

SUA 11.07.17

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:00PM
Roll Call by Chloe

Approval of Agenda: 8:01PM

Kiryl: Motion to approve the agenda
Singh: Second

Approval of Minutes: 8:04PM

Katie: Motion to approve the minutes
Angel: Second

Announcements and Public Comment: 8:09PM

Tamra: From now until monday if you bring a paper bag to the pantry then you can get a raffle ticket for a gift card. If you are here for thanksgiving break, I am working with the Dean office who will have meals and activities. If you want to get involved come talk to me!

Thao: Tomorrow the mayor of Santa Cruz is going to present the housing crisis and ask for student input. It's important that student show up to talk about it. There will be food. This friday the student housing group will have a meeting. It will be a space we are creating where students can talk about housing issues. Our meeting is this friday from 4-6PM at the Student Union Building. Sign in sheet will be going around for name and email.

Judith: We have launched a letter to congress members to continue funding the UC so tuition can stop increasing so we can increase accessibility and resources. It will give a push on congress and budget is being discussed. If you have any questions please let me know, fill out the form!

Jos: We are going to hosting a Warriors game and tickets are 12 dollars. It's for slug to slug and there is a set of chairs reserved for UCSC students.

Presentations: 8:11PM

Ranked Choice Voting (20 minutes)

- Santa Cruz has a very diverse voting population
- Changing the election process through city wide change

- Ranked Choice ranking for election cycle and its winner take all
- We want it for the November 20 Ballot and change Santa Cruz
- Eliminate the spoiler effect and you can rank the candidates that you want. We think about national elections but we don't think about local city elections. We need a system proportional to our demographic.

Steven: What steps do you need to take to get this on the ballot.

There are two type of cities and Santa Cruz is a Charter city. They are their own jurisdiction and can pass laws as long as it doesn't conflict with the California Constitution. We want to produce a new law.

Zach: Is this on the 2018 or the 2020?

We are trying to get enough petitions for 2018 and then our voters will decide if they like it. If they pass it it will be on the 2020.

Natasha: What kind of backlash you are facing and from whom?

Actually you would be surprised. Its people who like the runoff and the long haul of the elections. We generally get opposition from establishments, people who don't like change. Politicians don't like the game changing. But reception from the community either want more information, they don't understand, or they support it. A lot of people are frustrated with our elections. We also have a bill in congress call fair representation act and its also the same using rank choice for congressional district members to have more representation of larger geographical areas. We would love to have you get involved.

Judith: Someone brought up being mindful of local politics. I want to be mindful of that. Thank you guys for coming in. We are 27% of the voting population here in Santa Cruz. We need to gain a seat because we need 25% of the vote. It would be nice to have a student on the council.

Resolutions: 8:33PM

CALPIRG Amazon Crude Ban (5 minutes)

- Amazon rainforest is very important and home to 40 indigenous tribes and have fresh water.
- We are destroying it like the oil industry, companies like Chevron. They dumped 19 gallons of toxic wastewater into the Amazon. They left toxic sludge and there is an oil spill everyday. California is the world's leading importer of Amazon Crude. We want a statewide ban on Amazon Crude. Please pass a resolution asking city council to pass the resolution.

CALPIRG Save the Bees Campaign (5 minutes)

- Contributing to the repopulation of bees starting with our campus. They pollinate our food and crops. We are the largest importer of bees and bees are dying at a 30-40% rate. Most of this are pesticides and they are toxic to the bees.
- The bee's immune system are damaged. It causes the bee to be indicted to what's killing them.
- We want to go bee friendly on campus and in the city like using these pesticides.
- We have already gotten over 1012 petitions. We met with the executive director of project pollinate.

Jane: To pass a resolution, it requires a simple majority vote. But if we vote on this today we need to suspend the bylaws (We aren't allowed to vote the same week)

Katie: Motion to take a recess to find the bylaw

Sam: Second

Davon: Motion to suspend bylaw **C.10.F.V.C.3**

Stephan: Second

Move into a vote: In favor (33) Opposed (0).

Davon: Motion to adopt both resolutions.

Delanie: Second

No Objections

New Business: 8:43PM

Student Admissions Board (10 minutes)

- We are being created to encourage diversity within all UC Campuses.
- Few students will sit on the admission board and they will have the qualities that can help minority voices when it comes to admission
- SAB goal is trying to tear down institutions and stop the social conflicts.
- These students are peers on campus and they will see student success find those qualities in applicants and advocate for students when they are not given admission.
- One of my friends in another campus was denied acceptance and he had the same scores except one of my friends had a disability. It was way to coincidental for that not to be significant. They won't have actually jurisdiction power but it will help expand diversity.

Tamra: I would say what would be the difference between this and CAFA, committee of students in financial aid. It would be admission officers and students talking about who they admit and admission guidelines. Imari sat on it and were trying to change the guidelines of having more black students.

Ayo: They talk to the admissions what they would advocate for. SAB would actually sit on the panel while applications are being reviewed and listen to each applicant and see if they would like to advocate for that applicant if they get denied or waitlisted.

Jessica: I agree with Tamra but my concern is with the workload on students. My supervisor is just a tour guide manager and she reads like 1200 applications a month and i can't really see the feasibility of a group of student reading applications. Logistically I don't see how that would work. How many applications will the student read.

Ayo: This was just a draft. We can have the board focus on just the waitlisted students. The SAB can advocate for those students but we are still exploring the logistics.

Katherine: I think what you are advocating for is awesome. One thing that I would like to add is are there any specific admission policies that allow students to advise on admitting other students. Also looking into the confidentiality of other applicants. Are students allowed to look into it.

Davon: Motion to extend time by 5 minutes

Jeff: Second

No Objection

Davon: I like where this student admission board is going but the point about workload is very important. The best thing to do is to contact someone in admissions. I recommend you to talk to the chair of CAFA. This is more admission than dean of student. I do like your idea.

Max: Pretty much its a great idea. I'm not sure how willing you are to push on that but getting help from the folks in this space. It needs more research and it's not something we can do at this moment but thank you for presenting.

Alice: Another thing is that are students going to be appointed and are they going to be paid. Also we need to make sure the student can undertake the workload.

Ayo: I was thinking they should follow the same protocols like officers here. They can be nominated through campus wide elections. 10% of university has to vote and SUA can also vote on top picks that the rest of the college voted. It can be approved by the chancellor and it can go back to the college and override. It's just an idea.

Jessica: Another thing is the longevity of the representatives. All admission officers go through week long training and they don't do anything but go. If you had to have a student do something similar it would be more efficient if its like 2 year position.

Alice: Are you proposing of the creation of another officer position through campus wide elections and then they will be paid a stipend?

Tamra: Motion for a five minute recess

Jeff: Second

No Objections

Budgetary Matters: 9:07PM

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Discussion (20 minutes)

Max: Just for folks who have never been on this space. A lot of our money comes from measure 8 which is the campus wide student government fee. Every student pay 7 dollars a quarter to our money. The money goes to campus wide events and concerts.

Jeff: Does the recommendation from SOFA need to be motioned into the budget.

Jane: No it's the next discussion.

Kim: I have a few questions. Max mentioned measure 8 but the last time it increased wasn't it 1980s. I know a lot of costs are increasing so shouldn't that mean the seven dollar should increase for our budgeting.

Davon: That tried to get passed last spring. We wanted to increase it to 20 dollars but it failed. So that is a them problem. If we can convince the campus to increase that but right now that didn't work.

Quinn: Are we going to rerun measure 67?

Kim: Tamra, can you repeat when the pantry needs that much of an increase?

Tamra: Right now there are only 7k allocated. The family student housing pantry is only open 2 times a month and they need 7000. Our money is going towards staffing. I allocated 5600 for staff and that is for shift lead. They are the ones who supervise volunteers and they open and close the pantry. It is 40 dollars a day for them and it is 7 days a week and ten weeks in a quarter. I also wanted to get a freezer for the space so that we can put in more fresh produce for free food. Also if we put meat in the freezer it would last longer. The rest of it would then go to food. My website also has a spending chapter. You can track everything I have spent.

Kim: For the pantry you showed how much you spend. Is the breakdown available for everyone?

Tamra: Yes. Whenever I spend money that is all updated right now. I update it weekly.

Kim: How many people understand the budget?

Brooke: Point of information, didn't you just update the 21k what's going on?

Ayo: I brought back to my space and they were uncomfortable allocating so much money just to the food pantry. They want the money to go back to programming. I was wondering if we can visit the programming and give it to food pantry. I know you mentioned it would be on your website but we would rather have a proposed budget.

Tamra: I have a proposed budget. I can email it to you.

Katie: I know that there was discussion about setting aside money for when we have to move location. Was that factored into the increase.

Tamra: To move off campus it was going to cost 100,000 which is money we don't have so it's not factored in. This is just to keep the pantry running. We don't have enough money to put aside 30 grand a year to go off campus. We can barely fund it right now.

Sam: I want to mention that merrill and there was a concern with all of that money and there were discussions where the space thought was more relevant. They were serious in that they want a discussion of where they want the money to go to.

Tamra: Motion to extend time by 10 minutes

Davon: Second

No Objections

Zach: I want to ask is this usual that the request are way outpass the money we have.

Jane: If we can fully fund everyone we wouldn't have a committee so yes this is an issue.

Kasev: On the matter of the food pantry. I know going back to spaces is very relevant I find it hard to believe that all the spaces know that this is food insecurity. This is the difference between a student can eat and function. I'd like everyone to consider the dire need of food insecurity.

Tamra: Going back to how much money. Ask yourself do you know how much this cost. This is the money I need for winter and spring quarter. A lot of the money is going to

staff. The rest of the money is going to food which is 6000 dollars. It hasn't even been a week since we opened we have had 300 visitors. Every friday we have interns who help students sign up for calfresh. We get perk deliveries for sandwiches and sushi. This is a modest budget for how often we are open and how many people we feed. It helps us keep our food longer.

Delanie: I was thinking that it's important to consider how much food cost people. Yes it will cost SUA this much but think about how many students are saving money.

Mora: I am new to the budget process. We noticed that the amount of money we have. Our reserves are actually really high. We should have a phase budgeting for the pantry. I know budgeting sucks but we need to come back after christmas break and look at our actuals and continue all of that. You have been having a carryforward and that money should really be given to the people with things they want to do.

Jeff: I think we are having a discussion about the food pantry but I haven't heard other big debates. Motion to pass the budget.

Stephan: Second

Tamra: Objection, the change we made last week hasn't been solved.

Stephan: Motion to amend with the change.

Katie: Second.

No Objection

Omar: Looking at the minutes from the last meeting. It said we should remove money from programming and to the food pantry. The second is any surplus to that. In order to get the number up to 21k, I am not the one to change the number. In order to change that to 21k we need to change allocations to different line items for budget to not be in deficit.

Tamra: How did the budget change from last week to this week?

Omar: I don't know. I didn't change this the document is changed.

Tamra: You can look at who is changing this budget.

Angelica: Officers are paid a lot. If we take out the extra money that is paid to the officers. That can go to the pantry.

Lily: Motion to extend time by ten minutes.

Jeff: Second

Cibyl: Objection. Can we go to the SOFA first. Motion to table this to SOFA.

Jeff: Second

Lily: Objection, A lot of people are confused on what's going on can we clarify what is happening.

Motion to move into a vote, the motion passes for ten more minutes.

Lily: Merrill does support food pantry it's more in the fact that it is early on in the quarter and there might be other issues that might come up. We will take back to our space how popular this is. I want clarification on what's happening.

Jane: Our current motion on the table is to adopt the budget with one line item edited to 2100. Nothing else is edited though so we are taking that money out of nowhere. So people should make suggestions on what money to take out of line items.

Jeff: When we were discussing this change, we said we will take it out of SUA programming.

Omar: So I just want to clarify. Now that we have looked at the history for whoever changed this. From my recommendation, looking at the minutes from last meeting if there is leeway in SUA programming we should allocate it to food pantry. It will bring the numbers up.

Ayo: Motion to amend and remove 10,869 dollars from SUA programming and allocate it into the food pantry plus any additional surplus.

Jeff: Second.

Delanie: Objection

Brooke: I reserve my right to change Ayo's 10,869 to 7,869

Ayo: Second

No Objections

Move into vote: In favor (30) Opposed (0)

Tamra: Why wasn't the seven thousand dollars added?

Jane: That was the issue we don't know what happened.

Ayo: Where did the surplus go?

Omar: It was allocated into different line items.

Jane: Can someone allocate 13,621 dollars from programming.

Delanie: I reserve my right to make an amendment. Can I motion to amend the number to 13,621

No Objection

Move into Vote: In Favor (32)

New Main Motion is to allocate 13,621 from SUA programming and moving it into the food pantry and whatever surplus.

SOFA Recommendation Discussion (20 minutes) **9:51PM**

Alice: Motion to adopt SOFA

Kiryl: Second

No Objection

Katie: I motion for a 15 minute recess to move over to the redwood building.

Kiryl: Second

No Objection

Meeting called back to order at 10:05PM

Other Business: 10:05PM

Termination of Director of Admissions (25 minutes)

Judith: Motion to go into closed session.

Jessica: Second

Tamra: Objection, I'm not arguing I just want to know why we are going into closed session.

Jane: Someone here is going to share semi confidential information with the space. And it has to do with hiring and firing.

Move into Vote: In Favor (29) Opposed (1)

Closed Session

Closing Remarks and Adjournment: 9:52PM

Meeting Adjourned at 10:47PM