

**SUA 10.24.17**

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:00PM

**Approval of Agenda: 8:00PM**

Brooke: Motion to approve the agenda

Kiryl: Second

No Objections

**Approval of Minutes: 8:02PM**

Tamra: Motion to approve the agenda

Brandon: Second

No Objections

**Announcements and Public Comment: 8:04PM**

Noah: Hi I am from CalPirg, On Thursday we have an event. We are trying to protect Pell Grants and the Senate is trying to cut student aid. We are holding a rally at 1:15PM at the Quarry on Thursday. I was also hoping to get SUA's verbal endorsement.

Jane: Please contact me and I can work with you.

Alice: Student housing west, private partnership developing on Campus. There are 2 open forums next Wednesday November 1st from 1-2pm at Kresge Town Hall and 7-8PM at Oaks Learning Center.

Tamra: The Food Pantry will be opening next week on Wednesday and if you want to volunteer this is the last week I am training so please contact me. It is located next to OPERS.

Katherine: The Asian Pacific Community welcome will be this Thursday. Doors open at 5pm and there will be performances. It will be at the MPC at College 9/10

Max: On Thursday October 26 from 7-9PM at Kresge Town Hall, we are holding tenant fest and it is apart of affordable housing week. We have a few things set up. There will be food and food bags for those who need food for household. We are screening a short film produced by students last year. The film explores struggles of housing in Santa Cruz. I

suggest everyone come. We also have tabling events so if anyone wants to know tenant housing rights or want to participate in the organizing you can come by as well. We will have a performance by Moon Era as well!

### **Presentations: 8:09PM**

#### **Student Housing West (25 minutes) 8:10PM**

- We are doing projects in Merrill and Crown right now.
- We want undergraduate apartment units and it will be non college affiliate. It will be on the West Side
- Capstone is going to be working with us. They specialize in Student Housing
- Housing will be for Junior and Seniors.
- We want to get feedback on our plans as of date. This has been a rapid process because we are trying to get 3000 beds. The grand opening will be 2022 but we are trying to do this ASAP
- *It will be surrounding Porter and in front of Rachel Carson.*
  - We do have options of relocating family student housing or putting it will the undergraduate housing.
  - Have met with student groups and have gotten feedback from students so we know what the students want.
- Plans as of now:
  - Layout: cluster the buildings so each building has its own identity and community. There is also a centralized community area that the rest of campus can also come. We heard about the lack of study space so we are creating study spaces and food options like coffee shops. We are looking at a market as well along with retail space and prepackaged food. We are also looking at a fitness and recreation center. Our focus group explained there aren't a lot of fitness options on the West Side of Campus
    - Undergraduate buildings will range from 4 stories to 7 stories. The larger buildings will be along the backside by the forest. We have an idea of making common spaces at the first floor of each of the buildings. We want the spaces to be organic with both indoor and outdoor spaces for people to hang out.
  - Main Unit Plan: 70% of the beds will be in a unit plan that is four bedrooms. It will have singles and one compartimilized bathrooms so students can use toilet vs. shower vs. sink separately. We got feedback to have the vanity sinks in one room and we enlarged the living room to have space and additional countertop space. There will be a convention oven, stove, and refrigerator. We are also considering dishwasher. Each bedroom will have a wardrobe, dresser, and bed.

Sam: How many students will be placed per room. Why is it only singles?

It was part of the institutions plan that 70% will be all singles.

Davon: Is there a way that we can add another toilet. I think it is a big space for one toilet. But that is just my opinion.

Each of these bathrooms need to be accessible. There is a turning radius and we are making it wheelchair accessible.

Lauren: Just as a follow up, will there be communal restrooms for the whole building to use? I think one bathroom for four people is a little hard.

We will have common areas for each buildings and there will be public restrooms.

Tamra: How much would a single be in this unit?

All of the pricing will be based on what is currently being charged on campus with a three percent escalation each year. We will set the price point based on the school.

Tamra: This looks nice but my biggest concern is that singles on this campus is really expensive. If 70% are going to be singles then only those who can afford can live there. It looks to me like if you can afford it you can live in this new space but if you can't you have to go live in a triple.

Angel: I was going to add that the one bathroom might be a problem.

Grace: On the topic of bathroom but the bathrooms in shared spaces should be gender neutral.

Angelica: On the topic of affordability but will there be a specific area designated for affordable housing?

The reason why this project is different is because the campus is forming an agreement with Capstone. It is based on how much the beds will cost. What we are saying here is a reverse programming where we use the rents being charged in order to see what we can build. The affordability is consistent with current pricing levels.

Max: I am concerned if there is an increase every year since it is P3. The starting price can be a single price now but if there is a 3% increase every year, it worries me on how much that will add up on the years going by. Just because there is housing doesn't mean it is affordable.

Bruce: I am also with Capstone. I like to qualify that. When we put together a financial package it is based on a 3% increase. The objective is that we need to be able to afford the services needed. Capstone don't control the prices it is the institution. There is no reason that anyone should increase the rate by 3% if it doesn't have to be this way. We are trying to go in to make sure that doesn't happen. But we have to have a standard to make sure the plan can go down.

Katherine: So an issue on campus has been accessibility for housing. I know these are multi story but will the buildings be up to ADA guidelines and standards.

Absolutely. All buildings will have elevators and there will be ramps.

Vynesh: Did the focus group show you that we want 70% singles?

The ratio came from demand from upper division students. We want to look at options for doubles and triples so that students can have other options to be in a cheaper facility. This is feedback we've had for the last couple years. We are trying to hear from what students want.

Vynesh: Was affordability a concern at all from the focus groups? I feel like the decision would have been different since affordability is an issue here.

Affordability is a driver and it's the reason we are having this project. This is over a 600 million dollar project. We are trying to make a parity level. We are trying to get feedback and it has been a constant thing. We are going to eliminate the meal plan requirement for any apartment dweller. It will be an option but it won't be a requirement next year.

Jessica: Motion to extend time by 20 Minutes.

Mamie: Second

No Objections

Tommy: Motion to table questions till end of presentation.

Tamra: Second

No Objections

- Unit Type 2: Double bedroom unit type. Two bedrooms four beds and it will have two bathrooms. We have gone through same processes and we focused the changes on making living room and dining room more space to accommodate for accessibility.
  - We heard that students needed more storage space so we are focusing on storage.
- Unit Type 3: Triple room apartment. It will have a lower price point and will have one bathroom.

Guest: Having two beds side by side is kind of weird. But having bunk beds might be better.

The beds are bunkable and loftable. The best can be rearranged but these beds do fit horizontally as well. In our next presentation we will show rearrangement options.

Angelica: For the triple the kitchen and the bedroom is a little weird, is there a wall there or is it an open space.

Cibyl: My main concern is that the university keeps adding more beds to make double into triple. We keep getting more students so we keep pushing. Will this happen here? Will doubles turn into Quads? Is that taken into account?

These units are designed to accommodate students. The singles are for one student. The shared double bedroom is designed for three but that would be max. The triple is for three and no more can be added. It is made to keep it as it is.

Davon: Times are getting hotter, are rooms going to have AC or ventilation?

There will be heaters but there will not be ACs. The campus isn't doing ACs. The building will be insulated to a greater extent than older buildings that we built in the 60s, 70s, and 80s. We are trying to place the building to maximize solar gain in february and reduce in June.

Quinn: Looking at the triple it looks small. The price seems that people who pay for more seems to get a better deal. It seems the less you pay it shrinks substantially.

Zach: The ceiling height?

The ceiling is targeted at 9ft.

Zach: I'm just concerned on like bunk beds and the ceiling height because I know previously it's hard.

We do have a student advisory committee and we are looking for someone from each college to be in the committee. You can go through SCOC.

Katie: We are all representing different colleges. I am talking for stevenson, is there an email you can be reached at?

We are going to have a website and a splash page up within the next week. Within the website you can put your name down for the email list. We will also have a project website as well as the project continues.

Jessica: This is going back to affordability. I don't feel like it was answered. The answer was the goal to maintain affordability but that implies that our current rates are affordable. That isn't the case. The administration and students are not on the same page. I would like the campus to reconsider and make these new beds more affordable rather than the way it is now.

Alice: I would be curious of what Jess from capstone defines as affordable. I am curious because it is very different from what administrators think. I also would like feedback on single rooms square footage. I am from cowel, the singles are becoming doubles and the rooms are built for one person but the doubling happened anyway. I would like extra room added in case down the line it will become doubles.

These bedrooms for singles are 100 square foot each. The bedrooms are designed for three. The housing for each area is different based on the space. There is no standard space but the new bedroom will be between 90-110 square feet for a single. The double will be 180 square feet. There will be variance for different sizes.

Grace: I really agree with Jessica say. I know reps from university is trying to talk about affordability. I don't mean to be rude but I don't believe. The prices the university set now aren't realistic for many people. Some students will find a way to pay them and I think that's exploitative. If in the presentation can also have transparency and say that we know that these bedrooms can end up doubling up.

Zach: I think we should separate food and housing. I want to bring up the concern that students might have food insecurity. How are we going to mitigate food insecurity.

Anyone can still choose a meal plan but it will be a choice rather than a requirement.

Adam: Are you going to talk to her after this meeting? I would like Jessica's question to be answered now. Students will choose to not have a meal plan because the housing will be too high. The student will end up going hungry because they can't afford both.

What we are doing with the meal plan reduction now is to decrease cost in requirements.

Adam: It is a decrease but that is the expense of their physical health. If you are interested in the health of students it would be lowering the price of the meal plan rather than taking out the requirement. I would be one of the students. I can't afford to live on campus. I have to find cheaper housing downtown but I will end up going hungry because I will have no option.

Jessica: Throughout this whole presentation, no one addressed the affordable housing. You keep saying we are trying to make this affordable but the problem is that it's not for students. I want to urge the administration that we should lower the rent because currently it is not affordable.

I would like to acknowledge that I was clumsy with my wording. I don't mean affordability I meant consistency. I can't say that it won't go up but us saying this is that the maximum it will go up is three percent. We are right now trying to not let that be but we can't give you a guarantee. What you see now is a conceptual design. This is the base case but there are all sorts of engineering designs yet to be made. Right now this is an earlier stage and your feedback is being recorded so that we can go back and address these issues. If you want to continue this dialogue we can definitely continue that to get suggestion from this group. We do want to engage with the cross section of the campus.

Tamra: Motion to extend time by ten minutes.

Kiryl: Second

No Objection

Tamra: Is there a way we can continue this some other time because it looks like we won't end this conversation?

What is the best way for you guys? Is this forum the best way or is there other ways? On the housing website there is the Student Housing West option. We can come back next week or we got the forum on wednesday as well.

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Sam: First of all I want to say it shouldn't be a priority to sustain current rates it should be to lower them because students are homeless. There is the relocation topic of family student housing. Will those students be displaced during this process what's the issue.

We will have new housing for family student housing when we do develop the new space. It will be more on campus and we are exploring that. We are looking at the main entrance at Coolidge and Hegar, there is an open meadow with land that is for future development.

Sabina: I have a couple of things, one it's great that you are coming here. You need to take what we are saying into consideration. There aren't any changes that are being talked about. Please reach out to Professor Steve McKay who will show you on his research on housing. There are students living in pool sheds and backyards. The current price is unacceptable. 90% of students have low food security and 57% are those people are new. I want to know what you are planning to do to address that. Having a meal plan is not a way because people will not be able to afford it.

The reduction of meal plan will be next year. This is the first time we are talking to the students.

Vynesh: When will feedback be done? What is the timeline.

We are looking for feedback now but we are trying to get into construction quickly. This is the only time we can make bigger decision. There will be options for feedback later on and on plans but early on is the only time for the larger decisions.

Alice: The best way to reach students is to do forums. The last forum only had 3 students because there weren't any publicity. I found out about the forum the friday before and there isn't enough time for students to be aware and plan to come. Please advertise better with multiple time options in order to get all of the students feedback.

We heard that at the last forum and we are hoping to improve on that.

Delanie: It wasn't clear to me that family student housing location. Are they being displaced? Will it be in construction or will it be finished.

Our goal is to have the construction done before moving any families out.

Tommy: You said next year is when the meal plan removal starts does that mean anyone in the dorms?

We are looking at apartments but the resident halls will still have requirement. We do have a student rep on rates committee but we will continue on that.

Sabina: Ecological concerns are also there for family student housing. Have you done research on that?

We are in the process of that right now especially on the new family student housing site. We just had the idea recently so we are identifying the endangered species. We have constricted our site to the existing developing area. We are pulling back the site area from heller. We are creating dispersal habitat for the frog. There is a pathway for the frogs to move away from the area to a habitat suitable for them. Our site has an east west corner so that if the frog is trapped there will be an exit for them.

Sam: Motion to extend by 5 minutes

Alice: Second

Tamra: Objection, please send them an email please. We have other presenters please be respectable.

Move into vote: All those in Favor (6) Opposed (28)  
Motion fails

**Women's Center (10 minutes) 9:18PM**

- Esther
- I use to be college program director and I was advising student government programs.
- The Women's Center is open to all people on campus including people who identify as women or are gender fluid etc.
- We were the first research center and we started in 1986. We celebrated 30 years last fall. We have an earthquake retrograde update. We have one of the only approved kitchens on campus. We have cooking utensils, if you want to come and cook that is perfect. We also have a fully stocked pantry. We love folks to come for the resource. WE also have a feminist library. We are figuring out a distribution system. Please come and hang out!
- I wanted to ask if you have thoughts about the women's center.

I am available to meet anytime my email is [eiwallac@ucsc.edu](mailto:eiwallac@ucsc.edu)

Sabina: I love the women's center but it's pretty far away from students. It is near the cops so it's hard to be comfortable. I think working with residential education and RA's. Reaching out to Frosh would be good. Maybe like having contact availability.

Katherine: For folks who don't know where is the Women's Center?

If you get off at lower campus bus stops next to taps, I wish we can build tall trees but if you go into the lots and across the parking lots you will find a house built in the 1800s

Brooke: Is it the white house with the pointing thing?

It is behind the carriage house. It has a long front deck and a cute side yard.

Emma: I was wondering, being that it is so far away. I know this is crazy but if someone feels unsafe will there be ways to create temporary beds for place for someone to crash when they feel uncomfortable. I think that would be a good supportive space.

Vynesh: I was wondering if you have a shuttle for it because it is far away. I think it would be easier for people to reach this space.

I am totally on board with that idea. It will be an adventure to work with TAPS but I will work on that. We have events coming up like Wellness Wednesdays. Find us on social media for more info!

### **Old Business: 9:28PM**

#### **Community Agreements part 3 (5 minutes) 9:28PM**

Jane: I turned the agreements into sentences and it is now grammatically correct. We can make a motion to pass these. Or we can change it.

Tommy: I motion to adopt the community agreements.

Delanie: Second

No Objections

#### **Further Discussion on McHenry Incident, Further Steps, and Officer Statements (20 minutes) 9:29PM**

Tamra: Why are we talking about this again? What are we trying to get out of this?

Kasev: Hey there, I think at this point the majority have seen my statement. Everyone has an opinion but at the same time I want to clarify what I was going for and to answer Tamra's question.

Jos: Point of inquiry, what statement? Is your statement from Cowell.

Kasev: The statement is available online. The student union assembly shouldn't take away the option for students to have free speech. The amount of residents that have to tell me that that is something that they want is overwhelming.

Tommy: Last week when I came into the room, I thought that they were here to get our support for free speech. But I found out that the whole thing was to remove someone from this space. I was prepared to stand by their club but they came to remove someone. I thought that was sad.

Davon: I echo the Cowell reps statement. The SUA should say something about this. I think it is a form of bullying. Its petty thing for us to argue over ideologies. Everyone has free speech but also I do believe that there were people disrespected. A lot of people

were blindsided last week but SUA should say something. The video is out and we can see who was the disruptive party. This is an offense by SUA rep.

Nick: I want to respond to Tommy, I wasn't here last week for the meeting but I think there was a lot more reason to be upset about what happened. It is more than our group. Of course we do have concern for our group but we do have

Ted: I am the chair of Porter College and I am here with other chairs. I think the community agreements is good. I think discussing this further is good. But I think we should go to our spaces and talk about guidelines of what we can or cannot do. This is a part of community guidelines and we should follow suit based on that. We should let bygones be bygones. Enough statements have been made. This situation makes the university looks bad. We don't look good as representatives. Urge your spaces to go over community guidelines. There should be a discussion on what free speech means. I think the best way is to let it disappear. It's not worth it. There is bad publicity people are getting hurt. I suggest that we end stack. It's not worth it.

Samantha: I agree with that last argument but I also agree with talking about releasing one last statement. I came here thinking that this is what we are suppose to handle. I was disappointed that people were trying to delegate it to someone else. We are suppose to handle this and I think it is harmful for us to be done with it unless we have a statement.

Cibyl: See I have been given a statement to read if it was necessary but I have heard too much sympathy for college republicans. Statement: (REQUEST TEXT FROM CIBYL)

Tamra: Motion to end this discussion

Sam: Second

No Objection

Move into Vote In Favor (6) Opposed (15)

Max: I am open to talking to more people. SUA has a reputation for being a hostile space and I don't want to uphold that. I want this campus to be united not divided. We create UCSC what it is now and what it will be in the future. This is emotionally draining for people and I take this very seriously. SUA has had a lot of influence and can make impact on this campus. I encourage us to think about the actions we take. We can make mistakes but we must think of who we represent. We are representatives and its not about us as individuals. Prioritize the impacts it will have on everyone not just one person as individual. We take action when things come up and we need to hold ourselves accountable for the impacts of any situation we find ourselves in.

Mamie: I was going to point out that it is getting late. We might have to move.

Davon: Motion to extend time till 10pm.

Kasev: Second

Tamra: Objection, motion to do till 9:55 because I want us to see if we can talk about Halloween.

Move into vote: In Favor (21) Opposed (5)

Singh: Its not about republican or democrat. I am also a part of marginalized community but being told we are not allowed to have a group on campus I would feel bad. If we can get on the ball and get a statement to make this the first thing on the agenda. I would like to call to our peers we don't condone hate speech. We accept all organizations on campus and we don't condone hate speech.

Angelica: Yeah number one that wasn't hate speech. The college republican group is tied to trump's platform because their symbol is a banana slug wearing a MAGA hat. I want to keep that in mind when we make our statement.

Nick: Even though you can call us whatever you want but we are willing to talk about this in whatever space. But I think a lot of us are willing to go talk to the democrat party. Also I think that regardless of who we are this wasn't an okay thing to have happened. The footage that was released was a minor part of it.

Sabina: Point Personal Privilege , students have already faced repercussions from the university and the police.

Natasha: I would like to point out that creating a statement as an assembly would be pretty fair not only to college republicans but to the individuals involved from SUA. No one is going to be kicked out especially others are facing repercussions.

Ayo: Coming into SUA we are the student government, we are all here on a mutual basis. Last meeting a lot of our own biases got into our situation. I stand with my vote to not impeach the representative but how we got there. I don't agree with the college republicans but we can't take that way from them. I am Black, people say racist thing to me. But we can't limit people's voices just because we don't agree. We should amend one of the community agreements but I think we should make sure all reps are realizing that their actions do affect the community. Be more mindful of decisions.

### **Closing Remarks and Adjournment: 9:PM**

Jane: As Tamra was bringing up, Our next meeting falls on Halloween. Unfortunately SUA has not passed Fall Budget. If there is enough attendance at this next meeting the next will be budget. The treasurer is being hired this week. If you are a rep and you want

to spend the hours of 8-8:30 this is what the poll is for. SOFA is Student Org Funding Advisory committee. A lot of groups rely on it. It won't be a catastrophe. Can I get a poll of who will be willing to attend that meeting.

Poll: 22

Jane: You will hear if there will be meeting next week. Please help clean up this room.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:04PM**