

Student Union Assembly

Tuesday, 5/20/14

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

Assembly Members Present: Sam Simpson (QSU), Roshni Advani (Eight), Ivette Torres (Eight), Elaine Wong (Eight), Victoria York (Oakes), Yajaira Chavez (Oakes), Jonica Buck (Oakes), Shub (Nine), Sam Shaw (Nine), Gregory Baraghimian (Nine), Nabeil Lemar (Ten), Leslie Gonzalez (Ten), Steven Hernandez (Ten), Jessica Ly (Cowell), Tyler Papp (Cowell), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Lila Blackney (Stevenson), Miina Coulon (Kresge), Gul Taneri (Kresge), Winne Sidhu (Kresge), Sergio Klor de Alva (Porter), Max Winter (Porter), Art Motta (Porter), August (Crown), Brad (Crown), Ayki Adil (Crown), Priscila Rodriguez (Merrill), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill), Maria Garcia (Merrill), Vanessa Morales (CoAA), Charlsie Chang (CoD), Tony Milgram (EVC), Max Hufft (IVC), Shaz Umer (Chair)

Assembly Members Absent: Rachel Kirkwood (Nine), Samantha Sobol (Stevenson), Ivan Medina (OD)

Approval of the Agenda

Tony: **Motion** to add 10 minutes for discussion of reading all the UCSA bylaw amendments as requested.

Shaz: Where and when?

Tony: After presentations.

Roshni: **Second.**

Priscila: 20 minutes after compassionate for presentation of another resolution.

Shaz: What is the resolution?

Priscila: Socially Responsible Investment.

Maria: **Second.**

Ghandi: What is it exactly?

Tony: **Objection.**

Vote to add to agenda:

Yes: 13 No: 11 Abstentions: 5 **Motion passes**, it'll be added to the agenda.

Jose: **Motion** to approve.

Roshni: **Second.**

Shaz: Any objections, **motion passes.**

Reading of the Previous Meetings Minutes

Jose: **Motion** to approve minutes.

Roshni: **Second.**

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

Officer Reportbacks

Max: Sales were pretty well. I've been working on my report for next week. We will talk about the logistics of the event. We also had UCSC's Got Talent. We have an event called the Belgia Oakes and Eight Casino Night. Grace worked on this. Share with everyone. Just like, have a good time. We are having the C4; people will give a presentation on policy, transportation. I know Ghandi always give a great presentation. I hope everyone can make that. There will be good food. I've been lonely at my office hours lately.

Lila: Where is C4?

Max: Cervantes Room, we might migrate to the balcony. It's the third floor of the bookstore.

Tony: We are finalizing a local affair's fair. Resources available to students ranging to the police and public works, metro, planned parenthood. We are continuing to meet different city legislatures. Statewide, we had may lobby days, also had the May regents meeting. Large discussion of transfer students and what they mean to the UC. Everyone should be a transfer student. There is a lot of discussion on the finance committee. The governor is not giving us money for the 4th year in a row. Four people went up to Sacramento to lobby. We have a fossil update, action at the regents meeting. The regents agreed to start the meeting of the taskforce of how they are going to divest for fossil fuels. Lastly, registering to vote, that deadline was yesterday. There are probably important measures in your county.

Roshni: Do you have an update on the new bus routes?

Tony: They have to plan those routes in the summer. I planted the seed. We will know in the summer.

Charlsie: E^2 Speaker Blowout and Got Talent. We had a Holi festival wrap up meeting. We hope that this event will continue on. There were some setbacks like Indian food. I'm dropping off the iClickers to the SnE library. Advisory council on campus climate for undergrads is going to meet next week.

Elaine: How much to rent the iClickers?

Charlsie: Free.

Vanessa: Academic Senate, 2:30PM Stevenson Event Center.

Shaz: I'll give a speech; they are going to have a reception for the chancellor. I'll be there.

General Announcements

Sam: College 9 will have an electronic concert called Space. We have 2 18in. subs. It'll bump. There is good music. It'll be at Namaste from 9-11PM this Friday.

Justin: Our radio station is in the middle of the university national competition. We beat out Irvine. We are in the semi-finals now. You login with your FB. If you don't want to listen to it, you can mute it. Folks are KZSC are pushing for it. It's our local radio station. We are against Rice University.

Jose: Can you repeat the URL?

Justin: <http://soundtap.com/kzsc>

Tony: CoD or LL can vote if EVC is not present. Some other changes, as many of you know, UCSA decides on the student regent. That goes to through the council of presidents then to the regents. UCSA only sat in for the UCSA round and regents round. The UCSA will sit on the presidents round. We also made a clarification as to what is allowed at different conferences. Who can add them and a clarification as to who the voting members are at the conferences? UA committee is now in charged with setting up the meetings and agenda. Made a few changes as to how they appoint individuals to committees. There was an amendment made earlier in the year, LL, CoD, EVP, EVC are at every conference and have to be accepted. For the most part, that was it. If you have any questions, this is a 40 page document and there are a lot of changes, I pointed out all the major ones.

Priscila: The way caucus spaces have changed, what's the difference?

Tony: Before it is someone from the delegation, any board member can do it. It's not that big of a change.

Upper Quarry Amphitheater Presentation

Dean: Campus landscape architect. We are working on the upper quarry amphitheater. Campus Provost and EVC Galloway set up a committee to revitalize the UQA. The project started in November. This is from the student survey. We started with a giant program for student events and multicultural events. There is a lot of ADA code. Lighting, rails, access, etc. It took us a while for us to figure that out. We plugged it into the equation. We want to have events: speaking

events, small gatherings, and a kitchen for students to create food for various venues. That is all in the program. We started to develop how to get our arms around this. We went to the history to form some analysis and to create a concept. We look at the history. It was a quarry. In the 19th century, quarry limestone was cooked for the creation of SF. The remnants of are here. We have the lime works down there and depict a time period in an incredible economic boom. Most of the campus is about respecting the land. Part of the founders made sure they captured that in the environments. Many affect our ethos today. When it is completed in '65 that is how it looked like. Many planners talked about the rock in the middle of the stage. Through a lot of debate, they have left. This is the inauguration for Dean McHenry. There were some great speakers. With that, we have some guidelines: respect the campus framework, provide site character, etc. The student life context, we did some study of campus life. How do we develop good connections for the health center, potential no student center, how do we deal with the broader campus climate. As you walk through quarry plaza, there is a dark narrow. You walk through the stairs and you can see the back of the rock. We want to continue and maintain. We had a stakeholder input; we had a series of walks. People stopped and reflected and drew. All that became a program for what this can be to the future. The survey provided a lot of great input. They liked the natural setting, it is a special quality. It's a potential to liven it with performances. There is a dichotomy about the intimate and liveliness. We had MCF there with vendors. Here is one of the early graduations. I think that is a Merrill graduation. Students groups and potentially non-campus groups that would help pay. We want to do a lot of things to do like orientations and workshops. That got us to the concept plan. Rather than rebuilding it like UCB Greek Theater, we decided to keep the quirky idea of the 60's. We developed a smart stage for plug and play. If you are there at a quiet time, you won't notice it. There is an upper terrace for tabling and vendors. That area will expand. We are putting in a real building with facilities. There is an area for a bridge. This is a sketch. We can have a gated- entry. From the redwood lobby, there would be a kitchen. There is a rooftop terrace. There is seating all around. You can have refreshments and intermissions. We have some images that would happen. The support building will have restrooms and. It could fold open; we could develop an inside-outside. The amphitheater will have lawn seating and some flat areas and benches. Bring a blanket. We tried to create a series of places to sit. We want a smart stage to have a canopy. We need to find out how much it costs.

We need to make the life safety improvements. Building the smart stage is for phase two. Phase 1: Seating, Safety guardrails, Site Cleanup, etc. Hopefully get the funding by 2015 or 2016.

Roshni: Construction in 2015 or 2016?

Dean: There may be a conflict for seismic work.

Yajaira: was the estimated budget?

Dean: 6 million for phase one and 7.5 million for phase two.

Sam: Wi-fi is coming with phase one?

Dean: Yes.

Sam: Has the committee thought about the shade, they want a huge shade structure.

Ghandi: Are you asking for a recommendation or a yes from SUA?

Dean: I wanted you all to see it and get engaged. Hopefully support the project. I'm bringing it forward. I thought it was important to get to it, if you don't like it, you can tell Alma.

Ghandi: I don't like the rock. In all respects, I don't find the argument valid. Think about all the events, I appreciate the nature. I don't know if yall want a vote on that.

Dean: It is a much larger discussion; we are putting in about fixed seating. We are increasing 2,000 seats. 70 seats have obstructive view is the rock; the consult has created lawn ideas. Part of what it came out, it is part of the stage element. It is part of the components and free form, not kind of controlled and more performance around the rock, in the rock. It was not meant to be obstructive. They changed the way of the seating. It's a larger discussion.

Speaker: As a graduate student, how do you justify to spend about 12 million? I can see me organizing protests.

Dean: This is probably going to be donor funded.

Speaker: Maybe the donors can give us money to live on.

Justin: Process of tearing down.

Dean: We want to reuse the materials on site. There is a bunch of ADA regulations.

Kelly: What is the time difference between Phase 1 and Phase 2?

Dean: Phase 1 will take care of the ADA requirements. The time period is whether they get money. It is donor funded; they have to talk to alums. When the money comes in, they will start.

Ceril: What will this do the traffic?

Dean: If there is a big event, there will be traffic. We have been talking to TAPS. We need to organize responsibly. There will be a longer term parking structure at Hahn. For now, they are not anticipating.

Jessica: Who else are you reaching to?

Dean: Some folks in SoCal that are in the arts. They want to promote and potentially have their name on it. It is not just alums. It is not my area but I've met people.

Max: Besides using fees, is there any plan to return that to academic functions like the revenue.

Dean: It is hard to say, we haven't gotten into the nuisances. It is clearly a question that is on the table.

Tony: Was the estimated completion date after phase 2?

Dean: We don't have a time period. It'll take 9 months for phase one and a year for phase two. It depends on money.

Justin: **Yield.**

Sam: Likely, this will not create a huge surplus. The idea for revenue is to prevent degradation. It costs a lot of money for upkeep. Most of the money is appropriated to maintain. If there is any money left, likely it might not happen.

Elaine: This is student produced and student fee funded?

Dean: There is a reserve built up, we would ask that the students use some of the reserve to use the life safety.

Priscila: Considering that you said this project can take a year and 9 months, how do you expect that traffic and students in general.

Dean: It will be an impact. Access to the site is tough. It's very narrow. There will be controls. We would try to do it in the summer. No question, it will be an impact. It is buried in the back, it's really tough. It is short term, no question there will be an impact. It is how we mitigate that. Part of what is necessary is communication with the construction.

Victoria: Based off the images, for phase one, it is meant to make a natural setting. Is 6 million the cheapest amount of money to fix? Are students even able to use phase 1.

Dean: We are struggling on the phase one part. The codes right now are really stringent. It is going to take a huge effort. You have to regard the benches; fix the stairs, no handrails. We are trying to squeeze down phase one. Phase two is on the side, the amp itself could be used during phase two since the buildings are on the periphery. Once when we get phase 1, you can use it.

Tony: The total cost is about 13.5 million, have you ever looked for a sponsor to put their name on it.

Dean: There are a couple 7 figs donors. They are out there talking.

Max (Porter): Student fees are from the seismic fund?

Dean: There is a fee charged around the 90's for student life facilities to be maintained.

Max (Porter): Does that align to the original intentions and will there be a vote?

Dean: The SFAC recommends the money. I do not know the organization of how that committee works.

Edmond: Accessibility, planning to have different routes that are going to be open to make future plans.

Dean: No real good leads, there is a potential lead. We are looking for a lead to access it that way. It doesn't look to good.

Jose: Has there been any talk if there was no funding?

Dean: My guess would stay just the way it is. We closed it in 2006. My guess it would stay in disrepair.

Jessica: What if we do get enough funding for phase 1 and phase 2.

Dean: If we get enough money for phase 1, it can be used. We can do all the events but it will cost more. You have to rent all the equipment for phase 2.

Justin: If is it not moved upon, will it continue degradation.

Dean: We are escalating 5%. It's a big deal.

Ceril: Why is it 5%?

Dean: It's the nature of the cost of materials and labor. Labor is hard. It is at a premium. Steel is going up. We have a cost estimator, essentially warning us that it is escalating.

Max: How much did consultation cost?

Dean: I think is about \$150,000?

Jose: Can you reiterate why construction may start in 2016?

Dean: The seismic project will take over the backside and it'll be the contractor stage area. They will take over the space and access to the quarry will be doubly hard. There is talk to do it all the same time? You'll feel the pain but it will be done.

Compassionate University Resolution

Ghandi: If we pass this resolution, how will this help your organization?

Presenter: We want to establish a connection with SUA. As the governing body, in order to title UCSC, we need your support.

Brad: I would like to **motion** to extend time by 5 minutes for Q and A.

Max: **Second.**

Jose: In the beginning, who is “we”? Is this an org or a group on campus?

Presenter: Right now, it is us four so we can be more known as a resource. We are housed under the common ground center. We have two faculty sponsors.

Jessica: You mentioned preventative measures for mental illness, will there be formal training?

Presenter: I think we are looking to make it to permeate this culture. We want to give students a certain toolset so students won't need to be in crisis mode.

Priscila: What are your goals for the next year?

Presenter: We put up our vision. We want to strengthen it; our hope is to have connections with different campus units like SUA.

Presenter: We need a couple more people for that goal; our overarching goal is to be titled a Compassionate University. Next year, we want it on the student ballot.

Justin: You touched on helping students, how will you know without training and when will it be appropriate for a professional to help them?

Presenter: If people seem to be at harm to them, we can talk to CAPS.

Justin: It's on intuition?

Presenter: Non-violent communication.

University Socially Responsible Investment

**reading of the resolution

Shaz: Clarifying questions only. Debate will happen next week.

Ghandi: I know this was presented last year; I want to know what changes you made in the language. I recommended that this space come earlier. I think looking at it, it looks more specific.

Presenter: We have all our citations. You can check our sources. This year, we focused on the companies.

Presenter: The actual resolution has been shortened.

Tony: You're asking for us to support a divestment? Do you have plan for reinvestment.

Presenter: If you go to the regents, you have reinvestment philosophies. There are guidelines. The investments are made every other minute. The money would immediately.

Tony: Is there a plan? Short and long term?

Presenter: We have all that data.

Vanessa: You mentioned the appendix, what is the purpose of it there?

Presenter: It is the details of the companies and the products companies make.

Justin: Is it basically divesting from the entire company?

Presenter: Yes, a whole.

Justin: It's vague on the 3rd Let it Be Resolve, what you see that role in SUA?

Presenter: Do you want a specific a guideline?

Justin: Is there a letter for a chancellor or asking the EVC to pull out? It worries because we can examine but it can be a discussion or an action.

Presenter: I think it mandates that it asks to divest but necessity an examination, the resolution itself recommends divestment from those corporation.

Max (W): You mention that you would bring in specific financial amounts; it does not help us when we go back to our colleges. For example, Tony had specific percentages. What do you all have before the next meeting?

Shub: **Yield.**

Ceril: Have other universities pass this?

Presenter: None, it is only UCSC and for UCSC alumni. We are not coordinating any actions outside our university.

Charlsie: The regents already said they won't pull.

Presenter: It's to encourage a moral decision to divest. Once the student population wants to divest, it'll encourage the regents as well. UC Regents follow suit and it is how they won the battle against apartheid.

Presenter: It comes from the students, just like S. Africa, students led the way.

Ghandi: If we do pass it, are there any plans to deal with the academic senate? I'm asking and advising you to clarify your points more.

Presenter: We are far ahead on that note. Faculty will come next week.

Lila: Last year, there was a company called Rafeon; I noticed that it has been left off. I know a lot of students are behind that the divestment.

Presenter: Either Rafeon was not on the list or when we wrote this, we had to cut it out.

Max (Porter): I'm seeking clarification for the term apartheid,

Shaz: That is a debatable question.

Presenter: Sociological sense and legal definition apartheid.

Edmond: I wanted to know the definition.

Presenter: It is on my phone.

Shaz: There will be a location change for next week.

Tony: Next week, there is a holiday on Monday. Is it fair for colleges to discuss next week?

Shaz: We have a lot of agenda items to get through.

Tony: If we just do the debate, that means we are leaving it to the last meeting. It is a Jewish holiday; it is inconsiderate since the resolution is on that holiday.

Lila: Can alternates be added to the e-mail list?

Shaz: I'll send the e-mail out. We will add all the alternates. We can post the additional information on the agenda.

Brad: Can it be sent to the senate?

Shaz: I'll send to the college chairs.

Brad: **Motion** for 10 minute recess.

Jose: **Second.**

Max: **Objection.**

Vote for a break:

Yes: 19 No: 7 Abstentions: 3 **Motion passes, 10 min break.**

****10 minute break****

Officer Pay Proposal Discussion

Shaz: Budget discussions for the next few hours. *gavel. Last week, we had a committee to discuss bylaw amendments.

Max (Porter): **Officer Pay proposal.

Shaz: To explain to Porter senate, it is up to SUA to take action. I'll support if they want to decrease officer pay. I cannot do anything about it because it is a bylaw amendment because I feel like it. I hope you can clear that up. I told them the exact same thing. It is a voice of this space.

Priscila: Where is the money that is being allocated?

Max (IVC): Although in support of lower officer pay, I'm not in support of calling people out.

Ceril: How was 25% chosen?

Max: You can amend the number.

Ghandi: Since your name in this, did you ever cut your pay?

Shaz: No I haven't but it is up to the space.

Vanessa: I like clarification on how the number was selected.

Max: Art and I started it at \$800. We discussed \$750 is good, as 25% of the overall budget, reducing it will bring the overall budget to 20%.

Tony: So if they were going to be paid \$750, there are taxes. Have you looked at the average rent plus utilities, etc.?

Max: No one is asking you to live off-campus.

Lila: One, I like to the reduction, but I agree with Tony. The average rent is a lot higher. I know for a fact the average is about \$500. That is a low double. Some people do not have the privilege and it needs to be evaluated. Some students were for lowering officer pay, given the amount of hours you can work which is 19hrs/week. The most you can make is around \$600 a month. That is not my opinion.

Victoria: Are officers paid by the hour? At Oakes, it limits a person to become an officer. If this does get passed, we'd like the money distributed to other places.

Priscila: I think it is purposeful for their pay. Like Tony said, it is hard. I'm pretty sure work more than that. I think it is important to value to the work that people in general do.

Brad: I was wondering why only two members came up with this and this wasn't brought up early. I wish there was information from past officers. I'm just curious of the whole two-person committee.

Max: It is not a two-person committee, its two representatives of Porter senate. Like Shaz said, it has to come from the body so we are reintroducing.

Louise: The idea of the reduction, it does limit officers. I like that officers reduced their pay. I like the flexibility of that. Knowing this year, sometimes your pay goes back into the office.

Travelling with the EVC, you get a lot of expenses and it does not include rent. The reduction in pay will really affect officers next year and the ones going forward.

Justin: As I'm a rep from senate, the senate was not informed.

Charlsie: I support an officer pay cut. Max and I cut our pay and we've been arguing for it. One of the candidates that were going to one, I want a \$1,000 paycheck and a trip to Washington. It incentivizes the wrong people. Although rent is high, students are working and getting paid the same amount.

Kelly: We should take into consideration outside things; it is unfair to assume that all students have the same expenses. I understand that officers work many hours. Interns work a lot and they work multiple jobs to sustain themselves.

Greg: Clarifying point, 25% of the budget, it is actually 6.25% of the whole budget. I like the smaller portion because 25% cut is a huge cut. Maybe it could be 15%?

Jose: A lot of points being brought up are these officers supposed to represent UCSC or they are supposed to use this position to pay their fees?

Ghandi: I was going say with what Greg said. The one that bothers me is that this was only written by two represents.

Shaz: I do college tours and that they are the only college that brings it up. Previous last year, they were the only senate that brought it up.

Max (IVC): The year before I was an officer, I worked at dining and made \$11/hr. I made somewhere \$800 to \$1000. I could take on a lot less loans. I had to take on a lot more loans these years. I'm not speaking on behalf of anything, it is a contentious issue. I'm still in support of cutting pay.

Max (Porter): I would like to say regardless the cost; the position of officers is a valuable for their future. Focusing how much it costs you takes away from this value. Justify what 25% of the student fees go to the officers please.

Tony: Reserve my right to make a motion, myself, I did not run for the name. They wanted to create change. I hope that is a trend that will follow in the future. I like to make a motion to table this resolution indefinitely.

Roshni: **Second.**

Roshni: **Yield** to Vanessa.

Shaz: You can't yield to another person but you can be yield to stack.

Priscila: Are talking about the motion?

Priscila: Since we are discussing the motion, I don't think we should table. We should respect that someone brought a resolution to this space. At least finish discussing and a vote. I think it is silencing. It just makes it okay for others.

Max: **Point of clarification**, it is a bylaw in a form of a resolution.

Shaz: It requires $\frac{2}{3}$.

Sam: **Yield.**

Vanessa: Though this is a discussion that needs to be had, it needs to be discussed of the entire budget. I have a concern with the bylaw and the thought process behind it.

Brad: **Yield.**

Justin: I don't feel comfortable that we table indefinitely. As chair of a senate that has not heard of this proposal, I don't think it should be voted on but not ignored too.

Max (Porter): I completely disagree with tabling indefinitely because that is a cop out. It is open to amendments. A lot of people besides Porter, it should not be about the pay but the job are you doing. Please justify why 25% of student fees go to 6 people.

Tony: I **motion** to amend to table to next week.

Shaz: Can you withdraw?

Tony: I **withdraw my motion.**

Shaz: We will table it to next week anyway.

Sergio: **Yield.**

Louise: The "whereas" statement says it suggests it should go to general programming.

Max: The money will be allocated to however the body sees fit.

Sam: There are two arguments: there is one argument that says they are paid excessive and the percentage

Art: **Point of order.**

Sam: It costs \$1,120 an hour for basic expenses. The minimum wage is 9 dollars. You'll make more than an officer.

Shaz: I'm tabling this as chair.

Priscila: Is this a resolution or an amendment?

Shaz: It is a resolution, but it is an amendment.

Justin: I don't know what the agreement for an officer is.

Shaz: It is constitutional duties. If you are an officer, there is more

Tony: Letter of UCSC and UCSA, can I read that?

Shaz: Can we read the amendment?

Tony: *reads Alumni Letter to SUA

Max: Point of order, this paragraph does not have to do with the amendment.

Tony: **continues

Priscila: *reads proposed amended language

Priscila: When the language was written, it was \$.25 and now it is \$.50. The reason we created two numbers to pay between, there were some discussion to possibly raising the fee. Right now it is at .50, I highly doubt it'll go up for this year or next year but it can.

Tony: When we have this discussion last year, is USSA worth it? What does it actually do? One of my goals was to send as many people as possible. We sent 9 people to Congress in NJ. We had to pull money to send a record-high 15 to LegCon. I hope they can answer any questions because they went to there.

Justin: Two questions: is there a reason why they are being raised?

Ghandi: Not now.

Justin: I know we were billed more.

Shaz: That's an internal process. They charged undergrads and grad number. I'm waiting to hear back.

Justin: We only pay for undergrads right?

Shaz: Yes.

Max: Since we are in discussion, my question is why we set assign funds? Unless we change our bylaws, we should not have a lock-in fee. Putting something in the bylaws requires a huge change.

Priscila: Two points: I forgot one but the other was the reason was personally I would write in the bylaws that we pay USSA dues. Some folks felt like there was no way to check what the dues are. If the dues go over, we can re-have this discussion. It could be a discussion on the future if needed.

Charlsie: **Clarification**, how many schools are in USSA?

Tony: 9-15, some campuses left. There are about 8 states.

Charlsie: How many UC's?

Priscila: Discussing UCB to be added to the list.

Tony: Davis and Berkeley are not in it.

Charlsie: If we were to and the UC's are part of USSA, they could talk.

Max (Porter): I think the language is great. It is a straight up or down vote. I think that is completely appropriate.

Priscila: The point I forgot earlier; I've been in part of board meetings. I would be happy to meet with anyone who has questions or refer other people. My office hours are Tuesday Merrill 6-7 at Casa Latina. To Charlsie's point, it is a concern.

Tony: This discussion was had before congress and at congress.

Shub: When we evaluate our budget, we should evaluate on the current year. At this point in time, we should ask questions about USSA. They only have 8 states and to me, they cannot claim that they are United States organization. If we relocate, we can fix issues closer to home.

Max: Since we are saving this debate for next week, I think this language can put not direct money. They "can" and not "does". It should say they "can" set us aside. I don't care if it says min or max.

Tony: The question was asked with how many states, it is 7.

Justin: Why is debate postponed to next week?

Shaz: It is a bylaw amendment, it has to go back. We have a lot to go through. I can see people are tired. Next meeting is going to be a lot longer. We can let this

Max: Appeal the decision to end the debate.

Nabeil: I **move** that.

Roshni: **Second.**

Max: **Objection.**

Vote to table definitely to next week:

Yes: 12 **No: 14** Abstentions: 3 **Motion fails** so we will continue discussion.

Max: The concern is whether this is a big chunk of the budget.

Maria: I think it is important to have the amount. When we discuss, there should be a number to talk about. As a student body, we have to talk about it in a national level and they provide that space. I strongly believe that being a part of this org, it is important. Given the background as student involved, student led, I wanted to make a comment when it was presented that a person mentioned what is the point of LegCon.

Priscila: **Yield.**

Shub: I didn't mean dues to clarify.

Brad: **Yield.**

Lila: If we are going to debate, I don't think we should be a part of this. I cannot name one thing USSA has done one thing for me. We sent 15 people to LegCon but they were not able to lobby. Why are sending students to DC when they cannot do what they are sent to do?

Tony: **Clarifying question**, what are trying to get out of this?

Shaz: General discussion. We cannot vote next week.

Priscila: USSA is actively recruiting campuses. That is something they want to do and be inclusive of other states. There are only so many people to actively recruit. We are discussing LegCon, the reason may not have been successful was because of weather conditions and uncontrollable. We didn't get to lobby, but that wasn't USSA or students can control. I would like to say, there were workshops. I would like to think students learned something at this conference. In order for org like USSA, it needs campuses to retain membership. Our dues help USSA to do things. The alumni letter was to provide context, it may not be the most overt things. USSA has helped through financial things. In reference to the comments and not many people know USSA, that is true, but not many people know what SUA is. That is important to keep in mind as well.

Max (IVC): **Yield.**

Max (Porter): Two points, we are only considering the dues. If you don't know what USSA does, they have accomplished a lot.

Sam: I was a part of the committee. USSA is an important institution. The \$.50 to \$1.00, it is important up to a point. That is my opinion on the payment. As for the conference, I have a slightly more cynical approach. LegCon, I went. Considering it was \$1,000 to attend workshops. Many students felt like we got better instruction at Sacramento which cost a fraction of the price. I would suggest that we are lenient of our dues but we take a critical approach.

Ceril: Are we discussion the language or of USSA?

Shaz: The discussion is of USSA membership.

Ceril: That omits the notion of we want to or not want to. All we have to do is put a can in there and the SUA can decide whether it is \$.50 through \$1.00 rather than going around in a circle.

Ghandi: This will be my personal plea to stay in USSA. If we pulled membership, we will see the results. It is really detrimental to student movement. You recognize these issues and it is

national. We can't combat these issues alone. Higher education act, which is a basic structure, this is the most crucial movement, for UCSC to be out of that, we are powerhouse in USSA. To pull out like that, it is bad for the movement.

Joshua: **Yield.**

Justin: **Yield.**

Jessica: I just feel we are not meeting the fullest potential of USSA; we can maximize our potential to accessing more students. This is a constructive critique, outreach more and make it so we achieve the fullest potential of this institution.

Brad: I would suggest if someone wants to make a change to the language that would be made tonight. If we don't do it tonight, it'll make next week's meeting longer.

Justin: The amendment is based on dues. It is important. I know that the president and vice president has been talking, they are reconstructing their objectives, especially when we see problems of USSA. The fact that a lot of UC's are in it, it is important to pass this bylaw because it gives a min and max.

Louise: There is a lot of critique on the org itself and its capacity. Let us take UCSA and stretch it over the nation and cut its budget by $\frac{2}{3}$ and expect it to do work at a high level. One of the things put on there was 2013 keeping rates from doubling. The rates did double. Leadership of USSA was at the white house speaking with Obama and they passed legislation to keep interest rates at their current level. No other advocacy group has that. Moving forward, the problem is outreach. It is in the constitutional duty for EVC and OD to work with USSA. By not being a part of USSA, you are effectively limiting the officer's duty. By changing the bylaws, we can end the whole back in forth. Do we want to pay it for this year or not?

General Programming Discussion

Steven: We used the SOFA wording in the bylaws. Basically you send an email. Come to the body and then the body votes.

Brad: I'm a little concerned about all voting members. I like the idea. Would that include alternates and such? On paper at a meeting if they are alternates? Does that mean that each college has 5 voting members?

Shaz: We need to specify.

Victoria: Has is this different from SOFA?

Shaz: It is only convened once a quarter. The space will know what they are doing. That is more for organizations. This is specific to SUA body. The language is exactly from SOFA.

Jose: It would be the same account that SOFA uses?

Shaz: This is for SUA voting members only.

Justin: I think it should be geared to only voting members.

Shaz: We can discuss that next week.

Ceril: What rules are these members getting their funds? Is there guidelines?

Shaz: We have guidelines for SUA's mission.

Lila: In terms of simple majority or $\frac{2}{3}$. If it is under \$1,000, it can be a simple majority and if more it should be $\frac{2}{3}$. We should reevaluate where our money is going to.

Jose: Is there a limit that someone can pull from the account?

Shaz: The check is coming to the body. The body has the discussion and they vote. Going back to Lila's point on the money they request.

Justin: It is an SUA programming line item. I don't think that $\frac{2}{3}$ is necessary. I think a majority would be fine.

Brad: Regarding to the point if it is under or over \$1,000; we should look at the programs as the event itself rather than the money. Think about the event and the quality of it. Because officers have the right of way to do whatever they want, I don't want to see a difficult process that could benefit the SUA.

Ceril: I understand what Justin and you were saying. I would like to promote $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. If the SUA votes more than $\frac{2}{3}$, surely there would be less scrutiny.

Shub: **Yield.**

Jose: Does the event have to be for the entire school or a specific college?

Shaz: We do fund some organizations that have travels. The body can look into that.

Sam: It would be nice to not jump through a lot of hoops. IF there was a provision for a couple lights, it would have helped a lot. I think it is careful and call for extreme provocative safety. I'm sure people would.

Sam: Would it be SOFA-style?

Shaz: It would be on the similar lines. When you come to SUA, it'll be like the same process.

Jose: If this were to happen, is this money for college representations and organizations?

Shaz: All voting members. We have 6 ethnic and identity based orgs.

Victoria: It should be used to benefit a lot of students. Not money for quick lights.

Steven: Can we go to the minimum criteria?

Justin: Are we looking at the language? I would like to have a cap at \$2,000.

Priscila: Can you repeat what you said Steven?

Steven: This event should be open to all students.

Jose: Is the cap per voting member? Will it cap how many times.

Justin: It was a cap for every financial request.

Louise: We created a student life item. We talked about a cap. We said people had to collaborate.

We can say one or two members. We can have a sliding scale. Some events if they are wide scale, they are going to cost more.

Lila: **Yield.**

Ceril: I don't think there should be a cap.

Art: There was a discussion on the approval between simple. May I suggest $\frac{3}{5}$ since it is in the middle?

Jose: **Point of clarification**, are we also discussing whether we want voting members to access the fund.

Lila: Speaking as the AEC, a lot of candidates came up to me ask for more responsibility. We give college reps a chance to have events. It will give more of an incentive to run. It'll be good for SUA outreach. As far as Justin's point, I like it where it is.

Brad: I am going to agree with what Louise said; I really like the idea of collaboration amongst voting members. There has been a split in SUA. It is a saddening split. I think something like a general fund like Oakes can work with Stevenson things like that, it can make SUA more connected space where students feel like they are a part of an org that works together. I am in full favor of some collaboration.

Brad: Are the committees open for others?

Shaz: It is open to everyone. I can send a google doc about the budget committee.

Shub: Is there a cap next week?

Shaz: We will be there for a while.

Overall Budget Discussion

Jose: After these delegates attend these conferences, why hasn't there been any feedback about it? Why hasn't that action been taken?

Ghandi: I went to SoCC. I knew that last year people were hesitant because people haven't brought it back. They helped me see different perspectives. Even though I don't identify with other communities, it helps me grow as a student advocate. It is hard to hold people accountable. I can't speak for everyone but I believe they do help people go.

Brad: I do have the same concern. I know as the OD elect, one of my goals is to work with the EVC so people can attend workshops that are from that. At least students can get info out of it.

Justin: I would like to reinstate the \$4,000. It is still part of UCSA.

Sam: I believe it was zeroed out so we can allocate funding for the future.

Priscila: I think a reason do not come back because it is not mandated. It is difficult to get a large delegation. I know I've been to several conferences. I have gone to different communities. I know that some people have done the same. Being brought back is different. If we would like a presentation, with the delegation forming a committee to facilitate a conversation of what they would like to learn and see.

Shub: My experience has been that it has been enriching. I question that merit to fund my trip. When we go to the workshops, we read a couple pamphlets and we are supposed to make campaigns. I'm just saying for LegCon, we learned at LobbyCorp. In my opinion, it is too much money for the value we are bringing back. I see more value if we send smaller teams. It'll make conducting these campaigns easy.

Ceril: We are all getting a sense of these conferences. We are either increasing or decreasing. I recommend that those people speak now. That way we can speed along this process.

Victoria: I think conferences are important. Now that we have money to go through programming, we can mandate that if college reps go to conferences, they can have a workshop and it can reach out to students. In that sense, we are affecting UCSC without taking the extra students.

Priscila: I think it is a definite to our campus to cut conference funding as much it is cut. Many less students will go to conference. After my first conference, I was empowered and I was excited to come back. I had conversations with my residents. I've been lucky to go to these conferences I think it is important to keep in mind. UCSC is unique because we discuss a lot of things and we try actively to talk about diversity and gender. I have met people at conferences that I've had conversations with at LegCon. Some students may not have these experiences because they are valuable.

Maria: Next week is Memorial Day weekend, Monday senates are not going to meet, and I would hope that college students hold an emergency meeting. That way there is a potential to vote on things unless we want to go to finals week. I would like to make a motion to extend time.

Shaz: We will have to end at 12.

Louise: **Yield.**

Jose: **Yield.**

Shaz: We are trying to get on the info out as soon as possible. Announcement on the measures:
Total turnout was 24.87%. All the results will be posted.

Adjournment at 12:00AM