

SUA 1.24.17

Assembly Members Present: Tias Webster (President & VP of Academic Affairs), Grace Shefcik (VP of Internal Affairs), Judith Gutierrez (VP of External Affairs), Hector Navarro (VP of Diversity and Inclusion), Tamra Owens (VP of Student Life), Vicente Lovelace (Cowell), Alice (Cowell Alternate), Rick Takeuchi (Cowell), Andrew Szkolnik (Stevenson), Katie Keeshen (Stevenson), Kaia Partlow (Stevenson), Nicki Thompson (Crown), Michiko Soto (Crown), Samantha Stringer (Crown), Morgan Smith (Merrill), Jared Semana (Merrill), Lily Green (Merrill), Jacob Jones (Porter), Mamie (Porter New Rep), Ted Jaich (Porter), Hana King (Kresge), Tara Parcella (Kresge), Celinda Montoya (Kresge), Jonas Hernando (Oakes), Burcu Birol (Oakes), Brook (Oakes New Rep), Thomas Ramirez (Rachel Carson), Lauryn Wilson (Rachel Carson), Matthew Forman (Rachel Carson), Kiryl Karpiuk (College 9), Samantha Sanchez (College 9), Tama Semo (College 10), Noah (College 10 Alternate), Libby Pearman (College 10), Laurel Mayeda (APISA), Socorro Ramirez-Gamino (MEchA), Kim (FSA Alternate), Trevor Engel (PRISM), Alejandro Navarro (MESH)

Assembly Members Absent: Katherine Le (College 9), Erica Green (SANAI), Taeya Long (AB/SA), Eli Guzman-Martin (QTPOCC)

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

Roll Call: Chloe at **8:06PM**

Approval of Agenda: 8:08PM

Tamra: Motion to add under New business: Funding Request (10 min)

Thomas: Second that motion

No objections

Judith: Motion to approve new Agenda

Sam: Second that motion

Approval of Minutes: 8:10 PM

Tama: Is it okay to change those who came late to present instead of absent

Jane: Yes

Tama: Motion to approve Minutes

Rick: Second that motion

Announcements and Public Comment: 8:13PM

Celinda: Calpirg, a student funded non profit org on campus is working on 3 campaigns this quarter

Tama: General strike committee did good job for Women's March

- Thursday January 26th 6-8PM at Student Assembly Office: open space for critical dialogue about Assembly's role in student organization

Jay: Asian American Pacific Islander

- Thursday January 26th 6-8PM at ERC Lounge
- Free Dimsum

Hana: Letter Campaign to UC Enrollment Committee

- Thursday January 26th 6:30-8PM at Kresge Town Hall
- Come for a chance to voice your opinion and put it in written form

Alejandro: SEC (Student Environmental Center)

- Will start to meet every Wednesday 5:30-7:30PM this quarter, in the Rachel Carson Red Room
- Meetings hosted to write blueprints for a sustainable campus

Kyle: Historian

- Will be updating the SUA website and need the information from everyone for photos

Vicente: Beach Flats community Garden City Council \

- Are accepting student volunteers
- If you like to support cause there will be more info, workshops will be available

Tamra: Student Life Commission

- Will start meeting again
- Wednesday from 5-6PM at SUA office
- Right before Lobby Corp.

Presentations: 8:17PM

President Update

1. Position opening for the new student regent who sits on the California Board of Education
 - a. For more info, Interest meeting held on Jan 30th in Humanity 302 at 7pm.
Will be meeting one of the current regent designate
2. Conference for long range development plan regarding UCSC housing crisis, sustainability, water rights, and the future of UCSC will be on January 26th from 6-7PM
 - a. RSVP Only, location TBA
 - b. Dinner will be provided
3. Dean of Students: Library looking for students to participate in an oral history of UCSC
 - a. An event that students have been participating in since 1962
 - b. An oral account from different students regarding how they got into UCSC, where they are planning to go, and the slices of life
 - c. Anyone can be a candidate, the President can nominate 2 people
4. Request to raise awareness for UCSC Arboretum
 - a. Option to hold SUA meetings in the Arboretum Meeting Room
 - b. Still looking into logistics but it is a beautiful room. Although we are unsure if we can sit in this configuration
 - c. Accessibility: there is a bus route but the lights are usually out, there is also parking

Tias: Is anyone interested? Let's have a vote

- Vote Shows enough Interest

5. Position opening for VP of Academic Affairs If anyone is interested an email from the Dean of Students have been sent out
 - a. All applicants will need a cover letter and show proof of being here last Spring
 - b. Application deadline February 3rd: for apps and cover letters
 - c. Debate will be on Feb 7th at the Tuesday SUA meeting
6. For more transparency, daily reports on the presidency will be online at the SUA website
7. Office Hours will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 3-5pm at the SUA office

EVP Update 8:23 PM from Judith

1. Regarding the tuition increases, Advocacy Committee for UCSA are not sending students without a concrete student message
 - a. Portrait Campaign at Quarry Plaza on Thursday from 11-3PM to ask students why they chose a UC and add a small fact on what the UC schools

- provide, then add reasons on how tuition increases can hinder student plans
- b. Hoping to show this to UCSA board at the next board meeting and create a system wide campaign
2. Position opening to be the new rep for Who Dis on Friday 1/27 Time tba but will probably be around the same time as Portrait Campaign
 3. Office hours changed to Mondays from 12-3PM and also by appointment

OPERS Referendum 8:23PM by Paul

Student Athletes Dominique and Megan

1. Regarding a new referendum that will hopefully pass in Spring
 - a. From the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and hope to come to meeting in order to form a better relationship with SUA
 - b. Would like to get more student body involvement
 - c. Committee meets every first Monday of every month in Humanities 249 from 8-9:30PM
 - d. Main building in OPERS recently tore down all the lockers and will be putting out a food pantry that will be student run
 - i. Will have volunteering opportunities

Paul: Alumni of UCSC here to look into Athletics at Santa Cruz and help build a sustainable business model.

- Overview of process undertaken for the referendum
 - Not able to share much since there has been no approval
 - Estimate a budget drive in Santa Cruz and see what it would look like in 10 years
 - UCSC is a division 3 school where there are no athletic scholarships. All students who play sports here are admitted on the same criteria
 - New Model for sports program can significantly reduce cost to \$40 and it would make the student fee contribution to be 1.5 million
 - Audit was done during summer to approve of all numbers
 - Based on student feedback, students would like less student fees and something that can actually guarantee something in the future and stay on the books
 - Hopefully new method will help the athletic department to be self sufficient and in the future to have no need for student fees to support the department
 - Investment program to be able to spend money and accumulate at the same time and in 25 years it will cover the 1.5 million of student fees through endowment value

Alejandro: So the endowment fee that will be invested comes from the \$40 in student fees? And the investment is through UCSC administration?

Paul: It's not from the UCSC administration. It's a system wide long term plan. The UC system put into place that compulsory based fees need to guarantee 25% of the fee to be returned to aid students. However at UCSC it is 33% because it is shown that UCSC has a higher need than other campuses.

Trevor: So the extra 8% will be rerouted to give this extra push and fund Opers. I just have one administration concern that is are we sure we want to do this with aid money? What if someone else wants to come in?

Tama: I understand that the Oper Student Advisory Committee is lacking student representation and often can't meet quorum. Would more opportunities for leaders of this space being involved with the process help with this long term plan?

Paul: It's always good to have more student representation.

Alejandro: Are there any downsides to this solution?

Paul: Well it is a different model that hasn't been done before. I guess the one concern is the controlling of that 8%

Tias: Motion for approval time extend time by 6 minutes

No Objections

Tias: So What are you proposing?

Paul: We are proposing a review for sunset in 25 years and review to see if there are needs for modification or if we just get rid of it all together. Our goal is to generate a model built for students and replace the student fee in 25 years.

Hector: This is something we are all going to be voting on in the spring, so if there are any concerns especially before referendum is finalized please send an email to myself so I can bring these issues to the committee.

New Business: 9:06 PM

SOFA Funding Deliberation 9:07PM

Jane: Sofa Meeting recommends that orgs who did not present at the Sofa meeting should not be given funding

Jay: Point of Clarification, Isn't SOFA only meant to fund student orgs? Are CARE and SHOP student orgs?

Tias: SOFA can send money to any orgs registered with the school

Hector: Last quarter SOFA funded organizations that weren't part of SOAR. This has also happened in the past

Thomas: What is Platypus Society

Laurel: They wanted to do something regarding the subject of Anarchism and Marxism including left wing politics. They are trying to put together a panel and bring 3 speakers.

Hector: They wanted to get speakers from each opposite end of the spectrum. This will probably spark a cool conversation and they are also extending invites so that anyone from the school can come and listen

Hector: Motion to approve SOFA funding 9:12PM

Trevor: Second that Motion

No objections

Kiryl: Point of Clarification, why did we give nothing to the Model UN

Lily: Most of the money they were asking for was to send teams to competition. It didn't add anything to Santa Cruz or enrich the student body.

Bylaw Edit Proposal 9:14PM

Jane: Proposing to change the quorum of SOFA to 50% plus 1 instead of $\frac{2}{3}$. Voting will be next week

Tama: Point of Clarification, quorum couldn't be met because senates were there but other reps were not right?

Tamra: Well this happened last spring quarter as well. We never reached Quorum and had to go ahead without meeting Quorum. But that's not really okay.

Kiryl: Why do we need to vote on it next week?

Jane: Well I want to do this by the Robert's Rule. You are suppose to wait a week before changing any laws.

Trevor: Are there any concerns that the college senate might make choices without diversity groups if numbers are decreased?

Jane: We can amend the proposal to be ½ from college and ½ from affiliate orgs so that it requires 6 colleges and 4 affiliates

Tama: I support this edit to bylaws but this ties into a bigger issue. We want to be able to have the most representation as possible. The goal of an assembly is to have as many people in that space as possible. Something as important as funding should have as much affiliate orgs and college senates as possible.

Funding Requests 9:20 PM

Tamra: I will be meeting with Nancy Tim in regards to putting on a comedy event on March 4th starring social justice and political comedy.

- To put together this event, will be requesting \$4500 from SUA programming budget. It will only be covering half of the event.
- This will reserve 50 tickets for assembly members since the venue only holds about 450 people and it fills up quickly
- Will be held at the MPR, voting will be next week
- There are \$71,000 SUA programming budget
- Time TBA but hoping it will be between 7-8PM

Trevor: Why can't we move more funding for SOFA?

Tamra: SOFA is a student org and SUA is different so that isn't exactly possible.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment: 9:25PM

Hector: The money that is reserved for SUA Programming can fund events that are not planned by officers. It is open to anyone in the assembly.

Alejandro: Between the SOFA funding and the SUA funding, where is the line between what funding is allowed for which org

Hector: If you are a member of the SUA and you are planning the event then you can plan it in the SUA space but if it's not an assembly member then they will have to go through SOFA.

Tias: Point of Clarification, SOFA is mainly an undergraduate funding source but other sources are open to all students not strictly just the SUA

Socorro: what are the logistics in getting something funded? Is there information regarding this on the website?

Hector: Just a reminder that we have Hodayun as an advisor for all the SUA body. If you have a question you can always go to Hodayun and he can lead you through whole process

Judith: logistics will depend on which person is hosting the event

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 PM