

Student Union Assembly

Tuesday, 1/14/2014

Meeting called to Order at 8:00PM by Shaz Umer (Chair)

Assembly Members Present: Lisa Washington, Angelica Montes, Samuel Simpson, Roshni Advani, Ivette Torres, Elaine Wong, Victoria York, Christofer Weast, Yajaira Chavez, Rachel Kirkwood, Gregory Baraghimian, Sam Shaw, Nabeil Lamar, Steven Hernandez, Leslie Paola Gonzalez, Jessica Ly, Tyler Papp, Kelly Goehring, Edmond Yaghoubian, David Pickard IV, Samantha Sobol, Sergio Klor de Alva, Max Winter, Art Motta, Gul Taneri, Arnulfo Vasquez, Maria Garcia, Alexandra Kasper, Priscila Rodriguez, Corbin Hall, "D" Patel, Leslie Villafana, Ivan Medina, Vanessa Morales, Charlsie Chang, Tony Milgram, Max Hufft, Shaz Umer

Assembly Members Absent: Miina Coulon, "D" Patel, Leslie Villafana

Approval of the Agenda

Shaz: I would want to suggest moving the constitution presentation to next week.

Ivan: So **moved**.

Max: **Second**.

Shaz: **Motion passes**.

Max: **Motion** to add Porter happenings for 10 min.

Roshni: **Second**.

Shaz: Any discussion? Motion passes. We add 10 minutes before report backs.

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

Sam: **Second**.

Shaz: Any discussion? Any motions? **Motion passes**. We have approved the agenda.

Approval of the Previous Meetings' Minutes

Art: Move to approve the minutes.

Roshni: **Second**.

Shaz: Any there any objections to that motion? **Motion passes**.

PowerPoint Presentation by Porter Representatives

Shaz: We also have a separate line item called the SUA foundation fund. Although you cannot use student fees to fund it, my proposal to this body is to create a \$5,000 scholarship to transfer students. Hopefully raise funds for new transfer students. He was an astrophysics major and it would be a good way to give back to the family. That is my idea, I'll move it to discussion and we will vote on it next week.

Ivan: I was thinking about this. I think that it would be a good idea, I like the scholarship idea. It should be for astronomy transfer students. I also think that we maybe have a discussion about maxing that fund out. If we want to keep memory of this student, it would be a good idea to fund \$2,500. Admin can match that. It can show support from the family, but I also do like the idea for Porter.

Charlotte: We could make this an endowment. I'm just posing that; you will only get a small amount. It'll continue to grow but it'll help students longer than the \$5,000.

Shaz: It is something we can definitely look into. We can vote on it next week.

Officer Reportbacks

Max: I hope everyone had a really great break. It's a brand new quarter; I'm going to make this quick so I'll give a synopsis about the concert. Last quarter, we did a good job about bringing 15 departments such as government relations and police. We hired Jose Olivas and this guy has got amazing experience. This guy is really great. He was a SOAR adviser, he planned MCF. We have a couple info sessions as we get closer to the event. We are looking at May 3rd or the 10th. The first one is this Friday at 4PM, McHenry 4360 if you want to sit on subcommittee. That would be a good option. If you want to do more the-day-of stuff, go to that and feel free to shoot me an e-mail. Our second one is Monday at 5PM, more for table or organization or be a vender, or you can display type of art; 5PM Stevenson Silverman room. Please go to those if you are interested, we might even have an alumni judge. We are getting a lot of confirmations from different spaces. We are hoping the winner of the talent show to open for the concert. Slug shuttle is coming back for spring break. Be on the lookout especially if you want one of the awesome t-shirts so that all the volunteers can get some.

Charlsie: Couple weeks ago Alfonso brought a presentation about the state of diversity on this campus. I found out that you can actually report hate bias regarding professors. We will give them out next week. It will show how to report hate bias. Another thing that we learned, the vice provost of academic affairs said that course evaluations are read. That is very important but students don't fill them out. They reevaluate the professors from the evaluations. I'm really excited about the ISO Holi Festival.

Tony: There are a lot of things going on this month. It's important that people showed up the Lobby Corp meeting. Throughout this month, there will be a lot of events: local, state, national. Several lobby visits to train people. We are having meetings with admin, make sure all the campaigns we are taking on and that admin knows what they are. The UCSA happened this weekend. We went through a few things, couple grants to fund campaigns and moving forward to planning SLC. November board meeting, we are going against the constitution. The Executive committee had to move the CMED campaign; it's more a joint directive. In terms of actually things changing is how it's classified. We are switching bank accounts with UCSA. In our undergrad breakout, we discussed how our goal is realistic. We had an update from AFSCME; the strike last quarter was the largest strike. CMED is now a part of it. We did receive 142 million dollars which is supposed to stop tuition going up. They didn't receive about 60 million they are hoping for. We passed one small bylaw change, you cannot retroact the funding. SJSU had a lot of unfortunate events. UCSA is in solidarity with the CSU. We have several lobby visits, both the state legislatures, before our two main conferences. I'm presenting the LegCon application to the body today, with your approval, it'll be released Thursday. There are about 15 people. SLC apps will be put out right when LegCon apps are due.

Alfonso: UC regents didn't give all the funding that they could, did Nap say guarantee?

Tony: She didn't guarantee, she said she "hopes". Governor Brown gave enough but everything else that was asked for was not given.

Alfonso: Does everyone know what happened at SJSU?

Ivan: **Point of personal privilege**, I do not want it to be put in a time constraint; we could contact folks to bring a discussion for next week.

Priscilla: Whatever happened with the video application idea?

Tony: It's still there. I'll get to it in my presentation later.

Vanessa: We are touching a couple things, class availability, student survey, mid to end of Feb to march. I'll keep you guys posted on this. Touching on the library, we will continue on the referenda, we will be e-mail the chairs of your respective governments. We later on ask for sponsorship. We are trying to get small events to open up study spaces. Consolidate every list of study space, hopefully debut it before midterms. That is most from my office.

Ivan: I'm about to finalize my interns. I'm meeting with my staff and possibly adding another intern. I also want to have google forms and have them sent to campus and how folks are feelings about officers and reps. I would like to see this come out of this office, so we can get some feedback. I just want to be able to make sure that there is conversation aside from Tuesdays here8-10. I'm going to start meeting with Rebecca from AFSCME. I want to see where they are at. I did with me Alison and the students and the email, it was biased condemning the workers at

the strike. This was not a worker shutdown on the campus; this was students shutting down the campus. It was trying to clarify with Alison, these were students in solidarity. We did pass resolutions for the campus (IGNITE). We will be holding that accountable to the board seeing the backwards timelines. We are looking at campaigns. AB420, is inactive, it is needed to be signed or vetoed. Urge to governor to sign this piece of legislation, fund the UC, direct approach about the prop 13. It hasn't been changed since the 70's. A lot of people think that it is property taxes for citizens, it's more for companies that take over other companies and taking their tax. For USSA, I have resigned from my position. I believe I took too much. Unfortunately, it is not in my time commitment for the USSA positions. How can I make the board run its gears more efficiently, what kind of trainings, there was a lot about we need to more about this. Things like that will make folks feel like there are educated. If you want to know anything about the campaigns, talk to me if you have time. We can make it into something productive. Hit me up after the meeting. I also have SUA stickers. I have a lot of them.

Shaz: As all of you know, we had an OM. A lot of that workload went on me as a chair and the Dean. Over the break, I designed a new system. It's an internal procedure. The BYA reports will be online. Each intern had to turn in paper but we eliminated the paper trail. I'm trying to work with the Assistance Dean of Students; it's still a long process. To alleviate the stress on my part, I'm going to hire student staff employees. Make sure the office is open all day for students to come in. It's more a secretarial position. They can send something to the student employees. ER 2174, it is work study \$9.25 an hour. We will be able to open the SUA office. We are also students, a lot of times we are not there. I will be able to open the office from 8AM-8PM. We really just want people in there all the time. SOFA meeting will be on Feb 12. We have a line item for \$17,000. SOFA is the committee for the funding requests. All you have to do is send me an e-mail with the rep name by February 4. The chancellor is coming on January 28th.

Priscilla: About the concert that is happening in the spring, will there be a presentation to the board? There is an article in the paper about the concert; it also said multiple times that SUA is putting up the concert. I'm just wondering if we are going to have a discussion.

Max: I can make presentation, sure. I can also give updates on who is volunteering. I'll keep it short. As for the paper, it's my office; we could just put an office of internal affairs. We can change that as the internal vice chair's office.

Priscilla: That would be accurate.

Max: I'll be going to Merrill for that presentation.

Priscilla: The survey that was given about the concert, the survey itself had about three questions. I know because I wanted to take it. In my own experience, it wasn't possible to complete the survey if you said no to the first question; it wouldn't allow you to continue. I'm just bringing that up because it was quoted in the paper. It wasn't necessarily a valid survey.

Max: That was one of the major survey complaints. We probably got about 25% of the responses on the first day so we put out a new revised survey. I can put those in the presentation if you would like.

Shaz: Any more questions?

Ivan: Motion to extend time by 5 minutes.

Roshni: **Second.**

Priscilla: Have officer office hours been updated.

Shaz: Yes.

Ivan: Comment about ourselves and the body, it would. Some of the questions were about the officers having; all those questions were very good. If you want those to happen, we could bring those up. Be able to ask more questions to the officers on this space. I'm giving you all advice; you have the power to go on the changes.

Shaz: As officers, we are here to serve all of you; we are here to support you, we would be more than happy to meet with you.

Announcements

Ivan: The Board State Community Committee, Santa Cruz was given number 1, 25 million to expand and reopen detention center, if you look at the reports of the SCPD, a lot of those detentions are noncriminal acts, and there will be a rally at the Santa Cruz clock tower. The PD wanted more money; the county has the ability to say no. It's on January 16th, this Thursday, at Clock Tower, 4:30PM. There will be a lot of good information that will be given out. If you want the link, I will probably post that on the SUA page.

Justin: I just want to give my hat to UCSA office. Dean of Students office, we have our UC student regent forms, Wednesday Thursday 2-3PM Hahn conference room. Posted starting tomorrow. To ask us any questions, to get any information, we are trying to institutionalize this program. January 31st, student regent visit, they are going to hold a forum and talking about their experiences as a regent and are willing to give out stories and information. It's Wednesday and Friday 12-1 at Cervantes Velasquez.

Victoria: Terry Freitas 7PM, Thursday; Mixed Ethnicity Student Headquarters will have their first meeting.

Ivan: January 24th, E², e squared day, student run and student led, celebration dinner, history of e squared, community victories, possibly alumni as well, Friday January 24th. I'll send that out on the SUA Facebook page.

Tem: Hey everyone, my name is Tem Velasquez Ysmael. In addition to being SUA's Recording Clerk, I am also one of the co-coordinators for Alay, the freedom of expression aspect under the Filipino Student Association. Alay is having a publication in which everyone can submit their artwork or written poetry/short stories or photography or pictures. We are accepting submissions for the next month. I'm hoping SUA reps send a couple and represent. You can send them to be by replying to the minutes. Thank you!

Robert Rules Presentation by Chair Shaz Umer

Shaz: The presentation is 70 slides, I did practice it, and it was 30-45 min with practice. I'll have it posted on the website. I'll show you all how to get there. You need to Google student union assembly. This is our website sua.ucsc.edu. The assembly tab has all the reps; whoever turned in the reports they are uploaded. Office hours should be sent to me. As you see, our agendas are uploaded. I try to get them out next week. The final agenda will be posted 72 hours in advanced. All the resolutions are uploaded. I uploaded the RR presentation. The budget is up there too, this is the approved budget. Every quarter I am uploading the full expense. This is the very detailed budget. This is all of our documents. These are our officer reports. It is fairly easy to navigate. We always take suggestions.

Priscilla: Didn't decide to have the banner to put the time?

Shaz: Since I'm hiring more staff, it'll get done.

Shaz: Are there any question? The RR website has FAQ. If you are ever interested, I welcome you to read RR.

Ghandi: As far as non-voting members, what's the law?

Shaz: They can't use RR, privileged motions, in cases like that; they can contact me or my staff. As you can see, I'll use my phone if there is a text from the assembly. Only members can use RR. I hope that was helpful. I'll be doing this loosely; we will use the main motions.

LegCon Presentation by EVC Tony Milgram

Nabeil: **Motion** for 2 min recess.

Vanessa: **Second.**

****2 min break**

Tony: I just wanted to briefly go over what it consists of. Hopefully I would like to get this out by Thursday. The applicants will be chosen that weekend. Hopefully we will have it set by February 10th. Put it on YouTube, send it to the e-mail. The questions are similar prior to LegCon. If there are missing questions, you can let me know. This should be a guide; you can do

whatever you want if you think that will get you a better chance to get in. Are there any questions?

Alfonso: Do they have lobby trainings at USSA?

Tony: This year, it's going to have the higher education act, how we are doing it here for now, for Lobby Corp, congresswoman from California 18 and 19, Feinstein's office. By the time we go to LegCon, the offices will already be lobbied. Potentially have more information. In general, try to get their support and encourage them to get support.

Justin: How will you distinguish the video and the written one?

Tony: That was one of the things. The criteria to grade them are based on these questions. The review committee look at this applications, did they make a valid enough statement.

Justin: Who makes up this committee?

Tony: One college and one from each org, I'm open to the discussion about that.

Justin: Is this form DRC accessible?

Tony: I can look into that.

Sam: Did you ask other colleges?

Tony: Yes.

Art: Do you expect all these questions be answered in two minutes?

Tony: It's either or, I'm saying 2 minute video, this conference has had more than 100 applicants and it would take forever.

Ivan: If any of you need any help, if you want more info, I can be a resource to that, I'm not attending this conference so I can be a resource now.

Tony: If there are no more questions, we are going to go ahead and launch this application.

Tony: This is the budget. I would like to use the rest of this fund. No one will be traveling to board meetings past LegCon.

Ivan: I don't know how relevant this is, we have an assumed direct member.

Tony: Even with that, it could go down to 17 students.

Louise: Does the students count as the people who have to go?

Tony: That counts as everyone.

Art: The participants will have to pay for dining on their own?

Tony: We will find cheaper places to food.

Ivan: It is expensive.

Tony: We just can't pay for food; I'm not sure with the legality of that. If that is it, you can approach me with questions. The app will be live in two days. Go back to all your spaces.

Shaz: Any other questions?

Justin: When do you need the reps?

Tony: A little more than a week in advance.

Rachel: Does it have to be a rep?

Tony: It has to be someone who can represent your space the best.

SUA Spring Elections

Shaz: There are elections commissioners with the elections commissioners. They deal with any complaints filed even though as chair; I see it as a separate impartial commission. They verify all of the candidates, they see all the issues. As a body, we actually hire the EC, taking place early next month; 2nd week of February. I'm about the release those applications. They are paid positions. I have both ER numbers, they will be active Friday. EC #5454 and AEC, #6430. Please advertise as much as you can, I'll make them available for two weeks. I'll have my staff narrow it down to the top 5 or top 7. This is one of our longest meetings. Each interview takes about 15 minutes. I'm going to pass the elections timeline. It's a timeline for this body. I'll contact the college senates send their representative. Candidate applications need to be filled. I'll have them out. We will notify your eligibility, 50 signatures for officer, and 25 for rep.. Campaigning will start April 23rd.

Ivan: Can an officer run for elections commissioner?

Shaz: I'll look at the bylaws for that. You'd probably have to resign.

Justin: Officers transitions will start in the May or June?

Shaz: Yes.

Voting Requirements on Compulsory Campus-Based Student Fees

Shaz: It requires 33% of the campus to vote. It has to have a simple majority of that percentage. For measures 53 and 54, although there was 23% turnout, it didn't meet the threshold. When CAD passed, it got about 40% turnouts and passed with a simple majority. I propose to reduce

the threshold; my recommendation is to reduce the threshold to 25%, instead of. From 2009-2013 when there were measure, in 2009, we did have a 25% and changed it in 2010. Everything that has passed at least had a 66% simple majority. We can go into discussion now. We will vote on it next week.

Roshni: Do you know the reasons why it was changed to 33%?

Ivan: It was our former chair Kalwis, I believe the threshold was 25%, a lot of referenda were being passed with little voting done to them. It was something that bothered him. To increase the threshold, it would increase the work to pass. It would allow for a lot of outreach and campaigning.

Louise: Also, a lot of units on campus are proposing referenda, not just students. They can propose referenda to help their budget. That could use student fees.

Shaz: We can increase or decrease.

Ivan: I would like to keep it at the percentile because it take a lot of campaigning that would take a lot to pass. Students will be taxed and then they graduate. It's a big commitment to tax students. That work needs to be done. It has to be a very larger effort. I believe it should be remaining the same.

Alfonso: What's the exact proposal?

Shaz: It's a suggestion. When someone votes, they vote for the candidate, a lot usually skip the ballot. After 25% has voted, instead of 50%+1, it must have 60%. We can play around or keep it the same.

Max: I'm looking at the elections archive, our UC is about to hit 50 years old. I don't think 33% is good because we had several referenda that took 3 years to pass. I'm looking through previous years. A lot of them failed because students didn't want them. It's interesting to look at the dynamic. We should try it, study it, and make an informed decision. Limiting 33% is not weighing as good options. 60% with the 25% is a good way to see what students want. I think it's a good option, on top of that, I highly encourage looking at the campus elections archive, some have passed and some failed because of that threshold. Around that time, there was some voter fraud issues that could have easily boost.

Sam: Can I pose the question, can you comment on the state of funding on other schools and what threshold on other UC's?

Ivan: I can ask the first one, it's the matter of how much they fund, \$187 per quarter per student at UCSB, our budget is 7 quarter. 9 million dollars, they have scholarship funds. A lot is funded under the student government.

Rachel: If we wanted to do this, what would the process be?

Shaz: As long as SUA supports it, it's a simple majority.

Justin: I'm looking on the elections website, I should probably know this, what was the turnout for the last years GROW measure?

Priscilla: I just wanted to go back to Ivan's point at keeping it at 33%, ultimately when we do vote, we are voting for people that will be here when we are gone. It's more representative of the student population. It involves more the students on campus. Doing the math, that's less than 2,500 students that will impact many students on campus and future students. With the comment made on voter fraud, I wouldn't dismiss the fact that referenda have passed, it doesn't mean it is why it did pass.

Shaz: If you do have debates or arguments, I will cut you off.

Alfonso: I feel uneasy about the narrative that is set, because other UC's do it, we should do it as well. Each UC is unique.

Shaz: its debate, I don't want to have you cut you off.

Art: Would you be able to post a link to that database?

Shaz: We will send those out with the minutes.

David: My state is argumentative, I **yield**.

Steven: I **yield**.

Justin: I ask that the chair, either find the minutes that this was changed in 2009, or contact the previous chair through professional channels as to why it was made. It's important to look at the history. I rather have that than a short narrative.

Michael: It is tied to minimum wage, the payment goes up.

Art: **Parliamentary inquiry**, can only members present a resolution?

Shaz: Anyone can introduce a resolution.

Internship Tax Credit Resolution and Presentation by Michael Amster

Ivan: You spoke a lot about representatives around California, would our resolution be shown as support of the resolution as well.

Michael: I didn't know that there was a bill is created as well. Once the pill is drafted, I will come back to you all in the future.

Ivan: Point of personal privilege, not everyone is a guy in the space.

Alfonso: When did the bill start being written up?

Michael: End of February.

Alfonso: If SUA supported this, do we actively do something?

Shaz: If it doesn't specify an office, it's up to this body to create an ad-hoc committee. All this is telling me to do is write a letter. If we want to take an action, it's up to our body to delegate it to a committee.

Art: **Point of clarification**, it means to demean unpaid internships than paid internship. There seems to be a disparity.

Michael: I'm not saying that they are less valuable.

Art: How do you factor students paying into internships for college credit?

Michael: It's only for profit organizations. The internship has to have an academic.

Art: So the school doesn't benefit, it's for the private sector.

Alfonso: Any reason why it's for the private sector?

Michael: For profit businesses are tricky. My whole idea is to see if it works for profit. I wish I had the time to work with non-profits?

Alfonso: If this becomes a bill, what are the discrepancies with the private and nonprofit?

Michael: Nonprofit businesses don't have to be regulated by rules. They have to provide services to benefit the intern whether non-profits do not have to follow the rules.

Sam: I used to work for a non-profit. The vast majority of nonprofits are far more detrimental, they get an incredible amount of tax deduction. It doesn't make sense to legislate that they follow it.

Shaz: Any more clarifying questions?

Maria: Why is the SUA in the title?

Michael: I've been networking a lot and I wanted to get as much support so we can get the bill drafted. It was just there to organize.

Justin: Are you taking it to GSU?

Michael: I might.

Rachel: You said you are working with someone at UCLA, what do they think about the resolution?

Michael: He shared with me e-mails, the president was enthusiastic.

Art: You are asking the body to?

Michael: Support the bill if it's drafted. Just to be clear, what I am promoting is that this tax credit would be capped at \$10 million. So we know what we are cutting. There is a surplus which really won't hurt at all.

Art: So you want this body to be in favor of 10 million tax cuts for businesses.

Chris: As far as the tax credit, there won't be any subsidies? It's only through tax credit?

Michael: No benefits.

Chris: Do you see any impact that this may have on students who receive federal work study.

Sam: Tax credits or tax cut?

Art: **Point of order**, question is out of line.

Michael: Let's say you are making 100 dollars, 25 dollars in credit. Tax reduces the amount of 100 you made to 10. Tax credit reduces the 25 dollars you own in taxes to 20 dollars.

Shaz: **Point of order**, officers get off your phones.

Ivan: Did you consider a piece of legislation that would tax private sectors that didn't offer paid internship positions?

Michael: I can't see business be in support a bill that requires college interns and be punished. This would be enough of an incentive.

Sam: If they were to pay their 5 interns, could you clarify for the assembly...I'm just trying to figure out reducing the harm of offering a paid internship position, or a loophole that business take advantage of.

Michael: Tax audits make sure they don't exploit tax credit. 33%, overall that is going to increase the bottom. Paid interns will still be valuable.

Corbin: I didn't get the paper; it's not a general tax reduction on the company.

Ivan: I think the question that was being asked by one of the members of the assembly, is this toward the corporation's total taxable income or the money spent on paid interns. If my company makes 1000, but 100 are used paid interns, would that 100 be part of the tax credit?

Michael: The whole idea, business file an application to a board and they'll employ this many interns, they hire them and pay them as such to honor the agreement, once the service of the interns are done, they will now receive the tax credit. That is basically what is happening. In theory, it is what you are saying.

Shaz: Unless there is a motion to extend time, seeing as there is none. Thank you Michael.

Closing Remarks from Presiding Officer

Shaz: I want to take my assembly to a team building exercise. We do have the budget for it. It's fairly cheap. My only concern is the weather yet it's been fairly warm. I want it to be on the weekend. It's my proposal, I want to do something fun and have it be a nice chill hang out. Also, I discussed this with the officers; I'm making the decision at 7:30PM. The reason we made it at 8PM was last quarter was so people can come after their classes. By the time we get pass roll call, it would allow enough time to move on to the business.

Max: So you are saying, by starting us early, people will come after the roll call, minutes, etc.

Shaz: It's more feasible for us to start earlier.

Max: I think it would be inconsiderate because what if people want to put things or remove things on the agenda.

Justin: I don't think this change would work since students revolve their schedule around their activities.

Edmond: If said person can come in at 7:30 and they want to amend something on the agenda, can they message you beforehand?

Shaz: The agenda is also realized beforehand so there is time to change the agenda. SUA meetings started at 6PM and this is the latest we have started. We will just keep it at 8PM.

Tony: Lobby Corp meeting tonight 10PM at Hahn 245, the more the better. You can come during any part of the meeting.

Alfonso: Can we have the RR on the back of our nametags like last year? I feel like it helped everyone.

Shaz: Yes, we have a template for that.

Rachel: **Yield.**

Roshni: **Motion to adjourn.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Shaz: Seeing that there are no objections, **motion passes.**

Adjournment at 11:01PM