

Student Union Assembly

Tuesday, 2/4/2014

Meeting called to Order at 8:02PM by Shaz Umer (Chair)

Assembly Members Present: Angelica Montes (MEChA), Roshni Advani (Eight), Louise Cabansay (Eight), Elaine Wong (Eight), Victoria York (Oakes), Chris Weast (Oakes), Alfonso Quintero (Oakes), Shub Sharan (Nine), Gregory Baraghimian (Nine), Sam Shaw (Nine), Nabeil Lemar (Ten), Danny Iglesias (Ten), Leslie Paola Gonzalez (Ten), Jessica Ly (Cowell), Tyler Papp (Cowell), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Edmond Yaghoubian (Stevenson), Lila Blackney (Stevenson), Samantha Sobol (Stevenson), Michael Dibs (Porter), Max Winter (Porter), Art Motta (Porter), Lyle Green-Nickerson (Kresge), Anna Dobrokhodva (Kresge), Maria Garcia (Merrill), Justin McClendon (Merrill), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill), Corbin Hall (Crown), Aykezar Adil (Crown), Brad Mleynek (Crown), Ivan Medina (OD), Vanessa Morales (CoAA), Charlsie Chang (CoD), Tony Milgram (EVC), Max Hufft (IVC), Shaz Umer

Assembly Members Absent: Ivette Torres (Eight), Rachel Kirkwood (Nine), Kelly Goehring (Cowell), Sergio Klor de Alva (Stevenson), Arnulfo Vasquez (Kresge), Miina Coulon (Kresge), Priscila Rodriguez (Merrill), Leslie Villafana (Crown), Steven Hernandez (Ten), Lisa Washington (A/BSA)

Sam: **Point of order**, I would like to appeal the chair's decision.

Max: **Second**.

Shaz: State your reason.

Sam: I know we are doing the interpretation of the bylaws and last time I did it on Rachel's computer. I did talk to Max and he showed me how to do it on the computer without word processor.

Shaz: I could have made it an exception but I'll uphold my decision. We are voting to appeal my decision.

Vote all those in favor of appealing the chair's decision:

Max: **Point of clarification**, what's this on? Can all 36 members vote?

Shaz: Yes.

Vote to appeal chair's decision: Yes: 7 **No: 6** Abstentions: 17

Motion fails, decision will be upheld.

Approval of the Agenda

Tony: **Motion** to add 5 minutes before closed session to show the SLC app.

Max: **Second.**

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

Shaz: They requested for next week for C4E.

Tony: **Motion** to add 10 min for Shiku to speak about why SUA should fund her for USSA.

Max: **Second.**

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

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

Roshni: **Second.**

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

Approval of the Previous Meetings' Minutes

Ivan: **Motion** to amend. Page 3, Priscilla just got elected as chair. Specify National People of Color Student Coalition Chair.

Max: Top of page 9, \$2,500 to \$25,000. It is missing 0.

Roshni: **Second.**

Lyle: Says Arnulfo was here, Lyle was in here in place.

Art: **Point of clarification**, when there is a roll call vote, there votes are represented, those votes are recorded.

Tem: I got them, just didn't put them cause of midterms.

Lila: **Motion to approve.**

Roshni: **Second.**

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

Officer Reportbacks/ Announcements

Max: We have new bags with the SCOC logos. I know people love free stuff. People love these bags. They are also really good for groceries. They fold up really well. Beyond that, SCOC outreach event this Friday. Showing "Up".

Lila: There will be free pizza and snacks from Costco.

Max: Up movie night, Crown and Merrill sister outreach event at the Cultural Center. 6:30PM to around 10:30PM. Stay till the end to win raffle prizes. Someone please to go to my office hours. My office hours are at McHenry. They are Tuesdays 12PM-1:30PM. I'll buy you something.

Charlsie: February 17th to 21st, compassion week. Random act of kindness. Mostly in the quarry. We are moving forward with the Holi festival. It will be at OPERS field April 5th Saturday. We are purchasing 5,000 flyers. They are postcard style for \$100 dollars for 5000. E-squared retreat last weekend. I've been working with e-squared for an iClicker loaning program. I want to purchase around 30 as a pilot program. If it works out well, we can maybe expand to S&E and McHenry.

Tony: We are doing Lobby Corp and we meet every week. Few of you are in here. We talk about the UCSA and USSA campaigns. This week is about transitioning to nationals. After that, we will transition to local planning events. There will be a few events actually for February. There will be a local affairs forum. This one is called Appetizers with Administrators. First time 40 years, a regent is coming here and will be available. Chancellor is going to be there. EVC Galloway is going to be there. I've been playing LegCon and applications were released and reviewed. Everyone received an email if they got in or not or waitlisted. USSA level; meeting with the academic chair. CMED is still in legislative council. I'll let you know the bill number as soon as I find out. IGNITE, there is going to be a call in; California senate passed it. Lobby visits for winter quarter. I went to the UCSA board meeting at UCM. We talked about updating on campaigns and ASFCME negotiations; updating on other things logistically. I led the undergrad for UCSA board meeting. All the actions we are going to take. For the student observer, I went to the student regents meeting in January, talk about keeping tuition the same level and in the long run bringing it down and make quality education affordable. SC5 is the state constitution amendment 5, it allows for race ethnicity and those factors be taken into the university.

Ivan: It is a competing document. The University takes Prop 209 or SC5.

Tony: It allows race and ethnicity to be factored it.

Louise: If it passes the assembly, it would be put on the ballot. It would allow people to vote whether to allow affirmative action for higher education.

Charlsie: MLK Jr. conversation Thursday 7PM at the Civic center.

Vanessa: My office has been working on the class survey. They should be coming out February 15th to 28th. That should be ready for about a month, gauge student availability of courses, student services like the library. We are finishing up the library referenda. Anyone who is a chair will be emailed tonight.

Ivan: Campaign work with UCSA primarily. It is going to be postcards for Fund the UC. We are going to get those available us. We want to get 1250 postcards and we need help to get those signed. We talked about strategies to pass those postcards out. We talked about our IGNITE campaigns and different aspects. Do we want to keep it in a campaign that is static or do we want it to be a working campaign> Folks were interested. AB1271 would allow courses taken in the prison system to be transferable once they are out of the prison system. It'll help out the campaign. Different bills will tie into that. We need to do that to create a prison rhetoric and reform it. We talked a lot about how to pick a campaign. We talked about how to follow through. There is a difference between collaborating and running a campaign. For the ad hoc committee; I sent it out the Shaz. I will send it out again. Come to my office hours, I don't have a lot of updates for USSA, more how the meeting went. If you want, please come, Tuesdays and Wednesday. I'm always at the office. Student Power for that committee will start up so we can start organizing around issues. So I can see who in interested in those campaigns. That is one of the things talked about. Are we educating folks and I want that to be a part of the conversation.

Jose: What happens if the ad hoc committee if people don't join.

Shaz: The decision is for the letter. It is to create a recommendation. I gave it two weeks. It's been two weeks. This is going to die and I'll just write the letter.

Ivan: Can I get a straw poll who would want to do it?

Roshni: Can I get a core council update?

Lila: They extended their deadline up to February 7th.

Roshni: Do you know when the meeting is?

Jose: Tomorrow 7PM to 9PM in Cowell 216. Core council is a committee that funds groups. They have to be affiliated with OPERS, SOAR, and Student Media. We accept all groups. We give out a good amount of money. The lower we gave were 800 dollars and 4000 the most.

Shaz: Please come to office hours; Monday 11A.M. to 12P.M. If there is anything you want to do with me, we can do that. 7213 is the ER number for the Executive assistant. It is non work study or work study. I'll be hiring 5 students to help staff our office. Please tell as many people as possible. It'll close Friday at 5PM. I'm trying to get it publically posted. Anyone can apply.

Alfonso: Are all the office hours online?

Shaz: Yes, under the officers tab.

Max: Tomorrow from 12 to 2PM, we are going to have a meadow clean up. Mayor might be attending.

Brad: At the end of the month, February 28th from 9PM to 12PM, Winter semi-formal that we hold, emerald city theme. Go ahead and buy your tickets. Crown and Merrill \$2, anyone else is \$5. All sales go to your charity. Save the shores, Santa Cruz aids project, homeless garden project, you choose.

Max: February 21, great timber event. A lot of local bands. RA's will do their programming around that.

Tem: Organizing Talent Show for FSA. Auditions are at Social Sciences 2 179 at 7PM. Come try out!

Roshni: College 8 and Oakes concert at Oakes lower lawn, 3PM to 6PM March 1. Local bands will be performing.

Justin: On behalf of the Dean of Students: there are applications to be a student regent. If you would like any advice to developing your application, contact Lucy Rojas.

Jessica: Tomorrow night from 7:30PM to 9:30PM, Cowell community room building 3, showing the film screening The March. If you are going to the MLK thing, it's tomorrow night.

Edmond: If anyone wants to experience a nice Jewish event Friday. We have dinners; you don't have to be Jewish. Its fun and you can meet new people. If you want the address and times, you can always ask me.

Art: This Friday, information workshop for Chicana Latina scholarships offered every year. There will be workshops on scholarship writing. Cervantes and Velasquez from 6-8PM.

SAFE Sponsorship Proposal

Paige: CUIP for SAFE. Bring awareness about sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking. We have 5-hour trainings for students who interested in learning. Apply for violence prevention educators. It was established two years ago and we want to have a conference in May 10th. I know it's the same day as your concert. After talking to Kelly, it sounds like the times won't be as conflicting. We do have a large community event on the 3rd. We cannot move this event but the conference will be around preventing violence in our community. There will be keynote speakers and interaction stations. The goal is to bring students faculty and community together to bring awareness about the violence in our community. Some of the workshops will be about nonviolent communication and preventing violence in the LGBTQ community, hosted at Merrill at the cultural center. We have requested and received funding from 6 colleges. Dean of Students is helping to fund this event. This is something that students want. We are really excited. I'm hoping to answer questions.

Shaz: This next week, I'll be going to through our budget. Take time to look through it.

Max: Which colleges specifically did you go to?

Paige: We went to Crown, Cowell, Stevenson, 9, 10, and Merrill (they gave us the cultural center). We are going to Oakes. We didn't hear back from Porter. College 8 gave us money for sustainability.

Shaz: Are there any more questions? Thank you for coming.

Shiku Sponsorship Request

Tony: Shiku is a USSA board member and chair of the People of African Descent. She is eligible for member travel.

Shiku: I'm a 4th year student, 9, legal studies. This year, I sit on the board of director. I'm the people of African descent chair and my vice chair goes here too. We have lot of work to bring up the POAD space. POAD focuses on our constituents: African, Black, Caribbean students. We have organizers that go to: FAM University, University of Michigan, Wisconsin, and UCB. Alongside our state organizer we are getting in touch with students across the nation. That isn't something we are required to do. We are really reaching out to find students and what they want. We believe that education is a right, budget appropriations campaign we worked on. Campaign name is "more money, less problems:." We also work with students on the other end of that, we are pushing a campaign later, tactics that Ivan mentioned with postcards for USSA. A lot of the work we focus on is the department of education and how they profit over our student loans. I travel about once after every month. I have been funded by the student of students. This is something that is within the line item that exists within SUA. Dean of students has helped me but she can help support other students.

Shaz: Do you have a budget that you may need for the next meetings?

Shiku: I can send it to you. It's a rough budget It doesn't usually include accommodation. I don't find that out until later.

Lyle: How much do you generally need?

Shiku: Last one I needed was \$200 because it's California. Arizona was \$230. We split hotel rooms and it gets cheap and we carpoled. The next one is DC for LegCon. I'm not sure; I was looking at tickets in November so I need access that appropriately.

Ivan: Bringing campaigns to campus, what have you brought to the USSA space and what will be done?

Shiku: As a POAD chair, we have worked with ABSA, we have been working with them, tackle issues that affects us on our campus and the state of California. They came out with a campaign; the USSA official campaign just got drafted. The backwards timeline will take into effect.

Tony: About for DC, ticket prices can vary from \$300-\$450. It is \$150 for the hotel for 4 nights if you split it with someone. LegCon registration is \$149.

Shiku: The board meeting in Wisconsin is in May.

Tony: I can give you a rough budget.

Justin: How is it typically done when board members use funds from the line item?

Shiku: Typically, when we go to these conferences, SUA assumes the role of paying for those members.

Justin: Do all board members make a presentation to get funding?

Ivan: More than one person has been selected. There is a conversation, I wasn't funded last year. That conversation usually happens in congress. There is no entity that says with people who to selected.

SLC Application

Tony: It's quite similar to LegCon app. We changed a few things. We are keeping the video. We have had 2 applications. One of the video applicants is on the waitlist.

Lila: I was on the recommendation committee; the video is a lot better in my opinion than reading the applications. Hopefully that'll get popular.

Tony: Questions are pretty similar. SLC is basically the same thing as LegCon but on a state level. In essence of being a lobbying trip, it's the same. I want to release this Thursday. It will be due 21st, it'll give applicants two weeks and a day. We will follow the same process as LegCon. I want to estimate around 50 people. Hotels are cheap. Transportation is cheaper. We will decide that as we get closer when money gets available.

Shaz: Is there a way they can put a word limit in each question. It would be good.

Tony: I can say please keep your response to "x" amount of words.

Alfonso: Are we discussing if we want to approve this?

Tony: This is going to be sent out.

Alfonso: I just wanted to voice a concern, I feel like "what is your experience with lobbying legislator" isn't needed. I understand why it can be used for USSA campaign, for this one, I feel that the delegates should need to have lobbying experience. I know that there is a lot of training done over there. I feel like the lobbying stuff is very teachable.

Tony: That's why there is the "how will you learn" section. The point of this is to make you know practical lobbying.

Ivan: If a participant has attended a USSA conference, it showcases where you can structure the delegation. You can take a whole bunch of people that has never lobbied before. As we know, most of the time. Fulfilling board meetings, we are trying to discern who will help out. When you decide, this person may have the skill to mentor.

Alfonso: Thank you.

Justin: There are two conflicting ideas; being attacked for going to conferences vs going to multiple conferences helps you being a leader. I would like for the committee to make up their mind with what they are looking for in an applicant.

Lila: **Motion** to extend time for 2 minutes.

Max: **Second.**

Shaz: **Motion passes.**

Ivan: Is it beneficial to take into account if you have gone to conferences.

Justin: I would like to see that decision to go to the body.

Shaz: When we have committees, you can always sit in on those meetings. If the body wants to have that discussion, it's not on the agenda, with that I am going to move forward.

Shaz: Lack of better word, I screwed up. I do apologize to the assembly; we were supposed to approve the timeline for elections and the internship. Any questions before the brief recess?

Moving to closed session!

***Recess**