

Student Union Assembly

Tuesday, 12/3/2013

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

Assembly Members Present: Shaz Umer (Chair), Max Hufft (IVC), Tony Milgram (EVC), Charlsie Chang (CoD), Vanessa Morales (CoAA), Ivan Medina (OD), Hana Zeit (Cowell), Linh Ngo (Cowell), Lila Blackney (Stevenson), David Pickard IV (Stevenson), Samantha Sobol (Stevenson), Corbin Hall (Crown), "D" Patel (Crown), Julie Nibler (Crown Alternate), Priscila Rodriguez (Merrill), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill), Maria Garcia (Merrill), Arnulfo Vasquez (Kresge), Sergio Alva (Porter), Max Winter (Porter), Art Motta (Porter), Victoria York (Oakes), Alfonso Quintero (Oakes), Chris Weast (Oakes), Roshni Advani (College 8), Elaine Wong (College 8), Danny Rivera (College 8 Alternate), Rachel Kirkwood (College 9), Gregory Baraghimian (College 9), Sam Shaw (College 9), Nabeil Lemar (College 10), Steven Hernandez (College 10), Leslie Poala Gonzalez (College 10), Sam Simpson (QSU), Tem Velasquez Ysmael (Recording Clerk), Louise Cabansay (Legislative Liaison), Angelica Montes (MEChA), Lisa Washington (ABSA)

Assembly Members Absent: Nicolette Johnson (Cowell), Aimee Wade (Kresge), Gul Taneri (Kresge), Ivette Torres (College 8)

Approval of the Agenda

Shaz: I made some changes to the previous agenda. I added 10 minutes to the EVC request. Are there any amendments to the current agenda?

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

Max: **Second.**

Shaz: Are there any objections to this motion?

Shaz: **Motion passes.** The agenda is approved.

Reading of the Previous Meetings' Minutes

Elaine: **Motion** to change myself present to absent from last week.

Roshni: **Second.**

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

Art: The chair requested made recess for 5 minutes (page 15).

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

Lila: **Second.**

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

Reports

Max: Thank you Shaz. Not too much to report. Check out my report from last month. For all people who grabbed the ceramic, a lot of staff were hoping to leave after the event. When you are done, put it on this thing over here. That way they can go home and study for finals. I would like to talk to the committee.

Shaz: Max, next time watch the language.

Charlsie: My office is drafting a resolution right now for enforce faculty to take the diversity program and we are hoping to take it to other campuses. Napolitano recognizes the important for faculty to take that.

Tony: Few things that I have done and are in planning. Since the last meeting, we finished our week of action. Thank you for everyone who tabled. We got some good stuff. I put posters in the SUA office. As far as moving forward, I'm planning a lot of events in January, I'm planning an event bringing a regent. I want to make it every quarter. No regent has come here since 2006. I am also working with the library to institutionalize a voting process. I've been in meetings with city council and public works to see how we can collaborate together for future relationships.

Vanessa: Starting Thursday, both libraries will be open till 3AM.

Ivan: What's up everybody? This is my natural hair color is my report. Some of the things we are organizing in our body, the strike went well. I saw some of you participating at the base. Thank you for participating. We receive a message from Galloway, some students felt uncomfortable with. Tomorrow at 11AM, we will be meeting with her. It's a group of students and my staff. I have demands. We are demanding that they are sending a student aspect of the strike. They could send e-mails to all of us. Students can't send emails system wide themselves. My second thing, I thank you so much for sending in your reports. Some of the officer report backs are very ambiguous. We haven't had a proper training in Roberts' Rules. Folks are uncomfortable with allocating money. Thank you so much for those reports. I hope to hear from all other 28 of you that have not sent reports.

Shaz: The deadline was at 8PM. Please get those to us as soon as possible so we can upload those on the website and be accountable. Are there any questions about what the officers said?

Elaine: Just wondering, I'm not sure if I got it in to the right person.

Ivan: I got it.

Shaz: As long as you get it to me or the OD.

Roshni: Can people come to the meeting with the EVC? Is it an open meeting?

Ivan: It is a closed meeting, only because we had a planning session. It's like MEChA who sent a letter in response and another group. We are meeting because it is those folks that felt the need. I will provide minutes at the meeting and what comes out of it. We are trying to make recordings happen and as transparent and accessible. Whatever admin says is reported back to the students.

Roshni: Thank you.

Max: Starting Friday night, Porter senate will keep the Porter dining hall open. We are going have blue books, refreshments, coffee, scantrons, etc.

Justin: The dean of students office is currently working on the UC student regent project.. As far, I'm getting the application out there. Once it is, I will let you all know. In January, there will be two forms who are interested in applying the student regent. You can see me. The UC student regent and designate will have a workshop with students with any questions, and get their input on it. If you want to know me, hit me up.

Ivan: Just to follow through, the student regents are one of the seats of the regent positions. When you have something you are strongly against, sometimes it is not the Dean or the EVC. Luckily we have a student rep and designate. What that means, the student regent can vote the student designate can listen. You do have this position for two years. Take that into consideration. It's our form of shared governance that we have with the university of California of the president.. That was in the 70's. Students fought for that. It's a student struggle to get regental reform. Are we really equal against the regents?

Shaz: Any questions?

Announcements

Shaz: Are there any announcements? If not, we will move on to new business.

New Business

Tony: I don't really need 20 minutes. Basically, what I want to do and I talked about this before, in the budget I'm allocated \$2,700 per quarter. It's \$300 a month for a COD. Ivan is currently serving that role for UCSA. Instead of having that, I decide to split that position and have three interns. I would have to approve that through the body.

Shaz: You want to change the campus organizer director position into three?

Tony: Just for this year. Look at line item 134. It's \$900 per quarter. It's who gets the money and the number of interns.

Shaz: He is requesting to suspend Bylaws Section E2A5a. It'll be \$300 per quarter per intern. That is the request.

Max: I would advise who is going to make this motion to strike for each officer intern part of the line because it allows more flexibility of where the funds go. I think that would be the best course of action.

Shaz: His suggestion strike under subsection A, "for each officer's intern".

Max: Direct response to that, I think we should leave the wording like that; we should be able to ask our colleges for that. My second question, what is the role of the campus organizing director and your interns?

Tony: We are unique because we have an elected OD to fill that role. It's our national affairs, voting, and communications.

Max: I'm not saying strike it permanently, it should be amended for Tony's case.

Priscilla: How many hours are going to ask for interns to work?

Tony: It'll be 10 hours a month. Last year, there was an intern that was cut in order to save some money. That is why I still want a position.

Max: Can we get a straw poll? I have no idea how to read the room right now. I don't feel comfortable making a motion right now.

Priscilla: This is the last SUA meeting of the quarter. I don't think it makes sense to bring it back.

Ivan: I don't understand what is going on right now. I want to make sure his interns get paid. I want to make sure the work they are doing isn't exploited. I want to see a motion.

Shaz: Tony wants to use the money for more interns. I think that is something we should look into.

Ivan: I heard one of the reps in the body that we should change the bylaws. I would like to see a possible outline from the chair.

Shaz: I'm not sure if the COD is in the documentation. I can't give any guidelines. It's only to suspend that section and give that authority to the EVC. Maybe add a stipulation. That wording is for campus organizing director because we can't reference it in the bylaws or constitution.

Ivan: Would I make a motion to suspend the bylaws so that the funds could be used for these interns?

Shaz: The budget is allocated for the organizing director. We would suspend that section. Then make a motion to allocate. It would be separate. First motion would be 2/3 and the other is a simple majority.

Ivan: **Motion** to suspend E2A5a.

Max: **Second.**

Shaz: We are just suspending.

Lila: **Yield.**

Art: My comment is no longer relevant to this motion, so I **yield.**

Shaz: The motion was to suspend the bylaw section E2A5a.

Max: **Objection.**

Vote in favor of suspending the bylaw for this discussion: 26 yes, 0 no, 8 abstentions.
Motion passes, that section is suspended for the meeting.

Max: I withdraw my request for the straw poll. I think we are pretty good for making a motion tonight.

Rachel: I **reserve my right to make a motion**; we would be motioning to break it down to three interns at \$100 month?

Shaz: To reallocate the funds into three positions at \$100 month.

Rachel: I motion to allow Tony to reallocate the funds for the three interns.

Danny: **Second.**

Ivan: I would like to add a stipulation, EVC would be charged for writing the formal documentation as to why he didn't hire the COD three interns. Future assemblies can see why it was the case for us here. Because I'm doing the COD position, we don't want the importance of the position to be mitigated. It's for institutionalized memory to make an official report.

Lila: Just to get people, the interns already have gone through the process. It would be rude. They are not being paid right now and they are doing things for Tony's office.

Priscila: **Friendly amendment**, can we add for the remainder of the academic year?

Max: Friendly.

Max: **Point of inquiry**, chair or OD can answer, COD, was that created two years ago by Nelson?

Shaz: COD has been there for a while now.

Tony: It is an appointed position.

Ivan: It would streamline for this year, it has been concurrent. It's benefited for those to sit on UCSA.

Tony: I just want to answer Lila's comment. I didn't realize I had to go through this process.

Sam: Didn't we approve this for fall quarter?

Shaz: Max made a similar request and so did Charlsie. We went through different processes for them.

Sam: Wasn't there a bylaw that didn't allow us to do the academic year?

Shaz: It was for academic year.

Max: I don't think we take into consideration; we weren't informed they were being hired.

Shaz: Any more discussion.

Art: There was a mention of the COD duties being filled by the current COD, would it be permissible to allocate the funds for the OD's budget or the office of the OD?

Shaz: If you want to start amending language that may be something for next year, in my personal opinion.

Tony: Campus organizing director, appointed by EVP or EVC. Our own COD, in terms of the UCSA, it has to be under the EVC.

Ivan: The campus organizing director sits on the campus action committee, the CAC. The CAC is the committee comprised of the COD's. Whatever UCSA puts forward, we follow through. My position on campus, internally and externally all aspects of SUA, I'm the main director of them. It's efficient for Tony to hire someone else and tell me what is going on.

Art: The main concern is why they are not getting those funds since they are performing the duties.

Tony: Because the duty is for the organizing director. The OD is fulfilling the duties the COD.

Ivan: Because I'm fulfilling the COD position, it is logical that the \$300 would go to my office. It makes sense but I don't want the money. I appreciate the comments and concerns. Instead of money, I appreciate accountability. I might consider a SUA campaign, instead of that \$300 allocated. I rather have you help the campaign than take the money. His national field director is helping me. I appreciate that, I don't need the money. I need people power.

Max: **Motion** to extend time 5 minutes.

Roshni: **Second.**

Priscila: **Objection.**

Vote to extend time by 5 minutes. 18 yes, 6 no, 10 abstentions. Motion passes, time extend by 15 minutes.

Max: **Reserve my right to make a motion.**

Tony: There is a motion on the table.

Max: It's a secondary motion. One person could be good, but when you have three people on the ground; you have more power and allows being very flexible. With that, I would like to **call to question.**

Lila: **Second.**

Shaz: Any objections to the call to question?

Vote all those in favor of approving the motion to divide the \$300 for the three interns' pay: 30 yes, 5 abstentions. Motion passes, Tony can use the money to pay his interns \$100 per month.

Ivan: Can you explain what reserving your right to motion means for folks?

Shaz: It is in Robert rules. When you want to make a motion while talking before it, you have to reserve your right. There is many reasons, filibuster, etc. Anytime you want to make a motion while talking, you always have to reserve your right.

LegCon Presentation:

Tony: **Yield** to Audrey, the national affairs director.

Ivan: Pieces of legislation we are going to look at is textbook availability. The conference is student run and student led. I know Max and Chirag came in to speak about that. Know that students on the board are making sure that all of this is set up. Hotels are being set up. You as a student are a rep on board.

Chris: Is there any way to have a quantitative mean of deliberating? For example: GPA, years of experience? We should standardize the process to get rid of favoritism.

Rachel: I love the idea of having a video; writing isn't the easiest to do. My problem is that you would see the candidate and it makes it biased.

Shaz: I assume we will bring it back next quarter. We have two more minutes left.

Ivan: In the past, it wasn't all officers that selected. It has been folks that are chairs of the USSA board. It is important to have the chairs and because those are the folks that know where is going. I want to challenge that everyone on this board. I want to make that process a little bit more transitional. This is what we are working on. There are selection criteria. I think that is taking into consideration. We need to be accountable for the selection criteria. These are the people that are being selected by the committee. We have to challenge the idea of anonymity, and stick with the criteria in which we choose people.

Tony: **Motion** to extend time to the end of current stack.

Roshni: **Second.**

Art: **Objection.**

Vote to extend time to the end of current stack: 29 yes, 4 no, 1 abstention. Motion passes, we will continue till the till the end of the current stack.

Max: Quick question for the EVC. Would you like something to come out of this tonight or next quarter?

Tony: I wanted to get some criteria; basically the first draft is how we are going to put implement a video.

Justin: My concerns with video are that it could be present a challenge of a video vs. writing. You can't really judge and it is hard to compare the two. The timeline is worries me. You need time to prepare. Gathering the selection committee, advertising, and bring it back to the body. That presents a lot of time challenges. Also to give members to be brief of what USSA is. This is two weekends before finals. I do agree what Ivan, just because you are on the committee, you may not have the same concerns.

Nabeil: **Point of clarification**, basically, you just want to know our thoughts...so why are you bringing it back to this body? Why didn't we do that for other conferences?

Shaz: It is up to the officer in charge for the conferences. If SUA wants to set a stipulation, they can. EVC is saying, there is a proposal so what do you all think? Thank you everyone for the discussion.

Strategic Planning

Elizabeth: We are part of the strategic planning taskforce on campus. The campus has realized, meaning admin, we needed to get input from the entire campus. It is a changing landscape. This is the first ever campus wide strategic planning. One of the reasons we are here tonight, we are part of the taskforce, there is about 60 people. 60% are faculty. I personally wanted to meet with the SUA. The library really appreciates the SUA because of all the support you have given us.

We want to know. We will attempt to put these things on the wall. Each person will get a sticky note and put what are the trends, issues, and events that will impact this campus for the next years. We want your creative thinking about this. There are no wrong answers.

****Discussion**

Elizabeth: Correct me if you don't agree with what I write on the board.

Julie: High cost of education, low diversity, problems with labor.

Nabeil: Tuition, cost of living.

Samantha: UC application process is becoming too selective.

Steven: We hope to see increase in accessibility for disadvantaged students. We hope to see diversity.

Hana: Privatization, students are paying more education, inability to expand the campus, deforestation; issues of space on campus. Student voices are not being heard, student voices not being taken into account.

Victoria: Student expenses, privatization, we don't have the capacity to hold more students.

Ivan: Compensations of 6 digit salary. Focus on bonuses with folks with high salaries instead of student services.

Max: There has been an increase in bonuses for admin and an increase in student tuition, virtually none of that is being reflected.

Ivan: In the future, there won't be students of color. Because there is this artificial notion of diversity; tuitions increases are going up, a lot of under resourced communities aren't not coming to the university. Also, there is a racialized budget. There will be a kyriarchy. The last one, students are seen in the budget as cash cows.

Sam: We have the increasing fees on students such as tuition and housing, the diversity and retention of students of color.

Elizabeth: I think we got a lot of good content. We will pass this on. Tell me how you would like this process to work with getting feedback from the SUA? Do you want us to capture all of this?

Shaz: Can you compile it into a report and we will distribute it to our senates and orgs and we will approve or disapprove it.

Angelica: You mention going to student orgs but are you outreaching to students that aren't affiliated?

Elizabeth: There will be some open forums for anyone interested. They will start advertising those very soon.

Justin: Working with the Dean of Students office. We are in the process of planning a place for any student, staff, or faculty to come.

Shaz: Few closing remarks. We are going to make an extension for the deadline for the end of the quarter, December 12. Get it to me or Ivan. That is the deadline is 5PM. As for the signed documentation, it needs to be in before the first meeting. That is why I delay the first meeting of the quarter. It has to be signed by the chair and the rep. if there is a complication, any reason, notify me before the meeting starts. Other than that, good luck on finals! Only about 10 more days left. Everyone have a happy new year! Any questions before we adjourn?

Lila: **Motion** to adjourn.

Danny: **Second.**

Adjournment at 10:09PM