

SUA 4.5.2016

Assembly Members Present: Imari Reynolds (Cowell), Bryna Haugen (Cowell), Tyler Papp (Cowell), Eve Le Nevu (Stevenson), Jeffrey Stoll (Stevenson), Gabriella Cory (Stevenson), August Valera (Crown), Tias Webster (Crown), Lara Loesel (Merrill), Morgan Smith (Merrill), Bianca (B) Moncada-Martin (Merrill), Amanda Kazden (Porter), Eli Guzman- Martin (Porter), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Tara Parcella (Kresge), Hana King (Kresge), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Tamra Owens (Oakes), **Alternate** Jonas (Oakes), Sarah Cligher (Eight), **Alternate** Alejandro Navarro (Eight), **Alternate** Joselyne Soto (Eight), Rohit Dhar (Nine), Katherine Le (Nine), Dante Harootunian (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Danny Milla (Ten), Tama Semo (Ten), Basheera Ali-El (A/BSA), **Alternate** Haedyn Christie (QSU), Seamus Howard (Vice President of Academic Affairs), Guillermo Rogel (Vice President of External Affairs), Jabari Brown (Vice President of Internal Affairs), Julie Foster (President).

Assembly Members Absent: Jane Loughboro (Crown), Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Suini Torres (Oakes), Kaya Zepeda (Eight), Theresa Atanoa (APISA), Vanessa Sadsad (QSU), Gilbert Paredes (MEChA), Erica Green (SANAI), Art Motta (Organizing Director), Sauli Colio (Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion),

Approval of the Agenda:

Seamus: **Motion to add 10 minutes under presentations at the bottom for Campus Clean Up funding request.**

Dante: **Second.**

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

Tamra: **Motion to add 10 minutes at the end of old business for Student Leader Summit deliberation.**

Katherine: **Second.**

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

Approval of the Minutes:

Dante: **Motion to approve.**

Danny: **Second.**

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

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

Jonas: **Second.**

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

Announcements and Public Comment:

Jeff: I'm interning for the mayor this quarter and we are campaigning for measure F. if you want to get involved, please let me know.

Seamus: Next Thursday there will be the Student Leader Summit which is similar to the mixer last quarter and there will be catering by Taqueria Santa Cruz and we will be doing some workshopping, please come out, free food, free dessert.

Hana: Right now Kresge is doing 21 days of kindness. You fill out your information and you take someone else's information and you do something kind for them. It's really fun, please come through.

Eve: I encourage you all to go to the coffee house forums because there were more faculty and coffee house workers than students.

Tamra: We are meeting this week for the budget committee, and if you all want to be a part of that, it is happening Thursday 4:30-6:30 in room 4360 McHenry and in that same room on Friday from 11-1 PM. Please come through!

New Business:

BlaqOut Conference Funding Request:

Speaker: I'm here for queer and questioning black students on campus. We are looking to request \$500 from the student union. We are a very underrepresented group on campus. We are a fraction of a fraction. The black population on this campus is about 2%. We have about \$1000 left in our deficit that we are hoping to cover with SUA and the DOS. The conference is April 8-9. We are not a SOAR affiliated group.

Eli: What is this for?

Speaker: Blaqout conference is an exclusive conference in UC riverside for queer black students to develop professionally and connect with other students in the UC system.

Guillermo: Motion to suspend the bylaw **Section C.10.F.II.**

Eli: **Second.**

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

Tamra: **Motion to fund \$500 from programming for this conference.**

Tyler: **Second.**

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

Presentations:

Officer Updates:

Seamus: Last week the officers met with Allison Galloway and we talked about students for next year and the freshmen for next year. I've been working a lot on working on planning two events, one which is a winter admin mixer. This past year, people were denied admissions and some readmitted. Those students now have a lot of problems now because of their prerequisites and their CORE courses. We have a mixer on Tuesday. I've been working with Elaine and the other college chairs for the Student Leader Summit at Stevenson Event Center at 8 PM. The CLASS survey is done and it's closed, analysis will be done on Friday. We are planning for more events and surveys and sending out a student government survey. We are also planning out finals food event, giving out coffee and donuts and testing supplies. We may do that during midterms and give out more items.

Guillermo: Starting next Wednesday, we will start dorm storming to register for voting, so if you all want to help out with that, we have about 25 volunteers and you'll get a shirt. I just came back from the peer symposium to see many peer educators to see best practices. Just to share different ideas to talk about sexual assault and preventing it on campus. These next few months I have at least 4 different events, for UC consent and UC #howareyou. As Seamus mentioned, we met with EVC Galloway, there is a lot of talk about students and how that will affect students who are living on campus. They want to install more of the village trailers on campus while also building new colleges. I returned from USSA, I will have a report for that next week. SLC is happening next Friday through Monday in San Diego.

Jabari: I've had my interns work on programs in the past and they had a couple events, I had Battle of the Balds, this year I'm having the UC talent show, and we will work out more details about it. The event will be April 29th in the Porter/Kresge dining hall, and it will start 8:30 PM and go until 1230 AM. I would need some people volunteering and making sure that everything runs smoothly. We plan to have 15 different acts, each about 5 minutes. For judges, we will have more details about that later. SCOC has been going and we have had two successful cross caucus committees. General meeting will be happening this Friday. SCOC had a retreat and all the students from committees came out. I am planning to have an event on campus to explain what anti-blackness is and how we can mitigate that issue on this campus.

Tamra: C4 will be June 3rd this year.

UCSA Board for Directors Legislative Updates:

As stated earlier, the SLC is happening from April 15-18th and we believe that it is important for the space to know the different bills that are being discussed. We have AB2017 which is a bill

for mental health across UC. Localized grants will be made to avoid having more funds from the school. The next bill is SCA1. It is a bill seeking to curtail the UC regents and how they are appointed. Most of the regents serve 12 year terms and this is much more than any other position in the UC these appointments are longer than a governor as well. These amendments would impose a limit of 4 years for the regents. We put this as priority 3. There are several other bills that we discussed but there are a lot. There is AB1778, which regards sexual violence and assault training so that employees will be able to understand how to respond to these incidences. Another bill is SV 959 which is to protect employees outside the UCs and includes a total employee compensation package. It is a bill to protect employees at our university who may be underrepresented. Another bill is AB 2766, which would increase the number of students on the commission for the summit for higher education. It is to make the appointment more representative and is priority 3. We have a lot of bills in the past board meeting. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Letter of Concern Regarding the UC System's Office of the President's Presidential Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault:

Guillermo: There are a coalition of students with how the UCOP is responding to sexual violence and assault. There are currently 4 reps sitting on this task force. There is a lack of students on the committee. They are focusing on the unique problems that each university faces and this letter is a list of demands from UCOP. One is to increase the number of students on the task force and to increase communication between this task force and UCOP. The staff is pretty spread out. They are asking to assign another staff member to this. They want one person designated as the UCOP rep. You can apply to this committee, they have meetings in Oakland and they require you to pay out of pocket to come to the meetings. It takes about \$70 to get there and time, so they are trying to provide some tuition waiver for this as well. The last thing they are asking for is that you maintain good academic standing to be on this committee; however what they have seen is that when student experience sexual assault on campus, it severely affects their studying in a negative way. They also want to appoint more graduate students because right now there is only one grad student. They also want to appoint people from UAW 2865 for TAs who are constantly working with undergrads and graduates and faculty. Please take this back to the colleges and please go through the document and see if you agree with the demands.

Campus Clean Up Funding Request:

Bella: The artwork for this event was made by a student volunteer. The second thing is last year's campus cleanup with a summary of a pie chart with how much waste and what kind of waste that we collected. This data is very important for the zero waste team and we send out waste rates to the UC system to show them how we are doing. This is a budget and it shows what we are spending out money on. This event will be happening at the quarry and we will be serving breakfast and handing out t-shirts. This isn't just cleaning up waste on campus, it is about education as well. We will have facilitators for training and for safety as well. We really want

students educating students. I am sending emails to the colleges that I can get in contact with. Outreach is going really well. We are expecting about 250 people. We are asking for \$1000 from SUA.

Eli: Can you break down the budget?

Bella: We are spending over \$1000 on T-shirts. We are hoping to spend \$600 on food depending on how many people register. The other part is clean up supplies because we want people to be safe with compost bags and gloves. We may have to pay to compost our waste as well but I'm contacting some people who may pay for that cost.

Old Business:

Queer and Trans People of Conference Deliberation:

B: Motion to fully fund from programming.

Lara: **Second.**

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

Student Leader Summit Deliberation:

Dante: **Motion to fully fund from programming.**

Danny: **Second.**

Tyler: How much is left is programming?

Tamra: \$11,800 after this request.

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

Resolutions:

Resolution to Support Automatic Voter Registration at the University of California:

Guillermo: We are trying to make voter registration easier for students on campus because they will be automatically register people when they enroll. This will allow many more people to be eligible to vote in the system. There will be an option to opt out as well.

Eli: I don't necessarily feel comfortable with this but I don't necessarily think that we should do that because it's basically saying that as a student you have to vote when there are many students who don't vote.

Guillermo: I think that it makes it easier for the student body to vote in general, you don't have to vote. It is very surprising that many students didn't know that they weren't registered and how

many students didn't go out to vote because they didn't register. Recently, the DMV is able to register you via your license.

Gabriella: To echo Eli, I agree that some people don't feel comfortable participating, so having it be big text would be better because then students would be able to notice it.

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

Jonas: **Second.**

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

Lara: Have you considered an opt in option since many students (particularly undocumented students) are not eligible to vote.

Danny: I think that this is a great idea to get student voice out there and to register to vote.

Bryna: Voter suppression is extremely high right now. Just the other day, one person one vote was challenged in the supreme court. If you look at all the primaries all over the country, tons of people were not being able to vote, students and other citizens alike. It is really important to talk to young populations and make it clear that you have a right to be heard in this country.

Guillermo: Email me if you want to meet up or have any clarifying questions.

Multi Gendered Bedrooms Deliberation

Eve: I think that this is a really great resolution and I think that it has been amended to be pretty inclusive and I don't see anything bad about it and I think that we should pass it.

Haedyn: I think that it's really out of touch with trans students and with the current housing situation with trans housing as well. Currently going on instead of gender neutral housing, it is now called trans inclusive housing. Housing has had a problem in the past because of people wanting to live with their significant others. I am on the trans inclusive housing initiative and it is run by one of the housing directors in Merrill. I feel like this was written without asking what trans students need for their housing and what is currently being done for trans students on this campus.

Eli: Similarly to what Haedyn is saying, I feel like right off the start, this resolution was shaky to begin with because of language of gender non-conforming students on this campus. I think also that there is one point specifically that basically insinuates that people will have to lie about their gender to get housing. I think that if there is going to be a bill about housing for trans students, that it shouldn't be presented by students who abide by the gender binary.

Katherine: We brought this issue back to C9, and we were pretty supportive of people living together regardless of gender and it gives the space to people to be comfortable with themselves.

Colin: I just wanted to say that I apologize for any offensive language in here. Many people in this room and in the council worked on it. If you have suggestions on what to change, that's what I came here for. I thought that I got all the help that I needed, clearly I didn't. I feel more than okay to reach out to specific groups and making it better. As it stands right now, Stevenson has passed it and endorsed it without the knowledge that the language was still problematic. If you all don't pass it, please contact me because I would love to work with anyone on this.

Bryna: I was wondering if in the space how you all described it to your colleges because I know that for me at least, we should let people room with whomever they feel comfortable with. I at least didn't see it as a bill for gender non-conforming trans students. I was wondering if that is still the intent of the bill.

Colin: My original goal for this was to change policy but again I am down to work with gender-nonconforming students and trans students.

Eli: **I motion to table indefinitely.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Dante: **Objection**, I think that people who wanted to give input have had the time to do so, I think that we can push it once more but we need to decide on it.

Vanessa: Did you contact the big five ethnic orgs on campus and how was the communication?

Colin: I sent over 25 emails including the big 5. I also emailed subgroups and none of them bounced. I went into RSOs and emailed those groups. I also went to 3-4 identity orgs that were not ethnic orgs as well.

Jackie: I am wondering if the assembly feels like this resolution is beyond repair and is something that has no hope or if the assembly feels like it could be worked on.

Jackie: **Motion to extend by 10 minutes.**

Bryna: **Second.**

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

Sauli: Before we do that I just wanted to say a couple things, that I understand the purpose of the resolution but I think that there are communities on this campus that are going through shit right now and although your intention is good, the impact could be negative. The resolution didn't come out of this community and it probably won't work. I think that this a resolution that actually brought this to light.

Gabriella: The underlying thing is that it's a shame that it's a well-intended resolution was trying to negatively affect a community. Hopefully we can turn this into a collaborative learning experience.

Jeff: As someone who supported presenting this at Stevenson, I think that it is useful to have a discussion about the issue and even if we reject it I think that it is still important to have a discussion.

Bryna: I was just wondering if we could bring back a resolution that came from a different angle because I feel like it's still a valid notion. I hope that in the future we can have a different resolution in the future.

Tamra: **Call to question.**

Tyler: **Second.**

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

Vote to table this resolution indefinitely:

In favor: **26** | Opposed: **0** | Abstentions: **7**, **tabling indefinitely.**

Eli: I'm really upset right now and I don't want to say anything that sounds like I'm attacking anyone, but I find it very upsetting that one student who had a problem with housing tried to bring this resolution and even though students from the community were saying it was problematic, people were still very unsure about whether or not this was a problem, and to discount my opinion is just very silencing to my identity.

Stevenson Coffeeshop Resolution

Danny: Our senate had a question of where the money is coming from.

Julie: The money coming to buy the coffeehouse comes from a deficit of about 20000 a year, so SUA would commit to that 20,000 if they hit the deficit, however, by February they were on track to not have a deficit. Where the money will be coming from is the revenue from the coffee shop. In the case of a deficit, we would have it come out of the SUA budget, and I found a way to accommodate it. Also, next year we would run a student fee to generate funds from reserves and operations costs. That would generate about \$70k a year which would make sure that costs stay low and to pay staff.

B: There were a lot of concerns at Merrill, but the majority thought it was a good idea, but there were questions about the effectiveness of student run coffee shops and there was concern about selling alcohol and a question of being able to make the deficit and a lot of concern regarding why dining shouldn't take it.

Julie: It's not just SUA taking over, this would generate student opportunities on campus. I won't say that it's not hard. Students are smart though. There's a lot of power that comes with taking your own space back. Students would lose almost all their gathering space on campus because lounges are going to be taken by housing. If students claim that space as a student space, then that is a place where students can do whatever they want with.

Vanessa: I wanted to take this back a little, while being at the Student initiative food summit, I shared this with several members of this assembly. What we found most was that folks are collaborating in larger initiatives and I think that this is outstanding to talk about student power with student fees. We are seeing that students are struggling to feed themselves. I think that turning over student fees towards this cafe we can do something really great here. The food pantry on campus is focusing on expanding their food pantry for students. CALPIRG is also working on efforts like this. You'd think that our own student government would want to make sure that students were able to feed themselves.

Tyler: Cowell's question was how dining services has done after taking over certain locations.

Julie: I think it depends on how you define success. The other thing that I define as success for a coffee shop is a place you want to be in. All the dining services on campus are running in a deficit because they do it as a "service to the students".

Eve: I went to the forum today and I know that one of the students brought up your proposal and another teacher brought up ideas on how to raise money for the café. Sue Matthews was very adamant about her decision.

Julie: I can tell you that her boss is in support of it. 😊

Imari: I think that it's a good idea but there's not enough emphasis on how much there is a risk for this. The coffee shop is running in a deficit right now. No matter what, people will have to pay for the services and for the food. Some students don't even have food to eat some days. To put our money up for this seems like a stretch when we can be advocating for things besides a coffee shop, I feel like it is not putting our attentions in the right places.

Seamus: I agree with Imari but I also feel like the most affordable places on campus going down is also irresponsible for our students. The risks are also something to take into account as well.

Gabriella: I think that this is important to discuss because we are in a time crunch and I think that it touches on a bunch of issues on this campus.

Rohit: **Motion to adopt resolution.**

Tyler: **Second.**

August: **Objection.** Crown was not in support of this, but going over the plans or just lack of plans of how to transfer the coffee house onto the students. Whether or not that would help the

coffee shop, we did not feel like the presentation was that thorough. We talked to our CPC about it and she had similar concerns about the legality of it and we were wondering where the lack of money would come from. The money is already owed and how would we fix that deficit. Especially the alcohol idea, while it sounds fun it could be irresponsible. It would look badly on us as an organization if we are not able to follow up on the idea.

Sauli: I would like for us to take a look that as students we are constantly told and really patronized by the university and told that we can't do certain things and that we aren't able to do things. There are centers that have come out of SUA, resolutions that have built student centers from the ground up. Engaging Education was brought up from the ground from SUA. We have to have that willingness to do it. Don't underestimate your fellow classmates or the student power. Student agency is very powerful and no matter how much admin would like to tell us that we don't have that power, we do. If we do this we can actually do this together. This is the start of something great. There are folks on this campus that have been doing work about food insecurity, let's not forget that. We have models to work with. We have that ability. We can do it. We have to be willing to go through the work.

B: Motion to extend time 15 minutes.

Jackie: **Second.**

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

Tamra: I believe that we should adopt this resolution and dining actually prices their food really high and this would be a great opportunity for students to gain leadership experience. It also targets the issue of food insecurity. I feel like this is a step in the right direction.

Julie: First, the lack of plans, well there is a lack of plans and I don't think that it is appropriate to talk about plans without the approval of the assembly. The next step if this resolution passes is to create a group of SUA reps and Stevenson Coffee Shop workers. In this resolution, we are simply committing to this issue. To say that we can't do anything once we can't do anything once we commit to it, well I think that it would look even worse if people are coming towards me asking for help and we say it's too risky.

Tama: I worked with Sauli and SUGB, and students have built things up from the ground and I would love us to leave a legacy but I would really not like to be a senior and see how all of our student run spaces have been taken. I really trust Julie and I think that we should go with it. I don't want to take this lying down. Seeing how we are losing our spaces on campus and we are about to lose a piece of history and we have already sacrificed so many pieces of our identity. I at least want to say that we are willing to take up this battle.

August: I'm seeing a lot of different opinions and maybe I'm just a very logic based person that I can't see that if we "just do it" that it'll work. I also want to address the idea that dining hall is in

here to make money. I can see that students like the Stevenson coffee house, and while I've been hearing that C8 café is bad, Banana Joe's also was not run by dining and now it is and it is now the most lucrative food place on campus. I am unconvinced that having a student autonomous place while also making sure that students can eat for not as much is probable. I'm willing to accept the decision of this body and I would like to see this through even though I was that guy.

Rohit: **Call to question.**

Unknown: **Second.**

Vote to adopt resolution:

In favor: 22 | Opposed: 4 | Abstentions: 4, **resolution is adopted.**

Organizing Director Updates:

One of the points was food insecurity, but basically we have had people go around faculty and admin for a student kitchen for students who are of low income to be able to use the space. We also had another person give a presentation on their food security and how it wasn't working very well. There will be a kitchen be funded soon by GFI. The UCSC experience survey found that 1/5 students were skipping meals because of a lack of money. One of the biggest concerns on our college was the food pantry since it's not accessible and it is only open for four hours a month and they are working on expanding that. GFI was looking for a space the student kitchen. If you would like to get more info on how to get involved in food insecurity and GFI, I'll leave the sign in sheet here. The million student march is happening next Wednesday April 13th against student debt and racism on campuses. We are demanding that universities divest from the prison system. The third point is that it is sexual assault awareness month and the last note is that SUA released yesterday about SUA and it is on Facebook and you can go check that out.