

**SUA 2.28.17**

**Assembly Members Present:** Tias Webster (President) , Judith Gutierrez (VP of External Affairs), Hector Navarro (VP of Diversity and Inclusion), Jessica Xu (VP of Academic Affairs), Tyler (Cowell Alternate), Bryna Haugen (Cowell), Rick Takeuchi (Cowell), Andrew Szkolnik (Stevenson), Katie Keeshen (Stevenson), Kaia Partlow (Stevenson), Deidre Tandoc (Crown Alternate), Samantha Stringer (Crown), Lily Green (Merrill), Jacob Jones (Porter), Mamie Yang (Porter), Ted Jaich (Porter), Tara Parcella (Kresge), Celinda Montoya (Kresge), Jonas Hernando (Oakes), Burcu Birol (Oakes), Brook Dalton (Oakes), Thomas Ramirez (Rachel Carson), Lauryn Wilson (Rachel Carson), Matthew Forman (Rachel Carson), Kiryl Karpiuk (College 9), Katherine Le (College 9), Samantha Sanchez (College 9), Tama Semo (College 10), Monse Villarreal (College 10), Lolo Fuka (APISA), Imari Reynolds (AB/SA), Cibyl Engel (PRISM)

**Assembly Members Absent:** Grace Shefcik (VP of Internal Affairs), Tamra Owens (VP of Student Life), Michiko Soto (Crown), Morgan Smith (Merrill), Jared Semana (Merrill), Hana King (Kresge), Libby Pearman (College 10), Erica Green (SANAI), Socorro Ramirez-Gamino (MEchA), Arleah Aguilar (FSA), Alejandro Navarro (MESH). Eli Guzman-Martin (QTPOCC)

Meeting Called to Order at: **8:05PM**

Roll Call: Chloe at **8:05PM**

**Approval of Agenda: 8:07PM**

Tias: Motion to add under New Business (2 Min) Campus Cleanup

Judith: Second

Katherine: Motion to approve agenda

Rick: Second

No Objections

**Approval of Minutes: 8:08PM**

Jonas: Motion to approve minutes

Lily: Second

No Objections

**Announcements and Public Comment: 8:09PM**

Tara: Last weekend Stanford regionals, Annie Lingard for Finals will also be at Stanford on April 8-9

Hannah: Friday 7PM If you are on a committee you have to go to be paid

Judith: Service of UCSC Police Department 7PM-12AM, call dispatch to pick you up and drop you off. Will start a new app so students can get around campus safely at night. Will be free.

Celinda: We hit our goal for pledging Calpirg been on campus for 50 years. 20 years ago we got defunded, got students to fund, we hit the goal of 900 like to thank everyone for support. On Friday the 4th will be student activist day. 11AM precedent that campus leaders will focus on environmental issues 2-4PM at Bay Tree teach students how to work with media. If interested in getting involved please sign up (Paper passed around room)

Kyle: Still needing information as historian, still sending emails. Please send info back ASAP for transparency

### **Presentations:8:14PM**

Sponsorship Request: SUA Constitutional Amendment (10 minutes)

- Want to amend the constitution and get sponsorship from 7/10 college senates
- First change is QSU to Prism
- Second change, getting UCSC out of USSA (United States Student Association) pay 20,000 every year and nothing in return
  - Suppose to send reps annually but no contact
- Vacancy section: Vague in the constitution on what to do, never referred to the replacement of president. Also clarifying the process for selecting a new officer.
- This will help make things clearer and would be less stressful
- Updating Committees: standing committees need to meet every quarter but has not happened in years.
- Representative Participation, college reps are required to sit in a committee, not adding any new responsibilities
- Budget Deadline Change: add deadline for approving budget in Fall so SUA is better organized
- Sponsorship: Means yes.

Judith: Want to touch back on USSA, tonight we are having the Vice President coming in to join us. It was scheduled really last minute but we are still members. Regardless of bylaws I asked that we give her our utmost respect and show her a good time here in UCSC. She just flew in from D.C. today. Let's not bring up the Bylaws.

Bryna: Have we've been paying into USSA this year?

Judith: Yes, we are required until we are constitutionally unbound.

Jane: We will be voting on this next week.

SSC Campus/Predictive Analytics (10 minutes) **8:21PM**

- Slugs Success Collaborative
- Ran by division of student success, brief overview: goals are to create court given tutoring services within platform without going to LSS. Can help identify issues that impact graduation rates. Making solutions to target problem points.
- Can share notes from advising so nobody had to start fresh
- Start tracking students on how they are doing in classes and based on that they will create a risk level. Every department will be responsible for identifying success markers.
- What does it look like? When you login you will see the number of failed and repeated courses and number of success markers. Then you will see support level and advisor will see the same things and help accordingly.
- Drastically impact diversity within major
- More Hispanic Latino students failing classes
- Making advising more efficient

Sam: I don't think this is a bad thing, they should be using this as a tool rather than getting them out of a major

Cibyl: Is everything shown

Jessica: I can request access but it may take some time.

Bryna: I want to see advantages and disadvantages. Coming from students who struggled through DRC, how much of that is taken into consideration

Jessica: It wasn't from this specific platform. I don't know how the professor sees this. I know that there is a fear that conversations can be overlooked.

Tias: I was on the committee and if predictive analytic should be invented. The question is who is going to be using the tool. Were concerns that certain individuals would consider using this to justify pressuring students to change majors. It would damage people at an individual level

Bryna: I don't understand, so many individuals have different circumstances. I just don't get the logic. Is it really better to create a spreadsheet rather than speaking with students on an individual level

Sam: Since we are piloting it right now, can research be done to see production of students before we can apply it to the university

Jessica: I don't understand the logistics of the situation. I don't want negative impacts so if there is enough traction within SUA and other student bodies, but it's very easy to shut down the predictive analytics program.

Cibyl: Motion to extend time by 3 minutes

Rick: Second

Mamie: I am beta testing right now. It is in the baby stages and we are only 20% done with building the website. I think if the assembly sends in concerns then we can fix it in the early stages.

#### UCOP Meeting Report Back (5 minutes) **8:37PM**

- Met president of UC System and other presidents
- Talked about issues affecting a number of campuses such as immigration services and executive orders. Current stance is that UC will collaborate with immigration when required by the law but only what is required
- Ordered a number of red cards that showed all the different ways to interact with immigration services and police to know their rights. Under what circumstances in search and warrant.
- UC will provide attorneys to talk with groups. But UC will not have attorneys available to families.
- Not sure we can expect anything beyond what we promised
- Controversy on speakers: and violence, best recommendation is that they do support speakers even if they do not support. Value free speech, best recommendation for avoiding controversial speakers is to avoid and not advertise.

Jay: Motion to extend time by 10 minutes

Mamie: Second

No Objections

- State of investment in Fossil Fuels, president said that she would look into the future to not invest but won't be divesting. The investment officer does have pensions to control. Selling off resources will damage the pensions.
- Incidents on Sexual Violence, president was hesitant to discuss specific cases. New system title 9 coordinator who will help policy changes region wide.
- President against tuition hikes in the future.

Bryna: Thank you for going to the meeting. I don't like Janet I think she's shady. I have reps from Cowell here there is an event in Santa Cruz. The university's response to ICE working with police. City Council is looking to prevent things like the Beach Flats from happening again. This city is actively working to protect students.

Jay: Bryna put what I was going to say in a charming way. I was frustrated because UC are going to participate with federal law. That is “bullshit” because the school should be helping students at all costs. I just wanted to vent.

Sponsorship Request: SUA Fee Referendum (10 minutes) **8:48PM**

Lily: Motion to table this

Jonas: Second

No Objections

### **New Business: 8:49PM**

Funding Request: STEM Diversity (15 minutes)

- Umbrella for subprograms. Most are federally funded besides one
- Maximizing access to research careers and student development
- Today asking for \$5,100
- Hispanic students don't do as well in intro PBI courses. The program offers personalized tutoring services.
- It will be students teaching students and give employment and resource opportunity
- Currently undocumented students can use these services and furthermore the STEM Diversity program offers GRE Test Prep.
- Workshop events for preparing students post graduation. Had workshops for funding if you are an undocumented speakers.
- Previously I wanted to make a match but now there is an actual number

Sam: Undocumented students can't do either service or employment

Bryna: What are the requirements for this program?

Hector: There is actually no requirements just underrepresented

Jay: So those who are currently funded will not be funded. These are only going to undocumented students. How are you estimating number of undocumented students

Hector: I just broke down by hour based on number of tutors.

Socorro: Does that mean they are allowed to be tutors or be tutored

Hector: Both

Socorro: So it's run by undocumented students or?

Hector: It's not specifically for undocumented but they can have the opportunity instead of being denied.

Jay: So application is closed for next quarter so does that mean this is for the next year.

Mamie: I am a little confused on when you say undocumented students don't get tutored but LSS supports all

Hector: This focus specifically on STEM and will have a smaller group than LSS

Mamie: I am still a little confused because LSS does have small group and one on one tutoring

Hector: It's just that undocumented students can't be tutors and be employed. This is the information I got from the director and I might be misquoting but this is what I got.

Jonas: Motion to extend by 5 Minutes

Socorro: Second

No Objections

Socorro: Does LSS cater to undocumented students?

Mamie: Yes.

Hector: The fact of can being and being tutors might be mixed up

Socorro: So one students apply does that mean a group of students will work for that program for the whole year or quarterly?

Hector: Students will be interviewed to get into the program

Jane: Since you are not doing giving day why are you coming to SUA for general fund rather than SOFA

Hector: This is just something that came up now. It is a lot more money than it is funded through SOFA. We usually don't sponsor projects this big. I wanted to bring this to the whole space so we can all vote rather than individual reps in SOFA

Bryna: As someone who sits on SOFA we do fund really big projects. I think it's a better space to talk about this. Just a suggestion this could be a good thing to take to SOFA. We don't have a huge budget but it is relevant to look at all things and balance things out comparatively

Socorro: For tutoring services how many tutors are you looking into

Hector:: Offering seven classes per quarter and tutors for each course

Kiryl: This program is perfect to ask Student Fee Advisory Committee the money that committee work with is very similar. If you want to make this continuous then you should apply next year.

#### Funding Request Campus Cleanup (3 Minutes) 9:05PM

- Event will be on May 6 from 10:30-1:30PM.
- Just requesting \$200 for gloves for the cleanup

#### Old Business: 9:08PM

Clarifications on Dear World (10 minutes)

- There were some miscommunications
- We as a committee are not asking to go back on the decision
- There is no application process for taking a photo. The online form for VIP photoshoot is for organizing and RSVP
  - Not looking to tokenize certain people
- Dear World will not be profiting from our photos unless with our consent. We won't be taking personal stories
- We don't have expertise to provide employment opportunities. Having this program can help up build tractions to bring similar programs in the future.
- We all here have the best interest of UCSC at mind. It will help people connect with each other and build a stronger community
- Email for more info

Funding Deliberation: NCAA Athletics (10 minutes) 9:11PM

- We gained a lot of support from athletes who came out to vote
- Asked if officers would support athletics. I am doing what I promised I would do. Grace and Judith and myself are big supporters as well as other reps.
- Athletes have asked for permission to hang posters outside
- Asking money for posters coming to total of \$295

Katie: when I took it back to Stevenson, people liked the idea but they were wondering about the actual utility of posters. Rather than more smaller posters about game dates and times. More info on activities rather than a support poster.

Hector: That is something we can implement to final poster ideas. We can put game schedule for the season.

Mamie: I agree and I like that idea

Kiryl: Is this the cheapest possible way to make this?

Hector: I was looking at sites and this was one of the cheapest website to make.

Judith: I also like the idea of game dates and how to get on dates. Maybe having a watermark on poster because if it is just a date people might ignore.

Katie: I think what people are suggesting is to changing the way to fund this

Judith: How about including a link on the poster so dates can be updated

Lauryn: I like that idea of the QR code. I don't think anyone is going to take the time to type out the link but I do like the QR Code

Burcu: Can I get another look at posters?

Hector: Motion to fund posters from the general fund

Tara: Second

Kiryl: Objection, I would suggest to wait till final designs of posters before we vote.

Burcu: I saw on social media of the other picture. Is it possible to get hashtags.

Dominique: These aren't final. I like everything said so we will get that all in.

Socorro: For the shot of all the players are those final or are there shots of other players

Dominique: Those pictures are not final either.

Mamie: Really minor thing. It says sponsored by SUA but since SUA is paying for it can it just say SUA

Jay: I like what Kiryl said. We should be more responsible to wait until final posters.

Hana: I know posters are not final but I think it's good to show more women's teams.

Socorro: Do you know when they will be finalized. Probably by next week.



Hector: I was hoping to get funding this week and pictures finalized next week

Socorro: Can we do it the other way around so we know who's there.

Lauryn: I am a little confused. Why would we fund posters that we don't know what will be like? If we know what we need to be featured how can we fund something and trust you will do it.

Hector: Valid concerns and I do agree. I guess we can motion to table this till next week.

Cibyl: Why isn't this coming from diversity funds? Why is it coming from general funds

Hector: This isn't must my endeavor. This is something that many other officers from SUA have shown support for.

Jay: Motion to postpone this until next week

Lily: Second

No Objections

**Funding Deliberation: Food Pantry (10 minutes) 9:24PM**

- Request was for \$14,000 from programming

Thomas: I move to fund the food pantry from programming

Kiryl: Second

No Objections

### **Other Business 9:25PM**

USSA Representative Joseline Garcia Presentation (15 minutes)

- Joselyn Garcia, parents are immigrants, from UCSB, made a move to Washington DC.
- Oldest and largest student association in the country
- Intersectionality of experience with students
- Fighting against sexual assault and being at forefront for the Dream Act
- Forefront for student issues
- USSA, a lot of changes in these past couple of months. One is the way we run campaigns and address membership. We were noticing between federal national campaigns and what was happening locally.
- Created national platform for all these issues and values and what we do is to uplift a lot of local efforts

- Ex. food insecurity and mental health services. If you want this platform you can attend congress so that USSA can invest in resources.
- UCSC is a constitutional member and it covers for discounts on conferences. March 31 Summit Conference in DC. Get field visits and access to professional organizers and membership.
- Campuses who are not members, can run a chapter and can join membership
- Federal funding is important because it fills gaps for locally and statewide budgets. Only 2% of federal budget goes toward education
- Focusing on the budget 2017 federal budget will expire soon. Skinny Budget, President Trump release outline of budget between March 13-14 Better draft of what it would look like mid March
- The risk of student loans, the elimination of subsidized loans. Essentially student debt can increase for students. Telling on why education is an investment rather than something to fund.
- Immigrant rights: USSA working with United Dream national organization advocating for immigrants across the country. Essentially ensure protection of youth in this country and create conditions within our base to respond strategically in response to President Trump. Only put into place if there is a negative effect placed on immigrants in this country
  - Want republicans to pick a side on this issues
- Uplift democrats who are champions in immigrant issues and uplift them if they are champions
- Confusion on dominant program there are internal disagreements in the white house. Not sure on final decision
- Bridge Act: strategic policy but not the same as Dream Act. Only for 3 years and just to basically calm waters around program. Dream Act in 2011 would create road for recipients but Bridge doesn't. Bridge is just to calm waters. Don't know if we should put full force on Bridge act or to create a more aggressive version of Dream Act in 2017. Currently in Debate.

Lily: So the act is to respond to executive orders? Could you possibly give me a circumstance in which you will consider the strategic response necessary and what they response would look like?

Joselyn: If the executive order was to eliminate program. The strategic response is to get behind the Bridge act to calm the waters and help immigrants stay in country for at least 3 more years. Would do so through district meetings and with partners to do press conferences and going behind the pressure

Lily: Motion to extend times by 10 minutes

Judith: Second

No Objection

- Secretary of Education was a huge advocacy of pro choice in education, she wasn't thinking of position until someone approached her.
  - No platform released yet and her agenda is to instituting pro choice across the country
  - Doesn't believe federal should have a role in higher education
  - Federal funding in high education fill the the gap and we need federal jurisdiction to ensure money is given to the students
  - She wants to slim department and to cut funding and want more public charter schools within her term
- April Recess between 3rd-7th April 28th Federal Budget will expire May 2018 Budget will be released.
- Want to see where elected officials are being re elected. Who are the ones making the decisions?
- Higher Education Act: Federal legislation that has everything on student aid. Reauthorized every year but hasn't happened for 6 years. We have been funneling money to people in the country without the professional way.
  - Includes all the federal aid. Budget cuts: Prioritizing certain things ex. Student loans
  - Investing into students and not funding programs. Want representatives see that we are investing to the people

Jay: I have a series of questions. USSA seems to be working on a larger skill. What's the operating budget?

Joselyn we have two separate budgets. We have the association and foundation. Association is from school memberships and foundations are from donors. Probably within the couple hundred thousands.

Jay: Why is it better for us to give money to this organization rather than use money to enrich this campus directly. There seems to be a lot of good opportunities but I am not convinced.

Joselyn: With that 20k you mentioned where that investment will be? Can you give me an example?

Jay: ASF one of our programs that does outreach to high school students is running out of money and we can help that if we don't fund USSA

Joselyn: Does that benefit UC Santa Cruz students.

Jay: I don't understand why I am on trial? It benefits because people come here to learn the ropes and these groups haven't had access to higher education

Joselyn: It is important because right now as I mentioned about the big fight we have to talk about power. One campus one student government unfortunately doesn't have a lot of power. I know UC just went through tuition hikes and that is a bad thing. The reason why we have tuition hike is because the state doesn't have funding for UCs. This is tied to federal budgets. Only 2% of budget goes to Education. There needs to be a reinvestment. If you all go to the hill and try to advocate for yourself and try to institutionally change, a lot of these structures take power and policies. You need to be apart of a collectively and your voices are louder with other students. I wish that one campus did have the power to create these changes but right now the best investment that any citizen of this country can do is to be apart of the larger collective. They won't listen to you unless you are in the group and you need to do that when tackling the machine at the capitol hill.

Judith: Extend time by 5 Minutes

Lily: Second

Judith: I just want to be mindful of the questions we ask and be mindful of the time. We are still a member and Joselyn has been very helpful. USSA has offered a lot in the past. If the campus needs to discuss certain things we should do that within the campus. Thank you.

Jonas: How many institutions of higher educations are represented

Joselyn: A little over 50 campus. Direct membership with a couple but also membership with state wide institutions.

Lily: You mentioned a lot of important issues out of all the issues that you mentioned which one are you most passionate about?

Joselyn: The organization are focused on the national program within that there are also priorities and includes equity. Me personally I would say it's a combination of two. My parents are immigrants. They came in to achieve their own american dream. They haven't been able to do that with hard work and I don't believe the things that President Trump says. That really sticks personally to me and that is an issue that I fight for. This is a fight for higher education and I do believe that this is a right. I believe the challenges we have today are ridiculous about worrying if you have enough food or enough classes. Not because you don't have mental capacity but other barriers.

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Treasurer Confirmation (15 minutes) **10:03PM**

**Closed Session**

**Closing Remarks and Adjournment: 10:PM**

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:10 PM**