Assembly Members Present: Tias Webster (President), Grace Shefcik (VP of Internal Affairs), Hector Navarro (VP of Diversity and Inclusion), Jessica Xu (VP of Academic Affairs), Tamra Owens (VP of Student Life), Vicente Lovelace (Cowell), Rick Takeuchi (Cowell), Kaia Partlow (Stevenson), Rafael (Crown Alternate), Lily Green (Merrill), Jacob Jones (Porter), Ted Jaich (Porter), Hana King (Kresge), Quinn (Kresge Alternate), Ian Gregorio (Kresge), Imelda Mercado (Oakes), Burcu Birol (Oakes), Brooke Dalton (Oakes), Thomas Ramirez (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), Socorro Ramirez-Gamino (MEchA), Cibyl Engel (PRISM)

Assembly Members Absent: Judith Gutierrez (VP of External Affairs), Bryna Haugen (Cowell), Andrew Szkolnik (Stevenson), Katie Keeshen (Stevenson), Nicki Thompson (Crown), Michiko Soto (Crown), Ire Gomez Chavez (Merrill), Angelica D'egidio (Porter), Libby Pearman (College 10), Lolo Fuka (APISA), Erica Green (SANAI), Imari Reynolds (AB/SA), Arleah Aguilar (FSA), Alejandro Navarro (MESH), Eli Guzman-Martin (QTPOCC)

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:02PM
Roll Call: Chloe at 8:05PM

Approval of Agenda: 8:05PM

Katherine: Motion to approve the agenda

Cibyl: Objection, motion to add funding request for A/BSA in New Business for 5 minutes

Tama: Can I have presentations come after New Business
Thomas: Second
No Objections

Grace: I motion to move Queer Prom above Suicide Prevention Walk
Socorro: Second
No Objections

Burcu: Motion to approve the agenda
Brooke: Second
No Objections

**Approval of Minutes: 8:07PM**

Tama: Motion to approve minutes
Katherine: Second
No Objections

**Announcements and Public Comment: 8:10PM**

Socorro: Reminder from Mecha from the resolution about Professor Nandini has sent out resolution. Please go through it with your senate and let me know because May 9th is the meeting with the Chancellor

Tama: Asian American Pacific Resource Center is creating a heritage month. We want to share this space and have a discussion on anti blackness. In addition there is an empowerment retreat and breakfast lunch and dinner including transportation will be provided

Tias: As from the emails, I have sent a doodle poll to see for availability on meeting times. Hope to see people there!

**New Business 8:11PM**

Funding Request: Queer Prom (10 minutes)

- Event for LGBTQ students on campus help students have fun and be themselves
- Entertainments like poets and raffles from various donating places like Camouflage, Pure Pleasure, etc.
- We are requesting a little more than originally planned. Since some of the funding places we have gone to have rejected or cut down. We want this event to go through
- Requesting $450

Cibyl: Due to how close the event is I was going to make a motion to suspend bylaws and to decide today

Cibyl: I make a motion to suspend Bylaw G. J. 4. V
Hector: Second
Tias: Objection, I will always object suspensions to this bylaw.

Move Into Vote: In Favor (25) Opposed (3)

Tias: Looking at my spreadsheets of funding history I am reasonably sure that it is probably between 25k to 27k

Cibyl: Motion to fund $450 from programming
Lily: Second
No Objections

Endorsement Request: ALI Resolution (15 minutes) 8:17PM
- Topic will be on DRC and student access to DRC
- The ALI Program: Accessibility Leadership Internship program, trying to destigmatize disability
- Not many students know about this program. There is an SUA Program and that they were apart of SUA in May 2016 but the DRC are not in our space.
- The DRC did apply for a seat in the SUA but the discussion revolved around that was lost in closed session. They were forgotten from my understanding. This is concerning because 10% of the campus are registered for the DRC.
- This doesn’t include students who don’t know, who has a stigma, etc.
- I (Katherine College 9 Rep) drafted a resolution with demands
- Faculty and departments always have to put notice on the bottom regarding those who need DRC but are not mandated to take training on students who need DRC access
- Demands want there to be a focus on universal design, CAPS provide learning assessments, break down barriers for students, Mandatory in classrooms be abolished for students who lack the ability to be physically present in class, prioritizing the need for access to crosswalks etc.
- Those at the DRC didn’t even know that a resolution can be done. They should be given a seat in this space.

Rafael: So they don’t have a spot

Katherine: They thought they did

Tias: Only FSA has applied I think
Jane: I object to that and I remember there was a member from the DRC who had a presentation

Tama: I believe and I do remember we approved of their seat in this space.

Tias: There was a clause that only FSA fulfilled all the clauses to have a seat in the SUA.

Tama: I am not disagreeing with you. QTPOCC was also added to this space but does that mean they met the clauses.

Tias: QTPOCC was added later through a different application process.

Ted: Motion to add 5 Minutes to this
Kiryl: Second
No Objections

Lily: Question/Clarification, Does that mean ALI and the DRC are not technically members? Where do they stand

Rafael: I want to know where is your standing

Ted: I want to thank Katherine for bringing this to us. The DRC is very important and this university keep up with ADA requirements. Private universities do not pay to keep up with ADA regulations. For the ALI program having someone on the SUA I think it would be very beneficial if someone in this space reached out to them. I don’t know how to finalize this or make a discussion in another meeting.

Grace: We can ask Rick the director and whoever who updated the website to see if there are traces to an email to see if there is a record.

Cibyl: I think it would be good to vote on this next week so that we can spark more conversation.

Tama: Being that these are demands are there any consequences?

Katherine: Our campus climate will stay the same and remain ableist which is something we don’t want.
Burcu: I would love for Lily to get clarification.

Lily: Since these clauses happened does that mean the DRC and a lot of other organizations don’t get a voice here?

Jane: Does anyone remember the specific clauses. Because this may be something that requires further research.

Tama: As Tias mentioned before it was a very messy process. Everyone had this understanding that it would be cool if we had them in our space. It was a very long meeting and it was a little disorganized. I think the lack of communication shows how organized we are in incorporating spaces into ours. I think we need to clarify this.

Lily: Does that mean our space doesn’t even know where we stand?

Funding Request: Suicide Prevention Walk (10 minutes) **8:37PM**

- We are part of an organization called Active Minds, student led non profit organization to increase awareness on mental health
- Create a climate for people to be comfortable to share about their issues and create open conversation
- Proposal, we want to host a suicide awareness walk hopefully in first week of June or Fall. We will be working together with CAPS and NAMI who gives resources to students who are mentally ill
- We want to host this visual display on the East Remote Field, it will be a walk where students can be sponsored.
- We will get students stories by tabeling at the quarry and it would be part of a campaign that would start in May about sharing your stories. Students can just send in their stories. We want it to be personalized to UCSC

Rafael: Is there a length that students have to walk for donation

We aren’t necessarily sure if we are even going to be doing the money aspect but our priorities are to focus on suicide prevention and awareness

Grace: Is there a set amount of money that you are requesting
Yes, we actually would like to have a space and active minds speaker to come in and speak with us. The speaker's range between $2000 to $4000.
Jane: Are you asking us to fund the entirety of the event.

We don’t have much financial help since we are not even a year old. It would be around 2k to 3k.

Socorro: Do we have time to have her pull it up on the laptop

Tama: I motion for 5 minutes for this presentation and a 3 minute recess to pull up this budget
Lily: Second
No Objections

Imelda: Do you have any plans to help provide students with resources on mental health.

NAMI and CAPS will be tabling and providing resources

Cibyl: How many people do you expect will show up.

We aren’t sure to have it in June or Fall. We are basing it off on how many people will share stories. We hope at least 100.

Jane: I don’t believe we can provide funding for events in the next school year.

Rafael: Has it been like this in the past?

For us it is the first time but this time we will be working with organizations so we are expecting more.

Tias: Technically we could say that we will be giving you money but funding would be riskier.

Is there anyway we can get everything in the works and set a date early Fall or is that same thing that it would be in the next school year.

Tias: yeah it would be the same thing.
Tama: Thank you for coming in here. Personally for advice you should come next year and work hard this year to plan for it. Then next year you can come next
year to SOFA, to this space, to other sources to share about this event. I would advise you to set it up next year

But we can work on it unless we have the financial help. Is there a way to fund part of it so we can start working. For example flyers.

Cibyl: Is it possible for us to allocate money for next year.

Jane: yeah

Endorsement Request: All-Gender Bathroom Resolution (10 minutes) 8:57PM
- Multi stall bathrooms like the ones in the bathrooms are not required to be all gendered.
- California resolution only says that single stalls are required to be all gender.
- There are no all gender bathrooms in the dining hall, libraries, etc.
- Remove all urinals from the university for privacy so that waste bins are installed in every stall for hygiene.

Guest: So removing urinals is just for it to be more inclusive?

Cibyl: Well it's just so that we can have privacy for all genders.

S&E Library Discussion (10 minutes) 9:01PM
- Professor Brown came in two meetings ago and talked about the destruction of the books in the S&E Library.
- One of the analyst in the academic senate planned this meeting with me. I wanted to take a moment in the agenda if there is anything in particular that you would want me to bring up. Please let me know.

Grace: I reached out to the undergraduate rep in the library committee who is active. She was not consulted on the removal of the books and that the University Librarian didn’t know until after the destruction. They are writing a resolution on this subject and they have already surveyed undergraduate and graduate students on their thoughts.

Samantha: Is there anyway this can also apply to the McHenry Library so it doesn't happen there.
Jessica: yeah.

Funding Request: A/BSA (5 Minutes)
  • Requesting $200

Tamra: It would probably take 2 days for PO to come in. If one of the officers want to buy food for people however it would only work on a reimbursement scale since we can’t get a PO on time.

Joselyn: I was at the protest and that they are going to remain there until their demands are met. There will be time until demands are met.

Tamra: My suggestion is to allow 200 to be reimbursed and another 200 in case if the protest go longer for food. Does that sound like a good idea?

Tamra: I motion that we approve $200 from SUA Programming for reimbursement and I motion to have a $200 PO for the officers to put aside for other food.

Katherine: Second

Burcu: Objection Motion to suspend Bylaw G.J.4.V
Jessica: Second
No Objections

Move into vote: In favor (29) Opposed (1)

Revisiting Main Motion from Tamra are there further objections.

Tias: Objection, does anyone has a plan to go pick up this food for tonight?

Tamra: I was going to go down there tonight to get food. I can do that.

Move into vote: In favor (31) Opposed (0) Motion Passes.

Funding Request: SUA Elections (15 minutes) 9:10PM
  • Requesting $6000.
- Budget shows that we need food, we are planning a big day event for voting either Saturday May 20th or Friday May 19th.
- We are estimating around 200 people which will be a lot of money. We also need snacks for debates.
- $600 will be for posters and advertisement. We don’t want to run out of flyers and in need of more.
- We are also trying to get a bouncy house so that during voting time. The Bouncy house could cost around $400-$500 and I for other activities.
- Also money for a DJ so that there can be music as a social for students to get more turnout.
- We do have to pay for tech and pay for services that rooms provide. And a small reserve incase we run out of food. Elections are 2 weeks from now. I want things planned out.

Burcu: About the Bounce House, I heard that one of the other colleges have a Bounce House. I figure if you can borrow that we can cut out of that.

Jane: As a member of crown we do have a bouncy house but we don’t let anyone borrow it.

Burcu: Will this come out from Programming?

Sam: Is the 6000 before or after Classroom Unit 2

I can bring that down but there is still money for tech so I can probably cut that down to go check.

Grace: Isn’t May 19th Holli? If so what time is the event.

Yeah this is something we are talking so we might move the event on Saturday or Sunday. We are looking for options and we want a high turnout. We want to plan and see what is the best option.

**Presentation 9:18PM**

Student Life Update (15 Minutes)

- The Daniel Caesar Concert, the concert will be happening this saturday doors will be opening at 7:30PM. The Social Club will be DJing and the opening act will be 1 O.A.K. Event is free for students. Currently we have 17 students working.
• The pantry will be opening May 15th. We finally have all the furniture in. We will be accepting student art for the pantry. We already have submissions but if you have any art that you have done yourselves that would be cool. I am asking for volunteers. 320 people have signed up already. It is not too late to sign up and I would like to see everyone come and help out. The Pantry will be open everyday from 10AM-4PM till the end of the school year.
• All you need is the ID card and it will be drop in. It opens study spaces for students. There will be a microwave and snacks and fridge.
• The Student Life Survey is sent out last week. We haven’t surveyed what students want from SUA.

Libby: Did you say the survey was still open

Tamra: The survey closed at 5PM today

Socorro: What do you suggest we do next at the end of the survey.

Tamra: I think this survey is good for us to be aware of. It is important to consider for the upcoming election. We can reflect on all the work the SUA has done but also for those running for officer positions to reflect what the students want in our work.

Burcu: I come from SUA meeting and I talk about the meeting with my friends. This is how I talk about Senate. All of the information I give they are learning for the first time which is saying a lot of about what we are doing for the public.

Rafael: Is this data going to be given to the students?

Tamra: I can definitely put that online.

Socorro: Since elections are coming up and since there is an event planned. Is there a way for us to post this around in campus so that these people know what to consider when it comes to next year elections. So that everything is spread out more.

Tamra: I think this can be a group discussion among the officers. Oscar: One of the things is to support student groups. Right now A/BSA is doing something so it would be good to support them.
Tamra: We have already approved funding to go bring them food and supplies. We will definitely be helping out with A/BSA

Tias: My only concern for advertising is that people are suppose to vote on what they believe rather than vote on what their peers feel. It might be bias but on the other hand I have loaded this into a data program.

Joselyn: I took the survey and I think it would be awesome if you don’t spread it around but give the results to those who participated so they know what the numbers were like.

Tamra: Yeah Definitely.

Joselyn: I am so excited for this but I walked by the part of the food pantry but what is that. What is that space for?

Tamra: Half of it is where food will be stored. It would be a place where students can come in and get groceries like produce eggs and loafs of bread. The other half is for couches and desks where students can come in and study. Students need more spaces to study.

Lilly: can you clarify are you still looking for volunteers.

Tamra: Anyone who wants to volunteer you can but if the google form is not working talk to me and I’ll connect you to the training dates.

Burcu: Yield

Guest: For the food pantry is it all you can take how would they go about distributing the food.

Tamra: Everything will have a point next to it and you can only have 15 points per visit. I understand the system can be abused but I am hoping students will only take what they need. If students go over I won’t have a strict rule that they can’t go over. It would be around it, I am hoping people won’t abuse it.

**Old Business 9:36PM**
Endorsement Deliberation: Sustaining the Chancellor's Match (10 minutes)
Katherine: Motion to endorse
Kiryl: Second
No Objections

Funding Deliberation: African Student Union Culture Show (10 minutes)
  - Requested $1400

Pierre: They did make a good presentation in SOFA but they suspected SOFA to give full funding and they didn’t look anywhere else for funding. They have gone to other colleges. It hit me as a bit weird. I think they are charging money for food and they are making money.

Tias: I do support this event and at least situationally they did the best they could. The primary concern is that one portion of the money will be coming from out undergraduate programming and another from SUA programming. Essentially we would be allowing an organization to be unhappy with their allotment from SOFA. Do consider that fact.

Samantha: I think that if they care about their cause it is admirable that they came here.

Tamra: We have enough money to fund them and we won’t die if we fund them so why not.

Rick: Well, I looked at the cost and it seems that with the food it is better to partially fund because the event now cost more now. The plan is a little funky.

Socorro: Logistically it is funky but it is only since they weren’t funded the full amount in SOFA. I think we should give them the full amount especially with the climate they are in right now. They need the support of the student body as a whole since they are a small percentage on campus.

Ian: Regarding Tias opening pandora’s box it’s not saying that we can’t not fund them so I don’t think it will be too much of an issue.

Monse: I think that they are underrepresented so it would send a big message if we didn’t allow this organization to have representation. I don’t think it would be
fair as a student body I think it is best to support them like we support everyone else.

Tamra: I understand why we bring this here but I honestly believe we fully fund. We are working with students. Especially with the survey to support organization more. I motion to fully Fund from SUA programming.

Katherine: Second.
No Objections

Tias: This isn’t relevant since we passed it. I do support this event it's just my job that we analyze all caveats

Closing Remarks and Adjournment: 9:43PM

Jane: Please put the room together.

Tama: I would like to acknowledge the mutual respect of our space. I would love to see more students in this space whether in student orgs or for those to randomly come in.

Tommy: If we put up our agenda then people will be able to see what's going on. We can make a facebook event.

Samantha: Make sure people are aware of closed sessions as well.

Hana: How does the spaces get picked because I hate this space. I meant this room not SUA. This space is not accessible or welcoming.

Tias: Homayun searches rooms that will have us. Currently no one would let us.

Burcu: If you are down we can talk to Oakes about the OLC because we can.

Ted: I think a lot of the things brought up today about where we should go and a lot of discussion today was about that. I think it is important we have discussions on outreach. I want to reiterate and I believe Tama will touch on this and it is imperative that officers and reps show up to this space. I want to make that very clear.
Tama: As an addition for those who do not feel welcomed we are making progress.

Socorro: Is there a way we can go to the first floor of student union and make a circle. Like that space?

Tias: Technically if SUGB let us then we could but I don’t know if we could with their policies.

Socorro: There are more people coming into this space but the ambience and environment is changing. I encourage everyone to spread the word and to encourage friends to come to meetings. It will change the space. People can sit and this environment is becoming more positive.

Grace: I am asking someone to sit in on the student handbook committee If you want to review campus policies this is your time to shine.

Tamra: To make the committee sound more appealing the student handbook it is important we do have students sitting there and I know it’s important. I will be going to get food and anyone is welcome to come.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:52PM**