

## Student Union Assembly

Tuesday, 10/29/2013

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

Assembly Members Present: Shaz Umer, Max Hufft, Tony Milgram, Charlsie Chang, Ivan Medina, Linh Ngo, Nicolette Johnson, Victoria Votino, Edmond Yaghouban, David Pickard IV, Samantha Sobol, Corbin Hall, "D" Patel, Iris Mejia, Justin McClendon, Priscila Rodriguez, Alexandra Kasper, Aimee Wade, Arnulfo Vasquez, Sergio Alva, Max Winter, Art Motta, Victoria York, Alfonso Quintero, Chris Weast, Roshni Advani, Elaine Wong, Ivette Torres, Rachel Kirkwood, Gregory Baraghimian, Sam Shaw, Nabeil Lemar, Steven Hernandez, Leslie Poala Gonzalez, Sam Simpson, Tem Velasquez Ysmael

Assembly Members Absent: Vanessa Morales, Nicolette Johnson, Hana Zeit, Gul Taneri

### Approval of the Agenda

Shaz: Does everyone have an agenda? Are there any amendments to the agenda? Is there a motion to approve the agenda?

Roshni: **Motion** to approve the agenda

Ivan: **Second.**

Shaz: Any discussion? Any objections? **Motion passes.**

### Reading of the Previous Meetings' Minutes

Lila: I want to make a correction about factual inaccuracy that was made about Stevenson College. Speaker Alfonso claims that students threw beer bottles.

Shaz: **Point of order**, please do not call out any individual.

Lila: Sorry, I just want to put a point of reference. The speaker claims that students threw beer bottles at a group of students spending the night for an FSA student initiative program. Upon confirming with the college administrative officer of Cowell/Stevenson and Katrina Pantig, a member of FSA, it's just wrong and not right. It's factually inaccurate. The incident occurred in 2001.

Edmond: Granted there was an incident that did occur last year, in which where things were thrown at a similar group of high school students. With the information I gathered, no racial slurs occurred. This is disrespectful to the resources of Stevenson and delegitimizes their work. Provost Alison continually brings race and culture by integrating it in CORE books which have a diverse background. There are two dorms specified for cultural awareness. As well as Cultural of

Arts and Diversity is stationed here. Rainbow Theater performs and practices at Stevenson Center. To say that Stevenson ignores racial issues is inaccurate and to blatantly accuse Stevenson College is slander.

Shaz: That wasn't a motion.

Lila: I just wanted to bring it up.

Ivan: I understand where folks are coming from. It would be amendment. The minutes that were said were for historical context. I was heavily involved with MEChA last year and with Orale. These situations happened. There were moments where students in the dorms had no CA's or RA's there which allowed drunk individuals to come to that space. Where it's coming from, I approached the Chief of Police and there was no police reports even though students did. If folks want to come after this meeting, we can talk about this. Police reports have been filed and nothing has been done. This is a concern that multiple orgs had. I think it was true that no beer bottles were thrown last year but it should be taken into historical context. That would be my address the speakers' minutes. They were told they should go home. I understand, it is important to understand historical context. I move to change his minutes to say historically. I would agree with those.

Shaz: Suggestion for a motion from Ivan. We will run out of time in the next 30 seconds.

Max: **Motion** to amend my name. I believe it was Art who needed his name changed.

Sergio: **Second.**

Justin: **Motion** to take Iris out of the assembly members present,.

Roshni: **Second.**

Shaz: Anymore discussion?

Michael: There is no dispute that it happened; to what extent are we going to hold anyone accountable. What are going to do about this?

Shaz: It is discussion at this point. There was a suggestion for a motion.

Ivan: **Point of clarification**, are you addressing minutes?

Shaz: It's just discussion and we are out of time. We haven't approved minutes.

Roshni: **Motion** to extend time by 5 minutes.

Rachel: **Second.**

Shaz: We are out of time and we have to move forward.

## Reports

Max: I don't have a huge report for you all. I have an exciting one. For those on Facebook, Shaz has reached his promise for education goal, three weeks from now; he will dress up like Tigger. If you want to take photos, you can find his schedule on Google calendar. From there, you can type in [sua.chair@ucsc.edu](mailto:sua.chair@ucsc.edu). You can see where he is at and it'll be an awesome day.

Tony: Few things I've been working on: I've been planning a week of action after SOCC. UCSA meeting last Sunday and people talked about planning those days of action. I met with the UC president. I tried asking questions and hopefully she comes back. I have met with all college presidents except Cowell. I have been meeting with admin. I am meeting with the police department and we have been working together. Last month I attended a UCSA meeting at Riverside. There is a lot more discussion on the campaign. I am also going to have all my interns after this weekend.

Ivan: I speak for Charlsie and myself. We finalized our list for the delegation. We are starting to send out e-mails. Congrats to the people accepted. That's it.

Nabeil: We just had our Sing for Hunger last Saturday. It was a good amount of turnout for this Saturday. We made about like 30 dollars. I appreciate all the people who came.

Shaz: Any other assembly members? We will move to announcements.

## Announcements and Public Comments

Tony: If you want to apply to be a StAR, you can meet with the regents and speak during public comment. It is due Thursday at 5PM. Why do you want to be a StAR? You will be able to find out Friday. If you are interested in going to Oakland for a collective bargaining session, you can be a rep. I have the application for you.

Justin: Where can we find the application?

Tony: UCSA.org

Max: What exactly is the collective bargaining that is taking place? The UC and AFT are in collective bargaining.

Shaz: Any more announcements? We will move on.

## Consideration of Funding Requests from the Disc Golf Team (Tournament)

Steven: College 10 thinks that they didn't spend enough time fundraising outside of SUA. They requested is too high for short notice. If they come back with a smaller amount due to reaching out to other places, we would consider half the money they requested.

Ghandi: I don't think it is fair that they didn't find any other sources from money since SUA is a funding body. We should only take into consideration that they are going to SUA They needed it because it was urgent. Time is of the essence here.

Ivan: What is the tournament fee per person?

Shaz: \$52 per person.

Ivan: I would agree with College 10. It would be a good amount. For the amount of folks going and the aspect that it has for the student population, I think fiscally I would approve for half of the funding, it would be easier for students to pay.

Shaz: Any more discussions or motions?

Priscilla: Whatever we do plan on funding, what money is coming out of?

Shaz: It would come out of RSO line item.

Justin: Can you clarify how much that line item has in it?

Shaz: It has \$47,000 for the year. For this quarter, it's \$14,000.

Justin: Do you know how much we have left over from last quarter?

Shaz: I'm not sure.

Samantha: **Motion** to approve half of the budget request of \$312.

Leslie: **Second.**

Shaz: Any discussion?

Art: **Objection**, Porter College feels comfortable supporting the disc golf team and sending all 12 members. UCSC should have a collegiate-level sports team.

Shaz: Anymore discussion? All those in favor to fund the UCSC Disc Golf team \$312?

Vote:

**Yes: 16** No: 7 Abstentions: 10

**Motion passes**, they receive \$312 to fund for the tournament.

Consideration of Funding Requests from the Disc Golf Team (Discs and Shirts)

Shaz: They are asking for \$2025.

Victoria: Some of the students at Oakes felt there was a conflict of interest with the location of the seller at Oregon. They could look at other places with better prices for the amount they are getting. If there were to be funding, there was a suggestion that the logo of SUA would sponsored on the back of the shirts.

Tony: Can you scroll down to the itemized budget?

Max: I would like to echo Oakes' view. It would be a really good idea to have an SUA advertisement on the shirt. If someone could make a motion, we could stipulate there would be a logo on the shirt/disc.

Ivan: I **motion** to fund t-shirts to be \$20, and discs \$30 and whatever reflects with the shipping and tax.

Shaz: **Motion** to approve the quantity of shirts and costs.

Ivan: I **rescind my motion**.

Shaz: **Motion rescinded**.

Steven: College 10 requested a lot of money; they could continue finding funding somewhere else. There could be perhaps a reduced amount?

Tony: Do we know where the discs are coming from? Why is there Tax?

Max: They said it was a local.

Justin: Merrill felt like it was more for individuals and not all the students; we would want to fund all the discs with all the logos instead of both.

Linh: Cowell feels similar. We would like to fund the equipment.

Tony: **Motion** to fund all of the discs, and the updated shipping and tax what it might be.

Max: **Second**.

Justin: Would there be a stipulation to add the SUA logo?

Tony: That is friendly.

Shaz: There is a motion to fund all the discs and the stipulation is to add the SUA logo onto the disc. Is there any more discussion?

Ivan: My only concern is that if we increase and if the logos were to happen, would it increase the costs? I would suggest funding 600 for tournament discs.

Victoria: Because this event isn't taking place till February, could we ask them to see the price increase?

Shaz: That can happen. There is a motion to fund \$600 plus tax and shipping. There will be a vote for all those in favor for the discs with the stipulation of the logo?

Vote:

**Yes: 26** No: 2 Abstentions: 6

**Motion passes.**

### Consideration of Resolution on Divestment from Fossil Fuels Assets

Tony: I **yield** to any comments or questions.

Max: **Point of clarification**, does the resolution specify that the money divested from fossil fuels go to sustainability?

Tony: It has been brought up.

Shaz: Any more discussion?

Victor: Some people believe passing a divestment resolution doesn't have a real impact on the UC, can you explain what real impact and what SUA could do to hold them accountable?

Tony: That is a good question; first off, this resolution isn't all we are doing. We are planning our week of action. All the people working on the campaign want to see the resolution pass, therefore be it resolved clauses, there are specific actions taken on by the chair that express our support to divest to key individuals. People applying to be StARs (Student Advocate to the Regents), this would be a great tool. This alone won't do anything, this paired with other actions will.

Elaine: Although C8 supports this resolution, we hesitate to vote for this because we are wondering what the alternate outcome is.

Tony: If we keep our money in these assets, it is going to say that the UC does support companies that use these unsustainable facilities. According the California sustainability council, proven with numbers, divesting from this, there would be raise money. We go from a 1.8% return to a 2.3% return.

Steven: I believe a resolution has a symbolic message for the students. We need to let the students know we are doing our best to fight fossil fuels.

Chris: Is there any way to clarify the companies?

Tony: its 200 companies. Our divestment portfolio is public on the UC website.

Sam: I would like to encourage the floor to look at ourselves as what we really are. We are an international recognized academic institution; it's like a litmus test of what we believe and our moral and ethical views.

Steven: **Motion to approve** the resolution towards the divestment of fossil fuels.

Tony: **Second.**

Shaz: We will go into discussion for the motion. Seeing as there are no objections, the **motion passes.**

### Consideration of Resolution on IGNITE and UC Diversity Pipeline

Tony: I **yield** to any comments or questions.

Rachel: This is just a clarifying question from College 9. We would like to know which two "whereas" clauses differ from before.

Tony: It's a different campaign in general. It's not just IGNITE.

Shaz: Anymore discussion? Any motions?

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

Elaine: **Second.**

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

### Closing Remarks from Presiding Officer

Shaz: Halloween is coming up; I want to wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween. Get those SOFA reps to me. Since there aren't many agenda items that came up, there might not be any SUA meeting next Tuesday.

Justin: Since we have a lot of new reps, are we going to go over the basic rules of Robert rules.

Shaz: I can put that on agenda, you can make the request via email. If you want an officer to do it, just request via email.

Chris: Making a comment, I realize most people are going to finish midterms. Just as a PSA: supplement yourself with water and get plenty of sleep after. Be advocates for such to your peers.

Ivan: I would really like to stress perpetuating cultures on Halloween. We represent the students. I would like to see us be advocates for a different kind of showcasing of costumes and ideas. It makes me extremely mad when I see Native American costumes. Take into consideration those who were displaced from this land. Someone's identity is not a costume.

Shaz: Any more quick announcements?

Roshni: **Motion** to adjourn.

Alfonso: **Second.**

**Adjournment at 8:43PM**