

SUA MEETING 2/23/2016

Assembly Members Present: Imari Reynolds (Cowell), Bryna Haugen (Cowell), Tyler Papp (Cowell), **Alternate** Andrew (Stevenson), Jeffrey Stoll (Stevenson), Gabriella Cory (Stevenson), August Valera (Crown), Tias Webster (Crown), Jane Loughboro (Crown), Lara Loesel (Merrill), Morgan Smith (Merrill), Bianca (B) Moncada-Martin (Merrill), Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Eli Guzman- Martin (Porter), **Alternate** Johanna B (Porter), **Alternate** Maxine Jimenez (Kresge) Hana King (Kresge), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Suini Torres (Oakes), **Alternate** Ray Decadiz (Oakes), Simba Khadder (Eight), Sarah Cligher (Eight), Kaya Zepeda (Eight), Rohit Dhar (Nine), **Alternate** Elizabeth (Nine), **Alternate** Christian (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Danny Milla (Ten), Tama Semo (Ten), Basheera Ali-El (A/BSA), **Alternate** Liz Li (APISA), Vanessa Sadsad (QSU), Art Motta (Organizing Director), Seamus Howard (Vice President of Academic Affairs), Sauli Colio (Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion), Guillermo Rogel (Vice President of External Affairs), Jabari Brown (Vice President of Internal Affairs), Julie Foster (President).

Assembly Members Absent: Daniel Bernstein (Stevenson), Amanda Kazden (Porter), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Liza Mednikov (Kresge), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Katherine Le (Nine), Dante Harootunian (Nine), Theresa Atanoa (APISA), Gilbert Paredes (MEChA), Erica Green (SANAI),

Approval of the Agenda:

Rohit: **Motion to approve.**

Ray (Oakes): **Second.**

Simba: **Objection.**

Jabari: **Motion to add to a presentation from SUGB for 20 minutes.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Simba: **Motion to add after funding requests 10 minutes for a discussion on West Fest tabling.**

Jeffrey: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Sauli: **Motion to suspend bylaws section Section C.10.F.II to have a resolution discussion today.**

Tama: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Eli: **Motion to move funding request for Trans Asterisk Conference Sponsorship request to before SUGB presentation.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Jabari: **Motion to remove restorative justice presentation.**

Bryna: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Tamra: **Motion to approve.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Approval of the Minutes:

Rohit: **Motion to approve minutes.**

Danny: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Announcements and Public Comment:

Simba: West Fest is happening this Friday at 4 PM at the C8 upper lawn, free pizza, free boba and lots of great music from local bands.

Tamra: I'm the committee vice chair for SCOC and I have to plan C4, which will be at the OLC on March 4th from 6:30-9 PM, come through.

Vanessa: This weekend, UCSC is sending a delegation to a Democratic Party Convention in San Jose. The secretary of state's office is promoting voter registration and labor unions and community organizations who are trying to reform prop 13. If anyone is interested in attending or coming by or getting involved, please contact me.

Seamus: Next week on the 2nd of March, the Vice Chancellor Provost will have office hours in the McHenry from 2:30-3:30 PM. If you're concerned about housing, please go talk to her

Eli: Tomorrow at Kresge Town Hall at 7 PM, Isa Noyola is going to be speaking, she is the final speaker in the sister solidarity series that the women's center was putting on. She is an organizer in the LGBT community and working to stop deportation from the US. Please come through.

Jabari: Some flyers are going around, this Thursday is the Battle of the Balds at Namaste lounge and there will be pizza or raffles and it is a donation event to get money for children's cancer research.

Art: I emailed you all a month ago, this is the union's scholar's program through ASFCME. They put students through educational programs. The application is approaching this weekend, so if this is something that peaks your interest, please let me know. Also, next week on Thursday from 7-9 PM, the SUA is hosting an event called mind, art and soul, which is an event that ties into our statewide campaign #howareyou and it will be an opportunity for folks to share a space for spoken word and creativity for mental health challenges that we all face. This will be at the C8 red room. There will be light snacks and refreshments.

Guillermo: 3 things, going along with the campaigning, UCSA's #howareyou campaign is happening. Based on our facilities, we got a C grade for mental health. There will be a breakdown going around next week that shows why we got that grade. We will be demanding that there is a lesser time for students to get help from CAPS. I'm going to be sending out an email for a quick sign up for VOTE, and we are going to be encouraging students to do mail in ballots. Care is having a peer education training this Saturday, so please check that out at Kresge.

Sauli: **Motion to extend 2 minutes.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Sauli: Thursday there will be a volunteer orientation for an event which is a student led, student outreach program that is in coordination with MEChA and it will be at 8 PM at the Kresge Seminar room.

Art: Next Wednesday, March 2nd, the assistant vice provost will be holding a briefing on the HIS and how the 2.6 million will be used in the next five years next week at 7 PM.

Funding Request:

2nd Annual Trans Asterisk Conference

We are asking for funding for the 2nd annual Trans Asterisk Conference, which was set up by students in riverside who saw the need for a space for trans students in the UC and anyone who falls outside of the gender binary. This will be happening at UC riverside and we are sending 15 people for the 1 day conference this weekend. We initially weren't going to be sending a contingency to riverside but we had 14 people registered and the campus already paid for

registration, so I wondered if there was still a chance to get students to the conference. For anyone who is aware for trans students, especially trans students of color, it can be a very hostile experience for those students.

In terms of campus climate, as a trans students, there are a lot of microaggressions that go by on a daily basis. This conference is very important to me and other students who are trying to get to this conference and talk to other students who have similar situations across the state. I think that that underlies the biggest reason that this conference is so important. **We are asking for \$1150.**

Guillermo: Where are you getting the van to transport students?

2nd Annual Trans Asterisk Conference: It is a campus van and the prices went up because you need to reserve them really far in advance.

Elizabeth: What is your plan if you don't have enough money?

2nd Annual Trans Asterisk Conference: It will come out of the Cantu budget. I'm going to make sure that these students get there.

Christian: What kind of things do you all bring back to the campus?

Eli: I wasn't able to attend last year, but there were workshops and little group breakout and there was conversations to have a safe space for trans students of color on this campus and just bouncing off ideas from each other. You also have a lot of folks who are doing grassroots work in their communities. There is a lot of harm coming to trans students and they are not organized so they can't push the campus for trans students on campus.

Tamra: Motion to suspend bylaw Section C.10.F.II to not wait for a week to decide on this funding request.

Tyler: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Vanessa: **Motion to fully fund out of programming.**

Roxanna: **Second.**

Bryna: **Objection.** When we're talking about taking money out of other areas, going negative for a line item so that we can plan better for next year seems like a good idea.

Tamra: We can't go negative in our budget.

Bryna: **Rescind objection.**

Julie: **Objection,** we have an extra \$500 from SOFA, motion to amend that \$500 comes from Winter and the rest from programming.

Ray: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Discussion on main motion to fund \$500 from SOFA and rest from programming

Julie: **Call to question.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Unknown: **Acclimation.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Presentations

SUGB Presentation

SUGB is a collective of students that oversee three buildings, the student media center and the redwood building and the Student Union. SUGB consists of the 5 ethnic orgs and e-squared and SUA and the board is also comprised of members from each of the colleges. The reason that we are here is to talk about the fee that funds the SU buildings. The student life facility fee was initially passed to build a student center, swimming pool, aerobics jogging track and other things that are now known as OPERS facilities. A breakdown of the SLFF, is \$30 total per quarter per student, \$9.50 goes to debt service, \$7.20 goes to reserve for major repairs and upgrades, \$13.30 is for facility operations, 60% for OPERS and 40% for SUGB, but in practice, the split is 70/30.

We wanted to talk about the split. SUGB wants SUA to know and other entities that we are not against OPERS and we are respectful of what OPERS does and we think that their services are great for promoting student wellness on campus. However we believe that it is unfair to ask the students for an increase of SLFF because it is not being used for its initial use. So our referenda is support student governed spaces. We didn't choose for it to be an amendment just so that we would have more freedom to use our reserve funds and govern our space. We wanted to give more power to students. The amount is 10/student/quarter. The whole board was in favor of a return to aid, which would be \$3.30 of the fee and \$6.70 would be used for the reserve fund, the maintenance, operations and programming of the SGP.

After talking to the person who is in charge of the budget, you have to have a certain amount of money for certain line items. For programs, we increased that line item as well.

Simba: How was OPERS able to do the 70/30 split.

Sauli: It just happening, we receive what is given to us.

Elizabeth: What is the current fee?

Sauli: \$30/student/quarter, called the SLFF.

Sauli: We ran into a road block and the SUGB has voted on a certain language, which is displayed now. We are still trying to negotiate administrative oversight over SUGB constitutional bylaws. Instead I can read to you all the last part. [Reads last part].

August: I'm curious, is there any way that this fee is changed in terms of what it does?

Seamus: What about the recommendations? Historically SUGB made decisions about facilities on campus.

Sauli: So far SUGB has generated 5 million in reserve funds.

Vanessa: Given that this fee would take place after this fall, why would students at SUA ask for more fees?

Sauli: So students already pay this fee and it is being governed by students and this is a way that students can take control of the way that we are governed. It may be unfair to ask students but we are sure that we are able to govern ourselves. No admin can come into the space and say that they want to turn this into an admin building.

Seamus: I think you should talk to SFAC about this new fee.

Vanessa: If the messaging to students is that they own the facilities, what is the message from here on out from SUGB for students to acquire this fee on their own? And second, whoever is knowledgeable about hits, whether it is coupled with OPERS, who oversees the accounts for these two facilities.

Sauli: SUGB the board makes the decisions on the budgets. I am also here to come to the assembly to ask them to decide on what fee they want to sponsor, whether that is one with or without administrative language. We are being told that we have to include an administrator into this language, but other languages do not mention an administrator. SUGB already works with the university and the campus process in terms of how we organize our space and spend out money for SUGB.

The very first referenda is one that SUGB drafted, but the last one is the one that was edited by the elections commission and there is no policy that says that we have to have administrative oversight in the referenda.

Tama: **Motion to add five minutes.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Vanessa: Looking at both drafts, the one from the administrators say that the SUGB will make recommendations on buildings and facilities with oversight from administrators. Does the SUGB have a way of furthering their goals without campus overview processes?

Sauli: In the constitutional bylaws, we do have an administrator who eventually looks over what we do anyway.

Tama: I'm also on SUGB, the last sentence is extraneous, and there always will be administrative oversight, so ultimately, I am wary of anything regarding administrative oversight.

Elizabeth: The current fee is \$30 for SLFF. Here it says that if both fees are passed that students will pay \$40 a quarter.

Sauli: I met with OPERS and we realized that we don't have the same needs and we do not function the same.

West Fest Tabling Discussion

Simba: West Fest is happening this Friday at 4 PM and we have guaranteed a table for SUA, but we need someone to actually table.

Seamus: We have a table that we can provide and I can table after 5 PM.

Old Business:

Office of the Registrar Deliberation of Transcript Fee

Seamus: There was a concern about the fee and they are going to do a student survey.

Straw poll: most in favor

Simba: Everyone who comes in would be paying for all alumni's transcripts fees and that seems weird to me.

Tyler: I was going to say that I know someone asked if we could have it that way that for the people who didn't pay the fee that they shouldn't receive the service, but they said it would be too complicated.

Bryna: I would be interested if they would be down to put the load on the seniors instead of the freshmen and if you drop out of transfer out, you would be paying for transcripts that you didn't need.

Elizabeth: Do we have a percentage of students who need transcripts?

Tamra: He did say that there has been decline in people applying to get their transcripts. That's why he created this fee because he thought that the money was a barrier to people getting transcripts.

Vanessa: For students who are interested in this type of fee, I don't think that it should be for only one level of students and we can't base that off that, because for students who are financially disadvantaged, there is still a chance of students who still would request transcripts.

Eli: My major problem with this is that I don't like the fact that we are putting the costs on incoming students and another option might be that we start having the freshmen pay when they enroll, but students who are already enrolled pay a smaller fee, maybe half just so that it is not frontloaded to the freshmen. I don't know about the seniors having to pay because students may drop out and they may not need the transcript fee.

Julie: Honestly I don't really care about this fee and I don't think that students need to pay any more than they already are. **So motion to tell them that we have no opinion.**

Tamra: **Second.**

Imari: **Objection.** I don't think it's our responsibility to not have an opinion. It's important for SUA to have an opinion on it. I'm sure they'll make some changes on the fees and it is important to know how the students feel about it.

Suini: A lot of students that I talked to thought this was a good idea since students would be able to apply to wherever.

Guillermo: If we could come up with another suggestion that would be the least we can do or at least say that we want the larger student body to decide.

Eli: I wouldn't say there's no opinion, but maybe we should say how we feel and the ideas that we talked about.

Simba: So I actually disagree with adding this fee because they are pitching this fee as that people don't want to pay the \$20 to pay for a transcript. However people are paying the same amount but being evened out among many people. I think that we need to get more financial aid involved and I don't think that we need to talk about how the money is going to be paid for.

Julie: I don't want to say that we support the fee if we think that it needs more amendments.

Tamra: **Motion to add 5 minutes.**

Tyler: **Second.**

Suini: **Objection.**

Guillermo: **Call to question.**

Christian: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

In favor: **18** | Opposed: **4** | Abstentions: **14, will state no opinion.**

Tamra: I want to **motion that we say that a majority of us agree with the fee and that there were some reservations in the assembly so to ask them to read the minutes regarding the disagreements.**

B: **Second.**

Christian: **Objection. Motion to amend that we support the idea and do different straw polls for the different aspects of the fee.**

Eli: **Second.**

Guillermo: **Objection.**

Elizabeth: **Motion to add 5 minutes.**

Ray: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

In favor: **3** | Opposed: **16** | Abstentions: **13, motion to amend fails.**

Discussion of primary amendment

B: **Call to question.**

Unknown: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections?

Suini: **Acclimation.**

Unknown: **Objection.**

Vote on primary amendment:

In favor: **28** | Opposed: **1** | Abstentions: **4, amendment passes.**

Discussion on main motion

Suini: **Call to question.**

B: **Second.**

In favor: **28** | Opposed: **2** | Abstentions: **3**, **motion passes, say that we like the fee but to look at the minutes for our opinions.**

Suini: **Motion to move on.**

Tyler: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Deliberation of UCSC Bioneers Conference

Requesting \$5150

Eli: Did they say that they would be going to the colleges? I think that is a very large amount to be requested.

Unknown: We are not sure at the time.

Suini: **Motion to fund \$3000 from programming.**

B: **Second.**

Seamus: **Objection.** I think that \$3000 is a bit excessive especially coming from programming. I don't think that we should dip into programming for that.

Suini: **Rescind my motion.**

Eli: Just looking at the budget, that they are requesting the money from, I think that many of these things could be brought in from another way. Motion to fund \$2000 so that they can pay for the honorariums.

Lara: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

National Power Summit Deliberation

Julie: **Motion to go into closed session.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

[CLOSED SESSION]