

Student Union Assembly

Tuesday, 1/30/2014

Assembly Members Present: Angelica Montes (MEChA), Israel Molina (QSU), Ivette Torres (Eight), Elaine Wong (Eight), Alfonso Quintero (Oakes), Yajaira Chavez (Oakes), Rachel Kirkwood (Nine), Gregory Baraghimian (Nine), Sam Shaw (Nine), Steven Hernandez (Ten), Leslie Gonzalez (Ten), Jessica Ly (Cowell), Tyler Papp (Cowell), Jose (Cowell), Edmond Yaghoubian (Stevenson), Samantha Sobol (Stevenson), David Pickard IV (Stevenson), Sergio Klor de Alva (Porter), Max Winter (Porter), Art Motta (Porter), Gul Taneri (Kresge), Arnulfo Vasquez (Kresge), Miina Coulon (Kresge), Maria Garcia (Merrill), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill), Priscila Rodriguez (Merrill), Corbin Hall (Crown), “D” Patel (Crown), Leslie Villafana (Crown), Ivan Medina (OD), Vanessa Morales (CoAA), Charlise Chang (CoD), Tony Milgram (EVC), Max Hufft (IVC), Shaz Umer (Chair)

Assembly Members Absent: Lisa Washington (ABSA), Samuel Simpson (QSU), Roshni Advani (Eight), Christofer Weast (Oakes), Victoria York (Oakes), Nabeil Lemar (Ten), Kelly Goehring (Cowell)

Approval of the Agenda

Max: **Motion** to remove the recess from the agenda.

Sergio: **Second.**

Max: **Objection**, I think we should wait until we have more people here. There are other things on the agenda. There are a lot of things that we need to go over. This is already been scheduled in our time. I think we are fine with the scheduled recess. I think we should include the entire body instead of silencing.

Max: It’s not a matter of silencing people because people have class till 7:45PM anyways.

Steven: Is it possible to do things on the agenda that don’t involve voting?

Shaz: That can be an idea.

Ivan: The chancellor’s presentation was never part of the meeting?

Shaz: It was just a special presentation.

Ivan: If folks know that there will be a scheduled meeting, if they really wanted to be here to discuss, we’ve met quorum. I think we should move forward since we have a sufficient amount of representation.

Max: I think we should still go ahead with it. I think it's ridiculous that we are going through procedure. We can hold people to a standard. There are some people that may want to get dinner. I think we should still wait on somebody else.

Vote to remove recess: Yes: 10, No: 7 Motion passes, recess is skipped.

Priscila: I **motion** to add 10 min before voting requirements for the campus fees. I know last week that there was confusion about Kalwis and I have a letter written by him to share.

Max: **Second.**

Shaz: Any objections? **Motion passes.** This will be added to the agenda.

Ivan: I would like to add 5 min after officer report backs to talk about the chancellor's visit. I wanted to see what the body thought. I would like to know right off that but what people thought.

Priscila: **Second.**

Shaz: Are there any objections? **Motion passes,** 5 min will be added to the agenda.

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

Max: **Second.**

Shaz: Any objections? We have approved the agenda.

Reading of the previous meetings' minutes

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

David: **Second.**

Shaz: Are there any objections? **Motion passes.** We have approved the last weeks' minutes.

Officer Reportbacks

Max: SCOC, crown and Merrill colleges, it's the first sister college outreach. I'm pretty excited. They are showing the movie "Up". There is a drawing for bookstore. There is more SCOC swag out. We have a new set of outreach gear. That is going to happen a week from Friday, starts at 7 or 8. It'll be at the cultural center at Merrill. I'm looking forward to it. There is a lot of meetings within my office. There is a bunch more coming. is about it. Please look for my officer report coming up and it should be up next week.

Charlsie: Something recent happening right now, 3 guys from SJSU is getting charged for hate crimes. The guy went to Santa Cruz. That isn't shouldn't be happening. We want to reiterate how to fill out a hate bias form. The website is on this paper. SUA mixer, 7:30 to 9 with e squared. Hopefully we collaborate in the future.

Ivan: We want take on more of the legislative properties for our When we move in to SLC, we can lobby with the evidence that the school board support certain measures. I went to the e squared event. There were previous alumni working with SUA. Some were organizing directors. It was interesting to see what happened in the past. It's beneficial that I got an internship, some form of stake in the office. I'm there to put more leverage in the office.

Shaz: We have only 5 applicants for the elections commissioner position, due January 31st. The associate's commissioner has a lot more applications. If you saw the agenda, we are going to split the meetings so we don't end at 1AM. Those the due dates. We only have 7 for the elections commissioner. You get a \$1,000 dollars once you complete. We expect our representatives to turn in a report. In the report, bold that these are my office hours. Send those to Ivan by next Tuesday at 8PM. It will be taken seriously this quarter. If you don't follow the responsibilities, you'll lose your voting rights to this space.

Priscila: Does that mean that the meeting will not end at 1AM?

Shaz: No. We decided to split the interviews.

Shaz: We just hired new assistants; they are all non-work study positions. The officers need more help, that is a great way to get involved. It is \$9.25 an hour. There is a specific ER for that once it is released. Mount Hermon and I Love Sushi after for the SUA retreat.

Justin: What line item will this come out of?

Shaz: It's the officer retreat line item. It's only 26 dollars per person surprisingly.

Rachel: If it's first come first serve, what about only the 30 spots available?

Shaz: I'm expecting everyone won't be able to go. We never had a 90% turnout. But we have midterms and other events, in the case that there will be 3 that won't be able to do it. We never had more than 70% turnout. 30/33 is 90% of the meeting.

Priscila: I just wanted to report back on the USSA stuff, I was voted in as the chair, I just wanted to say that we will have some weeks of action this quarter. Passive event, students can write a post card to their senator. I also want to remind folks for LegCon. The application is due this Friday at midnight.

Shaz: Thank you.

Tyler: Can you give the email for the report back?

Shaz: You have to get it in by 8PM. He will be updating the site with the office hours.

Ivan: I forgot the mention and we have a backwards timeline for our organizing, if you want something to shoot things through outside of SUA. Feel free to come to me, I'm very knowledgeable with organizations and where to get those resources.

Shaz: Any more announcements?

Justin: Dean of Students is having an outreach meeting 5:30PM to 7PM, for the amphitheater. Second one, this Friday, current student regents are coming to visit this campus, they are holding a forum to for how to become the next student regent. The third one, due Friday, student volunteer center, alternative spring break, basically student volunteer center and they go to another destination, helping out the homeless, volunteer orientated. Volunteer.ucsc.edu

Tem: If yall didn't know, I'm one of the coordinators for the spoken word aspect housed under the Filipino Student Association. We are having auditions for our talent show this February 7th at Social Sciences 2 Room 179. We are also accepting submissions such as photography, poetry, short stories, etc. up till February 28th.

Rachel: 7PM to 9PM, Stevenson fireside lounge, open forum. Hopefully see you there.

Art: Chicano student center, ethnic center lounge, especially for transfer students. Spread the word and that would be great.

Shaz: Robert Rules of Order; there are some concerns that I've gotten. Addressing the chair; that is for debate because it can become contentious between two individuals.

Ivan: What is the dean students are doing aside from the meet and greet?

Justin: Campus wide emails, talk to Lucy Rojas for the student position. We had 6 students; she is also available to give support. There is an informal meeting with the SUA and GSA, Friday morning, and they will be 10-1045 at the ERC. That is about where we are.

Shaz: The first two years, I was a Merrill rep. It was very intimidating to speak. If you want to call something out and you don't feel comfortable, you can text me. I received few of those last week. If that is a way of communicating as chair, it's very difficult to talk in this space. That is my 2 cents.

SUA Elections Timeline

Shaz: The main points that we have to look at are the when campaign begins. That will happen. Should we keep campaigning for two weeks? Is there anything that you want to amend? This elections timeline can be discussed or debated.

Justin: Was there a conversation about the voting this year?

Shaz: You would need your Cruz gold or blue password to vote. I wanted to make it more secure because all you needed was an ID and DoB which could increase voter fraud.

Max: Has there been any discussion to increase the time for campaigning?

Shaz: It is a long election because 2 weeks is good enough. I hope people are attending their classes. Last year, it was a month of campaigning. It depends what is on the ballot. It depends on the ballots and who is campaigning. Really work on outreach. That is my recommendation; I think 2 week is well enough; it's up to you if you want to change it. Any questions?

Rachel: Are there going to be more about the college senate appointment?

Shaz: \$50 dollars is not a lot to pay so it'll go up to 200 dollars. I also want to make sure to let the EC knows, no one speaks outside of the commission. I want to make sure that the college reps are doing more work as regards to their own colleges. I want to work on voter turnout. That is the only change. As for me, I'll be contacting the CPC's and college chairs. I can make a presentation to your senate or I can send an email for the chairs.

Alfonso: How long was campaigning last year?

Shaz: 4 weeks. As a candidate, it was too much.

Art: So it will end at 6th?

Shaz: The voting aspect will be added on the 30th but campaigning will still go on. It'll be sent and be on the website.

Corbin: Campaigning ends on the 29th?

Max: **Move** to approve.

Max: **Second.**

Ivan: I would like to give it time. Conversation for voting, there should be a space for that to talk.

Shaz: We can postpone this for next week.

Jose: I like the idea to taking it back to the colleges.

Max: **Motion** to withdraw the motion.

Alfonso: **Second.**

Max: **Motion** to table for one week.

Ivan: **Second.**

Shaz: **Motion passes**, it'll be at the beginning of our agenda next week.

LegCon Applications

Shaz: We actually only have \$448. We have to save some of that money for Priscilla and Shiku.

Priscila: I would like to vote once it is amended.

Shaz: We are in discussion. Are there any suggestions? I'll lay a question on the table, I would like to see the budget amended to reflect the changes, put a stipulation for discussing the board members. I think we should amend the amount.

Priscila: Why is there money left over?

Shaz: I'm trying to get the body to discuss since no one is talking.

Priscila: It was from over the summer.

Shaz: It's up to the person allocating for the conference. We are projecting to spend it all. \$440 left.

Max: **Motion** to amend the line item to \$440.78.

Max: **Second.**

Shaz: **Motion passes**; the budget is updated from \$2040.78 to \$440.78.

Ivan: I would like to have more conversation for board member travel. It makes sense to me to talk about the board member travel.

Shaz: We focus on the \$440 and we have a separate conversation.

Gregory: Wouldn't the price change?

Shaz: Of course it is going to fluctuate, as we approve the difference.

Max: **Motion** to approve the line item

Max: **Second.**

Shaz: **Motion passes**; the money is moved to the budget.

Ivan: I think it is beneficial to know board members have 3 left, one is Milwaukee, DC, and somewhere in the west coast.

Priscila: Going off of what Ivan said, board travel counts housing and transportation. It would good to not move any money from there and just wait.

Shaz: From a fiscal standpoint, I agree, I don't think we have the money to fund the two members we have.

Justin: For USSA board members aren't they part of the delegation don't they already have funding?

Shaz: The question is how we can max the amount of people to LegCon.

Ivan: Two questions, I remember for congress last year, we had a discussion that Kevin didn't go because it wasn't in the constitution. That was a question that was asked on the table. Are they required to go? That's why it was there in the first place.

Shaz: It's not in our constitution. There is nowhere in that the constitution that states they have the meetings.

Ivan: Second question, more of an inquiry, we haven't been funding Shiku last quarter, I think to me, it's unfair to not have that conversation that would go to newer members.

Shaz: Shiku is the chair of PoAD, she is fundraising her trips. If we wanted to start funding her, we can.

Justin: I would like to have this conversation with her present. As well as those individuals, I would appreciate that they are all here so the body can get a sense.

Ivan: My only concern is that we are tabling this next week; I don't know how responsible it is to elongate this process.

Shaz: This is time sensitive; we will get penalized the longer we wait.

Priscila: What I understand, there was conversation because Shiku wasn't a direct delegate. She had PoAD suspend their bylaws for her to run as chair since they wanted her as chair. That kind of answers your question. I just wanted to say that we should fund Shiku because she is a delegate; it looks bad on us to fund me and not someone else who goes to our campus. I feel like this should leave this line item alone.

Art: With the current approve budget as is, clarifying question, do they have any responsibilities to check with the body to see what they have done.

Ivan: Some of the conversations, we are having are with the EVC's office. How it sustains itself with SUA, accountability with SUA, it's what the body wants to make of it.

Justin: Any other spots in the budget to pull for LegCon?

Ivan: **Motion** to not use the board member travels as a part of LegCon so that we have an exact amount for the people we can take.

Max: **Second.**

Max: When is the registration deadline?

Shaz: It's this weekend.

Art: **Point of order**, motion can be made to not take an action.

Shaz: I'm going to overrule this.

Corbin: You can amend.

Shaz: The main motion was to not use the board member travel.

Brad: **Second.**

Corbin: I **motion** to strike the Board Member Travel.

Ivan: **Second.**

Art: **Objection**, I would like to leave that item on a tentative budget so it won't be completely removed.

Priscila: We are moving it to not use it for LegCon.

Shaz: It goes to carry forward.

Ivan: You could always bring that back.

Vote in favor of striking the language from the proposal \$3525.52. **Yes: 17**, No: 0, Abstentions: 4. **Motion passes**, we will give you the break down once everything is done.

Consideration of Scholarship Fund

Porter reps: We just wanted to show you what he meant to our community.

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFYf6NGvwG4>

Max: I would let everybody know that Porter has stepped up to give \$5,000. Both of them are going to work with us for our scholarship. Depending on the rules attached to their funds. I have reached out to our chancellor. I've reached out to our alumni association for physics. I've really tried to set this in motion. This scholarship is for transfer students physics with financial need.

Shaz: We presented this idea to the body last week. How much do we contribute?

Max: **Question**, I'm wondering what the minimum to put in for the endowment is. I don't think \$2,000 is enough to keep it going.

Max: Basically what we have worked out, at the university level, it's a \$2,500 threshold, and we can make those funds. For the UC regents, it would be a \$10,000 investment. You buy into it, and you get a 4.3% return, that is what gets paid out for scholarships. Our goal is not only for an endowment, we also would like to start a bridge program, this scholarship is working.

Shaz: If we approve, I would write a letter for the foundation and it would be a reward and recognition letter.

Ivan: I don't want to seem like a bad person, but I want to ask is the precedent for this being set. There have been 3-4 deaths these last few years. Not saying that we won't give money.

Shaz: It's a valuable question; I say we look at the present. We have a \$10,000; we can match Porter for the \$5,000 or give the full. It is going back to scholarships. The way I look at it, even if we give the whole \$10,000, it's going to our students.

Ruben: I just wanted to point out, you vote so you can improve your senates. We are asking you to contribute to this legacy, this scholarship is for, I think this is a worthwhile cause, it would really good to see SUA stand against this tragedies.

Jessica: I think this is a great cause, I think we should show our support for transfer students and 1st gen students. Is there a way to focus on transfer students?

Ruben: We want to expand it to STEM because it is rare to see first generation, STEM, and transfer students.

Shaz: It's been sitting in our budget for a long time.

Art: **I motion** to approve \$5,000 from that line item.

Lila: I would like the opportunity to take it back to my college.

Shaz: We introduced this 2 weeks ago. We are in discussion to vote this week.

Max: **Motion** to amend the main motion for the entire line item.

David: **Second.**

Shaz: If we amend the main motion, then we can move on.

Priscila: We are amending it to make it \$5,000 to the full amount from the foundation line item.

Gregory: I agree with Ivan, not to be mean, this isn't the first death in recent years, tragedies do happen, this line item that was recently brought to our attention shouldn't all be put. Maybe keep it at the \$5,000.

Max: I just wanted to say I know that there have been several deaths for the last year, because that has happened; we are proposing that it is in his name so the community can show recognition. It's not just commemorating the need. I don't know how many people are transfer students, its important o. I just really believe that is a worthwhile. People didn't do anything about it.

Ivan: I would feel uncomfortable giving \$10,000. I agree that transfer students are under resourced a community. STEM majors are the most funded. I would like to see \$5,000 invested in this but the other invested in other scholarships.

Steven: I think the goal is to reach the \$25,000 endowment. We can put a stipulation if they don't reach the threshold and we can add more.

Vanessa: I know that we have had other tragedies, I interpreted it as why are we singling out this one versus the other tragedies?

Dylan: I was Ivan's neighbor, in establishing this scholarship in his name, it's really community specifically the transfer community that is much reflected, and he was a community cornerstone. In any case, I would agree with what he was saying, the focus on stem majors who are transferred and 1st gen, in knowing Ivan, he had other pursuits in a variety. I would maintain that the scholarship is for transfers students and all majors.

Brad: I agree more with what they are saying; we can make multiple opportunities for transfer students, especially for 1st gen students with low income. I didn't know until tonight that we didn't have scholarships. It's tough for them to adjust. I think helping out with financial needs can help students feel more welcomed to the slug family. I think it would be wise to give \$5,000. And look to put the extra \$5,000 to put in other scholarships for transfer students. Maybe it could be given to humanities or art. It is just a suggestion.

Shaz: The vote is to approve amend the language.

Max: The actual language is yet to be worked out. It is all just a suggestion. We are open to making all majors. It's not just necessarily physics. An endowment last as long as the UC lasts. This can last potentially a whole generation.

Justin: For the scholarship, is it once a year for one student?

Shaz: It is based on the logistics. For us, we should look at the amount of money and the stipulation.

Ruben: I totally agree and the language isn't finalized. If you especially put the language that goes to all majors, we will consider that.

Vote is to change the funding amount to the full line item instead of \$5,000: **Yes: 16,**
No: 10. **Motion passes;** the amount being proposed is the full line item.

Shaz: The main motion is now the full line item for \$10,000.

Brad: **Call to question.**

Ivan: **Second.**

Max: **Objection.**

Vote to vote on the main motion, if it passes, we go straight into voting, if not, we discuss: **Yes: 28**, No: 1 **Motion passes** so we will now be voting.

Vote to fund the scholarship the full line item amount: Yes: 19, No: 6,
Abstentions: 6 **Motion passes**, they will be funded the full amount.

Art: Can we have a recess before we go to the next item?

Max: **Motion** to recess for 5 min.

Ivan: **Second.**

****5 Minute Recess****

Shaz: I'll be drafting a letter for the foundation.

Edmond: I think it would appeal to more people to make it for transfer students and 1st generation. A least make it more of a variety.

Ivan: I would like to propose that we have a task force to look over this funding. It should go to at risk students as well. The body could look at alternative sources of income to add to this line item. It would hold us accountable investing this funding.

Steven: Like we said before, tragedy strikes at any time. I think we should be available to other students.

Max: I would feel very comfortable to opening other majors, I would not want to expand it to all students, I would like this only for transfer students.

Lila: I was going to agree with Max's sentiment; the money might lose its meaning. I do think that it should be open to all majors. This university sends a lot of money to science majors.

Edmond: Can I make an amendment?

Ivan: **Motion** to create a task force ad hoc under SUA to focus on logistics; i was apply to apply other ethnic, the ability to give those students those funds. Focus on the transfer students.

Gregory: **Second.**

Max: This committee supposes that its forms, who chooses the members.

Shaz: Anyone can join, it has little jurisdiction, make a recommendation to me as a chair. It's open membership. It would recommend that the representation is from the members of this board.

Justin: **Yield.**

Vote to create an ad hoc committee. Yes: 18, No: 3, Abstentions: 6. Motion passes; a committee will be formed to oversee the scholarship.

Art: I **move** to reconsider the previous motion.

Max: **Second.**

Vote to reconsider the motion that was just passed: Yes: 6, **No: 7**, Abstentions: 16
Motion does not pass and will not be reconsidered.

Ivan: Can I motion to have 7/10 colleges to come?

Shaz: No.

Ivan: Can I urge colleges to send members by next Wednesday?

Brad: Can we forward it to the chairs?

Art: Would this ad hoc committee have jurisdiction over the funds?

Shaz: They will oversee what stipulations.

Ruben: Recommendations?

Shaz: I would use their recommendations.

USSA Kalwis Lo Letter / Voting Percentages

Justin: I just want to thank Priscila from getting this information.

Brad: Clarification, the 70% to 80% is from the 42% that voted.

Ivan: I would like folks that would take interest as to why it was voted. It was almost a 3rd up in tuition. What I'm drawing from this letter is the impact that we have as current students and as alumni. I think that the increase in the threshold, it to say that we would like to base our resources from only student taxation. Why are we investing more money in our education than outside sources?

Corbin: While I do agree what was stated, often schools have more student government fees. Student governments have more campus related fees and pass referendum taken from their budget. While it isn't the ideal to charge students, it's our only way we can our actions.

Max: I **reserve my right to make a motion**, I know that there will be people disagree, I studied the entire elections archive, we wouldn't have SUA, we would have 2.00, no e squared, no gym, no HIV testing. We do have the highest fees but we have small dollar wise fees. I don't want us to be passed by UCM and UCI; we are becoming an uncompetitive UC. We only had two years only had 33% shows up. With that, I move to ask the chair to pressure the chancellor to lower our threshold to 25 percent.

Edmond: **Second.**

Justin: **Point of clarification**, was that with the simple majority?

Shav: I just looked at the numbers, UCSC has \$401, and Davis has \$567. What that means is that not only do we charge at least \$100 less and we have less people paying into that. The amount of money we get is about \$6.1 million for UCSC, \$14.4 million for Davis, \$11.2 million for Riverside. In the letter, even if we have a larger number of fees passed, the actual amount is far from that amount. I feel like lowering the threshold is the only way to get it.

Ivan: One of the things I keep hearing is fees will help put out events. I think that one to increase campus base fees to organize. Has the body been sufficiently raise money? Who are our tactics to get this money from? To only base it on campus based fees is problematic. Lower the threshold would allow amendments to pass; I believe that it's highly contentious because it could be a major change in our student body. All students are required to do X, I want to have people to be critical.

Sam: What I've noticed, there are two camps, higher threshold prevents frivolous issues from happening, and the other is that nothing will get passed. I'm sadly inclined to move with the 2nd view. I've literally met handful of people who know SUA. We have been so irrelevant. This springs concert is the first event of our history. To reduce this threshold; we can make these events more frequent and more affordable. They have a surplus, but they cannot get the threshold. \$40,000 is enough to operate SUA for the entire winter quarter. I and others would ask the assembly to reduce the threshold; frankly to make the SUA a little bit "more sexy".

Priscila: I think that if folks that if folks don't care or know what the elections are about, it shouldn't be blamed on the students that they don't care, but on us to make them care. I just wanted to leave it at that. I want to challenge folks to look at that from this perspective.

Brad: I want to talk about the numbers, I can care less about the other UC's, we shouldn't compare. We should be looking at how we can improve our student life. Even if we lower it to 25%, it could still be voted no. It would be easier to vote no, so there is a balance. Being at 33%

and seeing that we are struggling to get to that, we have been doing well in outreach. There can be improvements, holding events to bring incentive for students to vote could help. When you vote, there are ways to increase voter outcome. 32% of students vote, they get silenced. What about the other 68%, they have the chance to vote. It's known, there is an email that they can vote. They can do it lying in their bed watching Netflix. 25% would make it better for students to be heard.

Max: **I reserve my right to motion**, I really don't support to drop the threshold, if the body feels to drop, I would like to keep the 25% threshold, but with a 66% approval instead of a simple majority.

Sergio: **Second.**

Max: I'm going to try keeping my thoughts belief. I'd be open for a call to question. I've been hearing talks that fees only go to events. Fees go to services especially for retaining students. Services that keep us in this room and do all this advocacy, are amazing services and I really hope people realize that it's just events. I think our students are smart. I like people to see when it comes to the difference between 25% and 33%. Just because a lower threshold, things are going to pass all of a sudden? Sam talked about people who don't know SUA and the ones that do think SUA in a negative context. I can definitely see where they are coming from. I don't want people to see SUA as a disservice. Back in the day, we had lower amounts; it was the same exact ways. Now we have a whole lot more students coming to this campus. If you outreach in the same ways, it's not going to be effective. I hope I don't have any other things.

Lyle: I was wondering, when we have had elections, do we know how many students have voted on those elections and how many to pass things?

Shaz: It's on the website.

Lila: It's good knowledge to have and know the purpose. There are more students. It's not the same university anymore. I've gotten a lot of people who don't care. They don't want to take the time. People can vote. I think that lowering this threshold, I want people to vote on these issues, if they are not going to do it, and nothing happens, how will we keep change? I don't want to lower the threshold but there is a need for it. We have a huge carry forward because we can't reach that. I feel like we are stuck in this limbo state, we could come up with a compromise.

Tony: **Yield.**

Sam: I'm going to echo what Max said, I'm going to back to other UC's threshold. UCLA has a simple majority, I hear the half-truth. We are a different campus. When we have a highly threshold, we have to spend more money for more turnout. We are a fractured campus. We have 10 colleges instead of a centralized one. A 3 part way, our job is hard. WE shoot ourselves in the foot.

Shaz: The motion is to reduce the threshold is 25% with 66% majority.

Maria: I do not believe that the threshold should be lower. If we really care about our students, we should outreach more to the measure. There needs to be a better job because as last spring during elections, why should I vote on this measure and I couldn't tell them. If someone wants a measure to pass, they should take the effort in outreaching and make a connection with the students because its important. Students leave the school for different reasons. Its inadequate to say people leave cause there are no concerts. Merrill agrees that the threshold should stay the same.

Shav: Slug shuttle as an example. It had a 6% turnout, just to give you all perspective.

Shaz: Just to clarify, there are two slug shuttles.

Alfonso: Based off the numbers, the threshold is reachable, it's been done. We should be focusing on why the SUA failed to adequately reach to the student body. Why that SUA isn't able to outreach? We should be able to tackle this issue. I understand why we need 33%, let's figure out how we can facilitate by outreaching to get the 33%.

Jose: I don't believe we should lower the threshold. We should motivate to want to vote and we should motivate to be informed. A lot of people in campus are misinformed. I'm from Cowell did not know about what is going on at Porter. We should be informing as much as we can.

Max: People should look at the campus climate and the percentages of the pass.

Michael: Based on the past, has there been some voting percentages being supported by the UC, even if we lower the threshold.

Max: **Point of personal privilege;** let's keep the language respectful.

Brad: **Point of personal privilege,** the reaction to a complement...

Shaz: **Overruled.**

Max: For my experience, I've been here for only 2.5 years, it's not even fees, I wish I could talk to you more about that. When it comes to larger movements, I have not seen that.

Corbin: With regards to the percentages, there were plenty that didn't even reach 25%. My experience campaigning last year, it was difficult that put in more work than me. I would offer to walk with people who wanted to know more about SUA. I would like to state that we don't have a huge amount of time. Please yield if your statement isn't incredibly important.

David: My point has been made, I **yield.**

Justin: My only worry is to lowering the threshold is that anyone can propose a measure. Last year, when elections were happening, a lot of folks are more focused on the candidacy than the referenda. I would like to see the 66% simple majority.

Max: **I call to question.**

Sam: **Second.**

Shaz: Are there any objections?

Vote to vote on the amendment of the main motion:

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

Motion is to amend the main motion to change it to a 66% super majority.

Yes: 22, No: 8, Abstentions: 3. Motion passes, 66% super majority to pass.

Shaz: The main motion is now to reduce the threshold from 33% to 25% with a 66% super majority.

Charlsie: Let's not compare to other campus.

Lila: If people really want a referendum, I feel like with the threshold being that high, voices are being silenced. There is a campus child care fee, that is a small group of people, if you were a parent and you are going to school, you have a limited amount of time. You don't have time to push these referenda. I think that it is something to consider. We can make this a trial period to see what it is like. We can come back and reflect on it.

Rachel: **Call to question.**

Max: **Second.**

Tony: **Objection.**

Vote to vote on the main motion: **Yes: 26, No: 6, Abstention: 1** **Motion passes, we will now vote on the main motion.**

Vote to lower the voting percentage threshold to 25% with a 66% to pass.

Yes: 19, No: 11, Abstentions: 3 **Motion passes.**

Priscila: Are we saying that SUA support this and the chancellor can choose whether he wants to apply it?

Shaz: He will apply it if we support it.

Justin: Will it take into effect this year?

Shaz: Yes.

Shaz: Do you recommend having a committee or throwing it out there?

Ivan: I'm throwing it out there for fun.

Alfonso: Is the SUA class still happening?

Shaz: Maybe for spring quarter. I want to teach a class. It's something that we need to work out.

Alfonso: I think that a lot of the stuff that came out of that space is valuable.

Discussion on Internship Tax Credit Resolution

Vanessa: **I reserve my right** to make a motion to change the title to "Resolution in Support of Internship Tax Credit".

Ivan: **Second.**

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

Rachel: College 9 supports this.

Max: We shouldn't give tax breaks from private organizations. You are taking away tax money from the government and expecting lower student debt.

Art: I thought the links were flawed. This resolution states that we are in debt, we should tackle why tuition is so high. This resolution should not move forward.

Michael: Let me just say, as stated in the paper, there is a cap taken out of the state, 10 mil is tiny compared to the California budget. As to your point, yes this isn't a paid internship, not necessarily bring down student loan debt, how can we say that paid internships will not help. This is not a big enough bill to help. There is too many unpaid internships and we should promote that and that's what this is all about.

Corbin: I would like to address the previous concerns, yes, it is capped. They only go to the tax on the pay on the intern. It's not like a tax break from donating. The amount of taxes received by the government will not drop. We did not discuss this at crown but I really like this idea. The pay from the internship would help. It'll help them down the road.

Sam: Tax credit is a refund, they spend x amount and get y amount back from their intern. They are making it more affordable to spend money on you. As to the point earlier, this money could be put into tuition, it's a moot point. We try to take what we can and do the best with what we got. We are doing our best to reduce tuition which is the best we can.

Ivan: I thought I knew how where I vote. Where does our messaging lie? If corporations have already been profiting from us and I'm not sure whether it is on us to collaborate.

Max: I **reserve my right** to make an amendment, I just want to thank the authors, and it's a good resolution. I **move to amend** that bizarre digit.

David: **Second.**

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

Max: I do not believe that we should spend one tax dollar on corporations, their profits are at an all-time high, none of that is going back to paid internships, its not the state that tells them. We are still in "debt" in California. People click on the sources.

Corbin: We will more taxes from it. I think people see it privatization. Do we want to help them with opportunities? I think often times they get stuck.

Charlsie: **Reserve my right to make a motion** to extend time by 10 min.

Max: **Second.**

Shaz: 10:35PM.

Michael: What happens is that the corporation, no matter what for profit, everyone is restricted to 5 interns. They will file it to the tax board. They will get back to them. The business knows that they have credit and once all the services are done, they will get a refund which is their tax credit. Just to go back to what was stated earlier, reforming the state tax code that has been advocated for a long time. We have opportunities for them to contribute. Students will benefit. Corporations may benefit but they will be paying their interns. This is a good deal for everyone. Not just for the businesses and not just for the students.

Art: I move to amend therefore let it be resolve class, **THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, "that the SUA Chair shall write a one-page publicly available letter that supports an increased amount of paid internship opportunities for college students the internship tax credit, which Michael Amster (UCSC), Michael Kramer (UCLA), and the UCSA Student Board members may use for advocacy purposes; and"

Max: **Second.**

Max: I read this resolution when the sources were fresh, I did not look at them.

Priscila: **Yield.**

David: **Call to question** to the amendment.

Charlsie: **Second.**

Brad: It just confuses me, the internship tax credit.

Vote to vote on the amendment: **Yes: 27**, No: 2, Abstentions: 1 **Motion passes**, time to vote.

Vote to amend stated language: **Yes: 28**, No: 8, Abstentions: 4 **Motion passes**, the language is amended.

Sam: You can tax legislate or you can incentivize. It is supposed to make the deal; the business still is lower money. The refund is 33% but they still lose the rest. We can tax one bill and incentivize others. It is important to look at these things for this contour.

Max: Before the language, there was nothing in the language that says it is for college students. Also, links 5 and 7 are broken. The second point was should we really incentivize corporations or should they have the incentives to do that. I don't think it's the place of the university to say that they should pay their interns more; it shouldn't come from the university. This has no binding effect on public.

Ivan: I think that it might be beneficial to supporting increase for paid internship opportunities, by doing so, we can move forward and we support corporations in increase in paid internships. The SUA supports increases in paid internships. The problem is I don't know who's going to pick this up. A legislator can have different views. I agree with the amendment. I ask the body to look at a vague resolution when there are cemented bills and who is bringing this up and then we can agree. I agree with paid internships.

Art: **Motion to amend the 2nd to last clause.** I sent the language.

Max: **Second.**

Shav: They are not necessarily very friendly to paying people to as much as they can. These amendments make the resolution not mean anything. There is nothing that we can act on.

Corbin: We shouldn't see this as helping business. We can work with businesses and come to conclusion. Or we can see it as baiting the corporations to paying interns.

Max: This is to address a point earlier; I do not believe that the university should endorse this resolution because I believe that it should be done through legislation. If we want for profit, it should come through legislation mandating.

Alfonso: My sentiments are articulated so I **yield.**

Michael: I do apologize for the links right now; I would rather sit in fire than lie because I have too much respect for this space. This is promoting legislation. Ever since June 2013, the lawsuits against business have skyrocketed, the reason it has happened is because they are starting to lose. It's going to reduce the amount of internship period. This will help students.

Vanessa: I **motion** to amend the amendment to change it to whereas.

Brad: **Call to question.**

David: **Second.**

Alfonso: How much time do we have left?

Corbin: I would like to say that we have in the past that we passed things far less relevant. This is very relevant. We should not look at it as an “us vs. them” type situation. Can we make the overall situation better? We shouldn’t be other there to punish groups that are doing badly and just to do good in general.

Sergio: **Call to question.**

David: **Second.**

Shaz: **Motion passes**, the language is amended.

Vote in favor of adding the amendment: **Yes: 22**, No: 2, Abstentions: 8 **Motion passes**, the amendment is added.

Shaz: Time has expired; this is tabled to next week.

Closing Remarks from the Presiding Officer

Shaz: Assembly retreat is February 22nd. No Meeting march 4th. SOFA reps have to have a SUA member. I’ll provide food from GVC.

Tony: LegCon apps are due this Thursday and I will extend till Friday. As far as the selection committee goes, it’ll be this weekend. Please get that to me ASAP. I just want to reiterate that we are having our education 179. Next week Monday, local affairs forum. Professor Ryan Coonerty, mayor of Santa Cruz, vice mayor of Santa Cruz will be there. Next Wednesday, admin and talking about transparency. Relaying to that and say what you want about any issue. Blumenthal and Galloway and 3 vice chancellors.

Justin: Are we cancelling it?

Shaz: It’s just a projection.

Max: **Motion to adjourn.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Adjournment at 10:45PM