill), Ivan Medina (OD)

No: 14 - Jessica Ly (Cowell), Gul Taneri (Kresge), Lila Blackney (Stevenson), Edmond Yaghoubian

(Stevenson), Vanessa (Stevenson), Miina Coulon (Kresge), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Ayki Adil

(Crown), August (Crown), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (CoAA), Charlsie Chang

(CoD), Tony Milgram (EVC), Max Hufft (IVC)

Abstention: 1 - Tyler Papp (Cowell)

Motion passes, resolution passes.

Priscila: I want to thank all of you coming out tonight. I appreciate all the people. That being said, I

encourage all of you to get involved with the SUA. You pay into this space.

Shaz: It's been a challenging year. I've been attacked. People don't know me. It is the hardest job on

campus. If I can take the blame, it is my job. It is not. I get attacked every single day. It is a challenging

job. I wish the best for the incoming core. We got it done. Whatever that may be. We finished the

budget. I just hope for the best for all of you to move forward. I wish we had more time on it. I had to

cut a few people off. I apologize to those students. Especially the undergrads. Hopefully we can move

forward. Those are my two cents. It's been a pleasure chairing this space.

Charlsie: Protocol for resolution, are they active next year?

Shaz: This will carry on.

Vanessa: Along the lines of other things, some many people being here so late to support whatever you

believe. Every opinion is important. Thank you to all of the representatives who did vote. I wish the new

members the best of luck. We are space to listen to the students voices.

Priscila: To finish my earlier thought, please demand more of these spaces you help fund. If you are

unhappy with the decision, I encourage you more to get involved. Keep your officers and

representatives accountable in office hours.

Ivan: With the passing of this resolution, hold officers accountable next year. My position elect, they need to make sure you hold people accountable. Thank you everyone for being here.

Jose: I just want to thank the people who came out tonight. I want to thank the officers for their efforts.

Shub: This is my first year in the SUA space, I was originally intimidated. I forged one of my strongest relationships with people in this room. I feel like that potential is untapped. Going into the next year, we should focus on being less reactive and more proactive.

Sergio: I just want to remind everyone to dispose of trash.

Max: Call to question on adjournment.

Max: Second.

Maria: Objection.

Brad: Can we let people talk? We can go all the way to 6AM.

Maria: I want to thank everyone that was here today and yesterday for being respectful. I want to thank this body. I want to congratulate those who are graduating. Positive energy goes your way.

Brad: Tonight was eye-opening. I sat on the side and listened. I realized when I got out of my seat, I never was the member of the SUA looking into the fishbowl. We are in this fish bowl. We are accountable of our actions. If you are keeping people up to date, that is great. It was disheartening at first, as OD elect, I hope we will see that change. Encourage the guests to be respectful. We need to remember our common ground. We are all students. SUA is all about bringing us together. We are still students. I want that to be clear. I will make that clear. Thank you for letting me speak. It is hard staying silent and not yelling. I want my voice to heard. I want my thoughts be shared. It is humbling experience. Thank you for being a part of this space. For the freshman here, I hope you all continue. Thank you for the guests. I love these experiences. Good job on finals.

Adjournment at 3:08AM