

SOFA Winter Quarter 2014 Meeting

Wednesday, 2/19/2014

**SOFA Deliberations**

**Assembly Members Present:** Sam (QSU), Samantha (Stevenson), Miina (Kresge), Jose (Cowell), Max (Porter), Leslie (Crown), Summanth (Nine), Steven (Ten), Ivette (Eight), Amore (MEChA), Nick (Oakes), Justin (Chief Justice), Archie (Treasurer), Shaz (Chair)

Call to order at 7:01PM by Shaz Umer (Chair)

Shaz: We have sponsorships, we will consider them separately. We will be using light Roberts Rules. We will do one by one. We will look at the information. If we go over, we have to go back. We will give them amount.

Jose: Are we going to talk about SAFE's request?

Shaz: We will deal with that separately.

Amore: What are Robert's Rules?

Shaz: We are going to be talking the entire time. You'll see how it works.

**\*\*Round 1\*\***

**Filipino Student Association: Alay**

Not an event, but the organization provides representation, and it's a good cause. It's great to see a publication on campus.

Max: **I motion** to fully fund \$805.64.

Jose: **Second.**

Shaz: **Motion passes by consensus. Recommendation is \$805.64.**

**Brain Mind and Consciousness**

Summanth: I think this is one of the best things that the body can have. As a college student, it's a big thing for us. I personally think this is one of the better overall things we can fund.

Samantha: I was impressed that they were able to credit. I think \$3,000 is a bit too much. I don't think we should fully fund them. **I motion** to fund \$850.

Max: **Second.**

Steven: I think they are going to need more money. I'm going to say around \$2,000.

Vote in favor to fund **\$850. Yes: 5** No: 4

Shaz: **Motion passes. Recommendation is \$850.**

University Economics Association

Jose: I **reserve my right to make a motion**. They wanted the school to participate on this. They are not requesting too much. I **motion to fully fund**.

Nick: **Second**.

Max: **Objection**.

**Vote in favor** of approving to fully fund. **Yes: 8**, No: 2

Shaz: **Motion passes. Recommendation is \$192.**

Relay For Life

Shaz: Did they present? Did they mention their budget being amended? The entire \$2755 is removed because I talked to the Dean of Students Office. Their total budget is minus that.

Summanth: It is \$1,650.

Max: I reserve my right to make a motion. I don't support funding the full amount. They said they are going to college senates. They can find fundraising in May. I motion to fund \$825 dollars.

Summanth: Second.

**Vote in favor** to fund **\$825. Yes: 11**

Shaz: **Motion passes. Recommendation is \$825.**

Indian Student Organization

Max: They have gone to Porter. They ask for costumes. I'm just putting that out there. Every single year is for costumes. I don't think they need that every single year. A lot is for a supervisor salary too.

Shaz: We can also add a stipulation like not going to costumes or a supervisor.

Amore: They are going to pay for that somehow. I know main stage is a big issue. It is bologna that it is expensive.

Shaz: They should already have that covered. I'll talk to them about it.

Jose: **I motion** to fund ISO \$3,000. What I did was I added everything up in their budget that wasn't for the supervisor, stage cost, and costume. I got \$2,900 and I added \$100 to make an even.

Sam: **Second.**

Amore: **I motion to amend** it back to \$2,900.

Max: **Second.**

Steven: I want **to amend** the cost back to \$2,000.

Stevenson: **Second.**

Jose: Their whole budget is \$16,000. It benefits a lot of students. It is open to the entire campus. I'm a first year; I've heard that this is a really big event. I feel like they are very successful every year.

Max: I agree that we should fund them. I'm leaning for the \$2,000. Realistically, for \$500 samosas, are they really going to sell that?

Nick: I'm pretty sure they are a stipulation.

Max: If they can shrink their budget, they can.

Summanth: It benefits a lot of people. It's a big thing. They ask college 9. It is such a great event; just \$2,000 is not enough. I'm thinking we can find a middle ground.

Miina: This is their 14<sup>th</sup> show. That is pretty big. If this is their budget, they have done it so many times before. I would prefer to give them the \$2,900.

Amore: There is a huge need for representation on this campus. This is for the students and the community. It's for their family too. It's a cool experience.

Summanth: I would like to fund the ISO \$2,500.

Shaz: It's an amendment to the amendment on the motion. We are motion to amend Steven's amendment from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

**All those in favor for increasing the amount to \$2,900: Yes: 8 No: 2 Motion passes.**

**Vote to amend** the main motion to reduce from \$2,900 to \$2,500. **Yes: 7 No: 4**

**Vote on the main motion for \$2,500. Yes: 11 No: 0.**

Shaz: **Motion passes. Recommendation is \$2550.**

UCSC Disc Golf Team

Max: I **motion** to postpone this indefinitely.

Sam: **Second.**

Max: They are asking for a lot of money to benefit 6 people.

Nick: I think yes that they came to us before. They made it to nationals 7 times. I feel like yeah it might be 6 people but they have made it to nationals and that is feat. They shouldn't get shafted and get 0. They represent this campus. We may not be known for that, but they put on the map. That should be rewarded in some way.

Max: They haven't gone to any of the colleges for funding. They only have a \$5 fee per person. The majority of their budget is for plane tickets. I really don't think.

Ivette: I agree that they made it to nationals. That is a huge accomplishment. We should at least fund the entrance fees if anything.

Amore: If I can clarify, they were being exclusive and not benefiting the whole school. We should fund the entrance fees for sure.

Jose: They could have done other ways to find cheaper flights. Since they worked very hard to get to their championship, I don't think we should fund them that much. They do represent UCSC. It will look bad on us.

Sam: They are asking for that much money for 6 students. The player fees are small for an expensive sport. They know nationals are across the country. Charging \$5 is irresponsible and expects all their funding to come from other spaces.

Max: I **reserve my right to make a motion. I motion to withdraw.**

Jose: **Second.**

Max: I **motion** to fund the entrance fee.

Ivette: **Second.**

Steven: I **motion to amend** that to include the hotel, car, and lunch.

Summanth: **Second.**

Jose: I like Steven's point, we should cover the car. They tried in that aspect.

Max: I just think the whole thing is organized. I totally get the argument for the entrance fee. I feel like it's irresponsible. That is almost \$100 a student.

Amore: I think that is a good point, if they really want it, they should go to the hotel. I think we should fund the entrance and the car.

**Vote to amend main motion** to cover entrance, lunch, car, and hotel. **Motion fails.**

Amore: **I motion** to fund their entrance fee and their car.

Summanth: It's \$285.

Cowell: **Second.**

Max: **Objection.**

**Vote to amend the main motion** to cover entrance and car. **Motion fails.**

**Main motion** is to fund the entrance fee. **Yes: 9, No: 2**

Shaz: **Motion passes. Recommendation is \$225.**

### *Familia X*

Jose: I think we should fund them. This conference is open to everybody on campus. They are trying to take 30 students. If they get more funding, they try to get more.

Miina: I think this is great. They are queer people and color people. This benefits both of those. It is awesome. I would like to **motion** \$2,000.

Nick: **Second.**

Sam: Is there a reason?

Miina: The food seems a lot.

Max: I would support \$2,000. I'm adding up their budget except for hotel and food. It comes up to \$2,015. It is a good amount.

Jose: Is the first aid kits mandatory?

Miina: Some conferences, if you go outdoors and stuff, they require it.

Ivette: At the conference, the food should be included. I've been to past QPOCC, they include the food. I don't know why that is on the budget.

Amore: **I motion to fund with gas.**

Shaz: **No second, motion fails.**

**Vote to fund Familia X for \$2,000. Yes: 8, No: 1, Abstentions: 2**

Shaz: **Motion passes. Recommendation is \$2,000.**

### American Red Cross

Miina: The classes are subsidized for only members in their club.

Sam: I would **motion to fund \$150** with the stipulation that is for the room fee.

Summanth: **Second.** It is still a good thing for people to have the training. It is not a bad cause at all. It is only benefiting their members. I would probably agree with a smaller funding scale. It is still good to fund.

Amore: I think we should postpone it indefinitely because it is not going to benefit our campus as a whole.

Max: I would just say that I would support the \$150 for the reservation fee. I do agree that we should subsidize for member only.

Amore: Max has been bringing up a good point; we shouldn't be using student fees for something that is not open to everyone.

**Vote to fund \$150. Yes: 8, No: 1, Abstention: 2**

Shaz: **Motion passes. Recommendation is \$150.**

**\*\*5 min break at 7:58PM\*\***

### Wheelbarrow

**\*\* I washed my hands at this time, but it was agreed to fund \$700. \*\***

### Delta Sigma Theta

Amore: We should fund them.

Miina: There are not a lot of African-American events. There were around 200 people. Rainbow is coming. \$5,000 is a lot but their event is big. I would **motion to fund** them \$2,000.

Jose: **Second.** I just wanted to agree with her. I know that there are only a certain events. It's not just for African-Americans. It's for the whole public. They are promoting their culture. It'd be nice for the campus to learn more about diversity.

Shaz: **Motion passes. Recommendation is \$2,000.**

### Nourish International

Samantha: This organization has been doing a lot to get their name out there. I think this event is beneficial. I'd fund \$500 as a suggestion.

Max: I **reserve my right to make a motion**. I don't think they have done much to go to the other places. I don't feel comfortable funding a lot. They can go ask for \$95 from each of the colleges. I would **motion to fund \$150** for the venue.

Sam: **Second**.

Amore: I think Max's a good point to go to all colleges. I think we should just fund them their T-shirts.

**Vote in favor for \$150 for the venue. Yes: 9, Abstentions: 2**

Shaz: **Motion passes. Recommendation is \$150.**

### Sigma Pi Alpha

Miina: I appreciate that they got their schedule. It's for women of color. They are inviting the public to come though which is cool. They are giving out scantrons. EOP would be presenting. I appreciate that.

Jose: I motion to fund the full amount.

Shaz: No second motion, motion dies.

Sam: I think it will be a good event. They can easily get funding from other places. We shouldn't fund them the entire amount. I don't know what number.

Amore: **Motion** to reconsider the previous motion.

Summanth: **Second**.

All those in favor of the **reconsideration: Yes: 7, No: 4**

**Vote to fund \$440. Yes: 8, No: 2, Abstention: 1.**

Shaz: **Motion passes. Recommendation is \$440.**

### Ethics Bowl

Miina: I don't see what they are bringing back to the students. They didn't get their tickets yet and it is expensive. It is only 13 students. I haven't heard of them till now. It causes recognition. I would not want to fund them \$5,000. I would fund registration.

Stevenson: If I am correct, it is a 5-credit class. I like that they focus on philosophy and society. They are promoting education and representing UCSC well. They talked about they were qualified in the past. It is representing UCSC academically well. We should fund around \$1,000.

Summanth: I see this argument like the disc golf team. This is a big event that doesn't benefit a lot of students. It takes to some national attention. They listed a number of sources for funding. It is probably something that is looking into. They should pay for some of these themselves. Something should be considered.

Max: I reserve my right to make a motion. They have one week to get the money. They've said their last resort. I think we should pay the registration fee so we have some continuity. This is an academic function. **I motion to fund** them \$1,300 with the stipulation that it covers the registration fee only.

Ivette: Can you amend to add the high school brochures \$110 on top of the registration fees?

Ivette: The reason that we want to sponsor the procedures is for outreach. They want to keep the Ethics Bowl alive. They want to keep that alive.

Nick: I also want to remind everyone that they have a high school ethics bowl. We should add the brochures because they bring back to the entire community as a whole.

Archie: I've heard from other UC's that the UCSC's Ethics Bowl team is really good. Our school is actually good.

Jose: The city of Santa Cruz has recognized the Ethics Bowl. I want to amend it, registration fee and the ground travel.

Samantha: **Second.**

Ivette: So we are amending the ground travel?

Shaz: The motion is to have the registration fees and ground travel?

**Vote to approve** for the amendment for \$1,820. Yes: 3, **No: 6**, Abstentions: 3

Amore: It's a lot of money so we should only fund that registration fee.

Ivette: I feel like we should fund their outreach because they are reaching out. It is important because they outreach the community and it is important for the city and the school to have ties.

**Vote** to fund \$1,300, **Yes: 9**, No: 1, Abstentions: 1

Shaz: **Motion passes, recommendation is \$1,300.**

*Vagina Monologues*

Jose: They are changing it to only asking for \$500.

Miina: They got funding through colleges.

Nick: I **motion** to fund the full \$500.

Max: **Second.**

**Vote** to fully fund: **Yes: 10**, Abstention: 1

Shaz: **Motion passes. Recommendation is \$500.**

Max: The Vagina Monologues is a staple of UCSC.

### Matchbox Magazine

Miina: They allow other UC students. They send it to other UC's. It is nice to see other voices. It stands out from all the literary magazines.

Amore: I **motion** to fully fund matchbox.

Summanth: **Second.**

Max: **Objection.**

**Vote** to fully fund matchbox. **Yes: 6**, No: 4, Abstentions: 1

Shaz: **Motion passes. Recommendation is \$1,200.**

### EyeCandy Journal

Jose: They were very honest. The books came out after the school year ended. They are very on top of it this year. They appreciate that.

Miina: A lot of people have been visiting blog. They are saying that they got their act together. I appreciate their honesty for sure. I think this is a great way to help something grow even further.

Summanth: They are trying to get their act together. I want to fund the full amount because I want to see them do well. They said 1,000 people are going to get it. I'm not sure how much it is going to be. I want to results first before I want to fund them.

Max: I support this. I don't think we should fund the full amount. If you mess something up, actions come with consequences. We should fund them a portion because it has been around for years. It's a long lasting publication. The issues were because they change their faculty advisor. This year they have someone else to do. I **motion** to fund \$1,000.

Jose: **Second.**

Amore: I think we should be consistent with the funding.

Justin: Refrain from comparing.

Sam: I really like their presentation; I want to see this magazine succeed. They are asking quite a bit from SUA. I don't know where they'll get their funding.

Max: I would just say that I support this because a lot of students get to be published before graduating. It helps to build future careers. I don't think we need to fund full. They are asking for \$1,000 copies. They already have the funding to print. They have a digital version of this. They would only cut 100 copies and I think 900 is a great amount along with their digital means.

Jose: **Yield.**

**Vote to fund \$1,000: Yes: 11**

Shaz: **Motion passes. Recommendation is \$1,000.**

### Theta Pi Sigma

Jose: They never attended this conference. Attending a different conference would be an eye opener.

Miina: They asked them to run their own workshop. However, I think \$3,000 is a lot. I would to **motion** to fund them \$1,500.

Summanth: **Second.**

Amore: Because it is their first year, it would help for them to focus on all their funding. Can I amend it to fully fund?

Steven: Looking at the registration fees, \$1,500 won't come close to that.

Jose: My only issue with this is that this is a closed conference. They only invite people in Theta Pi to go. It's my own concern because it is not really open and it only includes.

**Vote in favor to amend it to \$3,000. Yes: 4, No: 5. Motion dies.**

Max: **I motion to amend** the motion to \$2,000.

Summanth: **Second.**

Amore: I think that Steven made a good point. Even though \$3,000 won't be funded, it is better than \$1,500.

Vote for the **amendment: Yes: 10, Abstentions: 1**

**Motion to fund them \$2,000: Yes: 10, Abstentions: 1. Motion passes.**

*Jewish Student Union*

Jose: **Point of clarification**, is this event one or two days?

Miina: One.

Max: It is \$15/hour for the tech crew.

Shaz: Projectors and mics too.

Jose: They went to Cowell. They went to Core Council. My only issue is that 70% of their budget is their food. I understand that they are going to an Israeli restaurant. I felt like I didn't understand them clearly. I should have asked if they found other ways to get the food.

Amore: It seems like a positive event to host on our campus. I think that we should fund them with a doubt. It would be a good idea for total costs.

Shaz: It is Middle-Eastern food. They had kabobs.

Miina: I think this is an awesome event. They invited the Persian and Muslim students. The problem is that it has to be kosher food. While I understand that it is a lot of money, I don't see another way out of this. They probably have done their research. I would be in support of fully funding.

Max: **I reserve my right to motion.** Kosher food is more expensive because the animals have to be killed in a certain way and supervised by a Rabbi. It should be processed up to par. They could have looked for other venues. They have proven success. They are expecting to have more than that. I don't think we should fund the full amount. They haven't done an amount of fundraising outside of SUA. If they got \$200 per college, that is \$2,000. **I motion** to fund half of what they are asking which is \$1,500.

Summanth: **Second.**

Sam: **Yield.**

Amore: What impressed me most that he made it clear is that he made it open to the entire community. You don't have to be a certain religion. The things they are promoting are positive. I'd like to amend to fund them fully.

Shaz: **Motion dies.**

**Vote** in favor to fund \$1,500. **Yes: 10, No: 0, Abstentions: 1**

Shaz: **Motion passes. Recommendation is \$1,500.**

## **\*\*Round 2\*\***

Tem: On behalf of my organization, I would like to ask to cut \$200 of my recommended funding. It would be easier on the body to deliberate. I know my org has not asked for any of the colleges yet and many of the orgs that have asked for funding already have. We have our fundraiser next Monday at Penny's and you'll definitely be seeing me at your colleges to ask for funding.

Max: **Motion** to cut \$200.

Jose: **Second**.

Amore: I think before we take out an even amount. Some are asking more than others. I don't think you should sacrifice your organization.

Justin: There would have to be a motion.

Sam: My original question, are across the board cuts allowed and is it appropriated by percentages?

Justin: Since it is not described, I believe it is okay.

Shaz: Some orgs requested more than others.

Sam: In part, it should be after Max's.

**Vote in favor** of reducing Alay's amount by \$200. **Yes: 9**, No: 1, Abstentions: 1

Archie: It would cut everything evenly. It was based that the amount we are over.

Shaz: The math is right.

Nick: Can you do the math again?

Shaz: If we wanted to reconsider the motion that just passed, it has to be reconsidered the people who said yes.

Jose: Are we allowed to have stipulations except FSA.

Max: **Motion** to reduce all the orgs except Alay by the %.

Sam: **Second**.

Justin: It is a **point of clarification**, I don't know what kind of point it is, and I'd like to suggest waiting for Archie's calculation.

Sam: The motion that is presented should include a thing saying that organizations already cut shouldn't be touched.

Archie: It would be 6.488%.

Archie: \*\*displays cool excel form

**All those in favor** of approving the percentages listed on Archie's excel: Yes: 11

Max: **Motion to adjourn.**

Jose: **Second.**

Adjournment at 9:25PM