

Student Union Assembly

Tuesday, 4/8/2014

Tentative Assembly Members' Present: Angelica Montes (MEChA), Samuel Simpson (QSU), Roshni Advani (Eight), Ivette Torres (Eight), Elaine Wong (Eight), Yajaira Chavez (Oakes), Christofer Weast (Oakes), Victoria York (Oakes), Rachel Kirkwood (Nine), Gregory Baraghimian (Nine), Shub (Nine), Steven Hernandez (Ten), Leslie Paola Gonzalez (Ten), Jose Cadena (Cowell), Tyler Papp (Cowell), Jessica Ly (Cowell), Vanessa (Stevenson), Samantha Sobol (Stevenson), Sergio Klor de Alva (Porter), Max Winter (Porter), Art Motta (Porter), Gul Taneri (Kresge), Winne (Kresge), Miina Coulon (Kresge), Maria Garcia (Merrill), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill), Priscila Rodriguez (Merrill), Corbin Hall (Crown), Ayki Adil (Crown), Leslie Villafana (Crown), Vanessa Morales (CoAA), Charlsie Chang (CoD), Tony Milgram (EVC), Max Hufft (IVC), Shaz Umer (Chair)

Approval of the Agenda

Art: **Motion** to add 10 min to report backs.

Shaz: Seeing there are no objections, **motion passes** for committee report backs.

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

Shub: **Second.**

Approval of the Previous Meetings' Minutes

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

Rachel: **Second.**

Shaz: Are there any objections? We have approved the minutes.

Announcements

Manik: I have samosas for everybody. I don't have napkins. Our cultural show is coming up in April. I know Shaz is going to be there for sure. We want to say thank you to SUA (Charlsie). Can we give her a hand? It was a great turnout. I just want to say thank for supporting ISO as well. Our cultural show is always on the line every year. I'm here to talk a touchy subject regarding about a scholarship. My friend from 9 has passed away and we were wondering what the logistics of that were so contact me so I can get some info.

Shaz: Are there any questions?

Ghandi: Do you have anything in mind for the college 9 student?

Manik: I was wondering what you all did.

Shaz: I'll be working with ISO on that.

Roshni: Is there committee on that?

Shaz: I can make one if needed.

Rachel: I would like to help.

Max: Last Saturday, we had Cowell-Stevenson outreach event. We ran out of taco meat. We had a lot of great performers. We are having the Porter-Kresge carnival. We are having the Porter Slug Grill come out. Please take a flyer. They look amazing. Please take one and share it. Make it your profile pic. On top of that, we still have two more outreach events. Got Talent is coming up. Please come to our committee.

Charlsie: One of the events coming up, transformative justice. She is has been named one of the top LGBT speakers. Powwow on April 26. They are looking for volunteers. Powwow@ucsc.edu

Tony: We had SLC this past weekend. 38 people went. A lot of them are in this room. I think that it went pretty well. In our groups, we had seven lobby visits. We are having a debrief meeting this week. For those are you who are interested, April 23rd, you can go up there and speak in support of SB1017. There will be May advocacy days. The application to be a StAR is happening May 1st. Apply to that if you want to go. Lobby Corp at Hahn 245, location will change depends on how many people show up. We are working on local affairs. There will be a discussion with the Santa Cruz mayor 7-9PM, probably going to be in Social Sciences 2. Another event during April 15-17; "Drowning in Debt". We are having a dunk tank in the quarry. More details to come around with that as well.

Shaz: Do I have to participate in that?

Tony: Yes.

Rachel: We are looking for people who want to get dunked.

Shaz: Thank you Tony. I was invited with the admissions office. Last Wednesday we went to UCB. I went to Fresno Friday. I met with over 1,000 students. I told them ways you can get involved in Santa Cruz. Petitions are due at 5pm today. I'm making this a campaign free zone. No one is allowed to wear shirts or handing out flyers. If you are wearing a campaign shirt, you have to invert it or put a sweater on. I'm not in control of outside this SUA space or the office. I'll yield to Dylan the EC.

Dylan: Mostly freshman are on the commission. As far as outreach goes, we are requiring them at least 2 days of tabling. We are going to be doing some additional tabling at the lecture halls. We are timing to coincide with larger lectures being let out. We want to single out upper division

courses since they have a lot of off-campus students. Lila is doing a lot on that. Tabling has voting info. We are working on a good banner. We have a good budget. It might translate into us getting a lot of outdoor banners while we have the money now. As far as the motto, “Your voice, your vote”. As far as the debates, Lila has expressed a lot of interested in being in charged with that. We are working to get it televised. We are trying to get CHP and FishRap coverage.

Shaz: I’m still working with the treasurer on the carry forward. We can request SUA for funds, which are what he meant in terms of purchasing more for the elections. If they need more to get the vote, we should look into that. You can always reach him.

Lila: I purposely planned my schedule to get people to vote. I want colleges to have a vote night. I have gotten confirmations for Stevenson and College 8. It’s only been a few days though.

Roshni: Are the debates only for officers?

Lila: I want to invite all the college reps and that’s why we have a college night so you can have a one on one chat with the people who are running.

Dylan: I would agree with that, they aren’t up for the general body.

Justin: This next two weeks is spring spotlight. This whole month of April, SAM (Sexual Awareness Month). There will be events for that.

Charlsie: Thank you for everyone for coming out to Holi, we raise \$1,500.

Art: The SIO Program this weekend. Destination Higher Education, Orale, A Step Forward.

Roshni: On Saturday, 8/Oakes Drag Ball at OLC. Reiterate the ISO cultural show is April 19th.

Introduction of the CALPIRG Resolution

**PPT Presentation

Shub: Is this an opt-in or opt-out fee?

Presenters: We talk to 1,000 of students. Due to public outreach, we were able to maintain the \$20.

Art: What is the threshold?

Presenters: The current threshold is 20%. It is the same \$5.

Shaz: My understanding is that the contract has expired and you just want to update it.

Presenters: Yes.

Ghandi: What kind of work can SUA and CALPIRG do together?

Presenter: I'm personally excited. Just CALPIRG alone, we registered a lot of students statewide. We are able to register a lot to vote. CALPIRG alone is 3,000. We would love to work with you guys. I never even thought about this!

Lila: The only other way to get this reviewed is a ballot referendum. If we don't do it here, this is there only option for this year.

Rachel: For the fee, do you make it aware to opt out?

Presenters: Every time we pledge, we would always say that it is per quarter per year you are a student. As many quarters they can. We give them our contact info. We are currently giving out cards.

Justin: Is this both grad and undergrad.

Presenters: Yes. It is both.

Justin: Wouldn't that mean this passes through GSA as well?

Shaz: Yes.

Art: 2,100 x \$5 is a lot of money. Do you have an operating budget?

CALPIRG Coordinator: That is a really good question. We don't have an itemized budget for UCSC since we are statewide. Majority of fees go to staff that work on behalf. I'll follow up for an itemized budget for each campus.

Presenters: The coolest thing is that every year, students may go to statewide conferences. We as members vote on behalf of our school. We take into consideration of the student population. We vote on what we should spend and what campaign we should prioritize.

Shaz: Thank you all for coming and you'll here from us soon.

UCSHIP Update

Louise: Our UCSHIP managed to accrue a 57 million dollar deficit. All students in UCSC must have a health insurance plan. It has to do with admin error. They were going to pay the deficit by increasing the premium. A lot of students said that was not fair. UCSHIP is going forward with a lawsuit against the firm that gave them those rates. What actually happened was that they set a rate students pay. Here students only own 3% of the deficit. We also don't couple our dental or vision coverage. It's an opt-in for those. I along with our graduate student rep wanted to look at options and so did EVC Galloway. It was difficult for me to learn. It is honestly something that should be accessible to students. A deductible is something you pay first before you use the service. You also have already paid a certain amount to pay an annual amount. Here at UCSC, if you go to the health center, you can go for unlimited visits as long as you do not need a

procedure or extensive testing to rule out ailments or a disease; that is when you get charged. There is also a co-pay, you don't pay if you go to the healthy center rather than an off-campus provider. I believe it may include preventative care. There are a different bunch of types in which you pay a certain percentage depending on what the procedure. UCSHIP will provide you a list of who is in your network. It is a health care desert. There are long wait times. If you need to go to an emergency room it's \$100 copay. There different plans. One deductible is \$100 less than the other. Option one will go to you directly. We went out to find different fees unrelated. For this year, it would cost \$2,387.04 compared to \$1857. What the health director wanted to do is include vision fees. You can go in and get framed and still be covered. Will you get cheap or nice frames? How many contacts can you get? You can see the difference from anthem not in UCSHIP to the actual UCSHIP.

Art: What is the \$300 campus fee?

Louise: It goes into the insurance.

Gregory: What are the drawbacks?

Louise: It's whether we go to UCSHIP or go with UCSC. The arguments sticking with UCSHIP, more students mean sharing the cost. The bigger the group, the cost is better. UCSC is a campus without a medical school. We don't have a cost saving mechanisms.

Vanessa: What about other campuses?

Louise: Every other campus bundles their vision and dental package. Right now the rates are so low to bundle with it. It is argued to be a good investment.

Justin: Our medical center is working with TAPS and this year is trying to get an opinion poll the different program. The health center will use it to determine the course of actions.

Louise: TAPS is funded through a lot of coverage. UCSHIP is able to have a larger network of doctors and health providers. What UCSC has seen and analyze, UCSC does not benefit from them. There are only one or two providers are within the UCSC range. That may be different cases. It isn't a high utilization rate. It is almost certain that we will leave UCSHIP. At least by leaving UCSHIP, we would know more consistently what would happen the next few years. It's whether we want vision and dental to be mandatory or if students should opt in. Which would reflect on our premiums?

Jose: How does the student body have a voice in whether or not we keep UCSHIP or move on?

Louise: I'm the only appointed undergraduate rep. we want to have a committee. The charter of UCSHIP only has two representatives. It was normally a graduate student. There are now two student reps, one undergraduate rep and one graduate.

Shaz: Is the health center ever going to send this information.

Louise: The info I'm getting is being changed. They get a new quote. A lot of it is stats. They do have forums that students come in. that is how I get started. I went to two of those last year. I told them that we would be ready to create a committee.

Ghandi: What kind of dental service?

Louise: It is contracted out to the Santa Cruz area. You would have two cleaning visits a year. I asked this same question and she said it will be new rates that they are still going to have to negotiate on. The general standard is two cleanings a year, it's about \$100 something copay for extensive services. Nothing is finalized yet.

Art: If we jump ship, would it have any effect on the health center?

Louise: What change is how much you pay, they will still provide the services. Right now the vision coverage is only available once a week. They are trying to expand that to three days a week next week.

Jose: Who gets to make the decision?

Louise: We can only recommend. It is EVC Galloway's decision.

Shub: What questions do you want from us to ask our space?

Louise: I want to know whether dental and vision should be part of the plan or opt in.

Shaz: When do you need this info from us?

Committee Breakouts

Max: Outreach and Student Life, near the Sentinel Room. Got Talent and Music Festival.

Tony: Lobby Corp, corner near the coatrack. Discussing what happened at SLC and future bills and lobbying.

Charlsie: Diversity; events happening this month. Our university is trying to call May "diversity month".

Reportbacks

Max: Talked about a good overview. Got Talent and Music Festival. Keep an eye on social media. The first round of the student sale ends this Friday. Ticket sales have been going well. Since tomorrow is payday. We are doing flyer drop Thursday. We went over Got Talent. It was a good committee breakout.

Tony: We went around and talked about the lobby visits and the reactions of the offices. For those of you who don't know, instead of a 5% increase, we want a 10% increase. For the most

part, legislators want more money for education. Oil severance, he didn't want any new taxes. A lot of people are hesitant and it would likely die in the senate. Lobby Corp tomorrow. We are having several lobbying opportunities.

Israel: Talked about the many events coming up this month and how Holi event. We want to outreach to student orgs. The big 5 orgs are supposed to sit on it. There are issues of outreach. We want it to make it student led. The administration is planning on advertising May is "diversity" month. Most of the diverse events happening that month are student led. Its Asian Pacific islander month and May is So Gay. With that gauge, we talk to admin about that.

Elaine: **Motion** to adjourn.

Shub: **Second.**

Adjournment at 10PM