

SUA 3.13.18

Assembly Members Present: Maxine Jimenez (President), Katherine Le (VPDA), Camerone Elliot (Stevenson), Katie Keeshen (Stevenson), Zach Klieman (Stevenson), Saalini Satry (Crown), Sabina Wildman (Crown), Rebekah Kenny (Crown), Alicia Freedmen (Merrill), Emma Cunningham (Merrill), Kimberly Balmorez (Porter), Quinn Chalmers (Kresge), Ian Gregorio (Kresge), Nick (Kresge Alternate), Yonatan Melesse (Oakes), Arvind Vallabha (Oakes), Ayo Banjo (Oakes), Matthew Forman (Rachel Carson), Kiryl Karpiuk (College 9), Samantha Sanchez (College 9), Vignesh Iyer (College 9), Jonathan Kung (College 10), Liam Staninger (College 10), Claudia Flores (College 10), Max Lyon (Prism), Noah Thoron (Treasurer)

Assembly Members Absent: Alice Malmberg (VPIA), Judith Gutierrez (VPEA), Jessica Xu (VPAA), Tamra Owens (VPSL), Keshav Kumar (Cowell), Lauren Woo (Cowell), Natasha Bramer (Cowell), Miranda Huezo (Merrill) Ivan Reyes (Porter), Ted Jaich (Porter), Thomas Ramirez (Rachel Carson), Angel Solorzano (Rachel Carson), Raymond LeBeau (SANAI), Nikolasi Niumeitolu Saafi (APISA), Alexcis Santos (Bayanihan), Angad Singh Dhadda (SSA), Kaitlyn (BSU), Fatima Mohammad (MSA)

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:04PM

Roll Call at: 8:05PM

Approval of Agenda: 8:06PM

Katherine: Motion to amend agenda to include APAHE proposal/ funding request for 10 minutes under presentation

Alice: Second
No Objections

Lauren: Motion to approve agenda
Angel: Second
No Objections

Approval of Minutes: 8:07PM

Alice: Motion to approve minutes
Lauren: Second

No Objections

Announcements and Public Comment: 8:06PM

Alice: My office is excited to introduce community peer advisor program. We are hiring students for spring quarter to advise student to find housing. There are two positions one for DRC housing accommodations. The other position is the general position open to anyone. If you lived off campus that experience would be valuable. They pay 12.50 an hour. The office of Academic Affairs and my office for Thursday and Friday 2-4:30 and 11-3 to distribute free food and supplies. On Friday Crown and Merrill are having sister college event SCOC there will be free Thai food and boba and massage workshop. Stop by and learn about committees and de stressing before finals.

Max: PRISM is organizing for queer prom. We are going to have a committee. We want people to join to figure out a time to meet. We need finance, decorating, outreach, and volunteering. If you are interested come talk to me. If you have questions you can contact me as well. Can people slow down a little bit in conversation so I can catch what people are saying.

Noah: Budget committee starting first week of next quarter. It will be on Wednesday nights.

Patrick: I am with CALPIRG, we are doing 6 campaigns this spring for voter registration. We are also getting campus to institutionalize voter registration. If you are interested please reach out to us. We are going to also have events at every college too!

Katherine: I have two announcements. 1. If you are looking for a place to study the ethnic resource center has conference rooms at Bay Tree bookstore from 8am-8pm on the 16th, 19th, 20th, and 21st. Lunch will be provided as well! The diversity commission will be meeting next quarter every Monday from 2-3PM at Cervantes.

Sabina: I have extra pizza if anyone wants it! It's from a grad student and she is doing a project with muslim students on campus.

Max: Prism is holding a study session at Kantu from 9-5. There will be snacks.

Zach: Two things Stevenson Rock n Roll on the knoll. If you know someone who will be her. If you or any on in an identity org we will buy ingredients. It would be cool for you to volunteer.

Cameron: The point of that is for different orgs to table and do outreach and serve food. We will be paying for the food.

Angel: RCC Council are having a study Jam monday from 8am-2am. We will have food and snacks at the red room.

Max: If you know anyone who are living off campus there is a learning your rights workshop on Friday at 7PM at Nelson community center. I will be sending the info out but the city is trying to run a rent control ordinance that will protect the renters. If you want to know more about that please know. There is a temporary rent freeze and it will be a good idea for you all to come. There will be another one later one so let your friends know. The next thing is ICE the last week ICE arrested residents in Capitola. Please be prepared to face this threat. There is a legal training Monday March 19th from 7-8pm at peace united church. I will be going so if you need a ride I can give you a ride. It is to learn how to document law enforcement activities and learn about individual rights. If you have time and are willing to go please go.

Vignesh: Motion to extend time by 1 minute

Sam: Second

No Objections

Vignesh: Our office is holding on Friday. It is a Budget ask for UCSA and its to compensate for over enrollment. We will be having folks coming for postcards and we will be giving these cards to assembly members. We will be tabling at quarry and science and engineering. From 11-2PM

Alice; Max do you have to RSVP in advanced for the training?

Max: Yes.

Presentations: 8:18PM

SUA Outreach Committee (15 minutes) with Claudia

- Find successful outreach groups to help with SUA
- The bigger picture for SUA- strive for one specific goal that we will project onto the student body. I want to lead a discussion to get some feedback to what you all think. Why are we in SUA and what are we working towards? What is the cause bigger than ourselves.

Max: I am here because I want to actually change things. I want people to be more educated on what's going on and to improve things in general.

Sabina: To be a bridge of information for students. SUA has a lot of access to admin but it is not carried through to the general body at large. We have a lot of money and we want to engage with the larger student body and seeing what the issues are. We want to be engaged with the spaces. Also being okay with being upset at Admin and pushing them because we have this position of privilege in SUA to get them to make the change that they need to. We also should give a better experience to students.

Rebecah: We should also make a survey with students to see what's really working. I am in SUA and I think it is hard and I have to go to an event and see people come in. I think people from the outside find it hard to hear information.

Max: I am here because there is a lot of power in the space but we don't use those resources. The way that we outreach is important. Having a combination of quantitative and us showing up for other organizations and other classes. It is hard for student body to show up for us if we are not there for them. As a collective we should be doing better.

We should have clear communication with us to the student body.

- This is the goal of the vision committee
- Also our commitment to things and what can we do differently. We need better communication. Our level of engagement is minimal like going to events we signed up for. How can we be here for each other and it starts here.

Ayo: I think if we all worked on something together like a project that we are working on or towards. We usually work on funding request and debates but if we have a common project. It can be really small.

I think that would create effective teamwork and help us promote SUA as a whole.

Max: There has been a lot of instances where people sign up to things but not show up. I can say that same for myself in a lot of ways but communication in this space. We touch on sensitive topics and our voices matter and when we don't show up to each other that gets in the way of trust. I know I am late to a lot of times and I think that is disrespectful. I think letting someone know would be the best. I know a lot of you all are busy and involved in other things but this is pretty little to ask.

The general question is can we could on each other in engagement? Simple things like letting someone know the little etiquettes.

- We want to add things to the constitutional amendment
- Institutionalizing a retreat because we can strengthen this space more

Jane: Through check ins and things I have really wanted to make sure the reps are actually attending committee work. If you are not on it maybe add yourself. If you are not involved can you comment if it is a time problem or that we don't have something that suits the interests. I feel like not all of you are on the committees I am involved with. A good deal of you are involved but can someone comment? Nevermind.

Angel: personally I feel like committees don't fit in my schedule, I can't go to all these things but next quarter will be better for me.

Since we are working on outreach for Spring we want to have some kind of event happening. Some kind of thing happening to promote SUA. I think we are the bridge between admin and student body.

APAHE Funding Request (10 minutes) 8:35 PM with Katherine

- Funding request for Asian Pacific American Higher Education Conference.
- We engage in workshops and keynote speakers. There is a bonding and leadership experiences.
- I am working with folks to bring API student leaders to this conference. They can receive mentorship and community workshops. We can also learn AANAPISI grants. UCSC is eligible to be AANAPISI. We get federal grants to go towards API students.
- There are only 0.4% API students here. We are highlighting Pacific Islander student voices that are invisible under the myth.
- Conference is April 12th-April 13th. It is a two day conference, location is in Oakland. The theme is unfinished business rise up. Folks from entire US will be coming to this conference. Having knowledge getting the chance to learn from wider nationwide community and bringing that back to UCSC. Also to challenge the Modern Minority Myth.
- Student Achievement Equity Innovation and the Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center. Budget Breakdown have 2 vehicles, 8 students, 4 rooms. We are planning to take 10 API students. There is registration, hotel, gas, and parking. My funding request is 2,500 From SUA programming.

Sabina: How are students going to be selected to go?

I think the invitations are being sent out and the delegations and APISA folks. We can only take a small amount of people, the process is reaching out to student groups and bringing the leaders.

Sabina: Why isn't there enough funding? I hope your office gets more funding for future conferences like this.

Zach: With all due respect, Is there any space within your office's budget for this at all? I don't know this is for information.

My office can't handle that's why I am asking from programming. I see it as a campus community kind of things.

Sabina: Have you thought of asking for more so you can take more students?

It was kind of a minimum number and I didn't know if I should ask for more or not?

Jamie: I am curious, how much does it cost per student?

The breakdown was 8 students total 250 per student. The resources and everyone who will be there. The registration is set at that amount. If you want a more in dept budget I can send it out.

New Business: 8:45PM

UCSA Charter Change (15 minutes) by Vignesh

- This is addressing a lot why they are addressing it. We work on collaborating throughout the years and making everything more clear. The organization is independent and it looks at who has voting stakes and it is to differentiate ourselves. I think if you have particular questions I can answer it but the Charter is very dry. I thought the one thing is that they don't have a requirement for congress. It has an appendix for all member associations to amend the charter.
- UCSA conference the requirement to hold the congress has been removed so that it is not restricted to one every year.
- They already have had two amendments but I can get back to you on that.

SUA Funding Guideline Discussion (20 minutes) 8:50PM with Noah

- The percentage of SOFA requests that have been over CAPS. As you can see half of our funding requests came from students who wanted 1k or more and 40% want more than 1500. These numbers show an extra dozen funding requests.
- If SOFA wants funding requests away from SUA we need to find a way to do that. My recommendation is that we should give SOFA more money next year to handle the bigger events and give them the money they deserve.
- We should also be more picky on what we fund at all. We should fund a lot less based on funding guidelines.
- Caps won't solve everything, West Fest and Rock n Roll on the knoll. West Fest asked for 5k less. It would have been weird if we make one come to SUA and one go to SOFA

Sam: If they are coming to us all the time but that also show the outreach of SOFA to have more outreach on the dates and things like that. We can see the decline of number of requests if people know more.

Noah: For a lot of the things that we have like the smaller things we can't physically fund through SOFA.

Burcu: I like this idea a lot, this is cool for funding in SUA but my one concern what's to prevent people from making a request just under the threshold just to get within the cap.

Sabina: From a student org sometimes they miss the deadline or they can't get there. Sometime student orgs will come to SUA because of other reasons.

Noah: This is for the general SOFA application. My main concern is that people who apply don't apply for more than we can give. My personal belief is that if a student org wants to come in for money they should be allowed to but this is for keeping SOFA requests low and directing the higher ones to the pot.

Sabina: Can people come to SUA for small funding request. It is just that SOFA has a cap?

Noah: If this is an emergency then they can come. The funding request in this space is going to be a case by case base.

Lauren: I have been in SOFA and most of the requests are 5k and under and when it is over then we can't fund them and we want to be fair to all the groups. In the interest I am in support of the CAP.

Max: I think the cap is good. When it comes to bigger requests it would be better if they came here so everyone can understand and listen to it.

Old Business 9:05PM

MSA Spoken Word Night Funding Deliberation (10 minutes)

Max: People in prism thought the amount was a lot for just having one speaker come in. It was a lot for one thing. We suggest add more to the event.

Liam: On the event they request 4,600 dollars. Has the request changed?

Zach; I am down to fund but I don't want to overfund

Frida: Most of us funded them so we don't want to overfund.

Angel: We funded as well

Alicia: We also funded.

Liam: Is there a way we can contact them to see how much?

Alicia: They may not have received notifications from all the colleges yet. I know it takes a while to process the funding. They might not know the correct funding yet. They also need all the funding committed by March 15th.

Fatima: I can contact the committee to update the budget so that it reflects it more accurately.

Sam: Does the money go back to our account if they are done. I think we should just vote and the remaining can come back to us.

Ayo: How much did everyone fund them?

Alicia: We funded 200.

Ayo: Since it is not reflected we can fund 6700

Jonathan: Did we get the 4600 vs. 6700 figured out yet?

Thomas: Motion to table this till the end of the meeting

Sam: Second
No Objections

Transit Fee Referenda Sponsorship Deliberation (10 minutes) 9:12PM

Quinn: There was a lot of things that bothered me but I did support it because it allowed students to vote for it. I think we should support referendums like this and giving students the ability. I don't like this fee I do support the referendum.

Max: I heard that the GSA rejected this and did not endorse it.

Noah: I got out of a meeting and GSA has not officially not endorsed it but they were not okay with it. They are going to talk about it.

Zach: Stevenson supports it.

Thomas: Motion to sponsor the referendum.

Jonathan: Second
No Objections

Testing Materials Fee Sponsorship Deliberation (10 minutes) 9:14PM

Kiryl: We are concerned with the wording.

Lauren: Cowell supports this referendum but we are kind of upset with the bookstore. We want to help students address tuition and fees.

Jamie: There were a lot of questions surrounding this.

Burcu: The stipend position is annoying because it is strictly administrative. It is a necessary evil because in order for this fee to be at its maximum efficiency it needs to go through student academic senate or office. The best case is to incentivise student

who do this work to do so. It might cause problems but it is to ensure that the scantrons are being distributed properly. This is a as need basis. The stipend is 200-250 dollars per quarter.

Jamie: Is there a precedent for supporting fee like this?

Burcu: We have a fee to pay for SUA officers and interns. The SUA is paid for by students

Vignesh: The fact that we are talking about this is reason to talk about it. Our limitations in representing students is so that they can make their own decision.

Alice: Also going back to Jamie's point also Measure 16 how SCOC is funded they are all paid on a stipend bases. It is the same reason as officers and interns. This position would be the same. It is hard to separate the grade. You wouldn't be logging an hour but it's hard to put all that in a timesheet. That is why it is a stipend position. Addressing Zach, not many students take summer classes, many forms of financial aid isn't available so student are not disproportionate to the academic year.

Ayo: Motion to sponsor the referendum.

Arvind: Second
No Objections

Continue MSA Funding Discussion 9:21PM

Lauren: Motion to lift the MSA funding off the table.

Jamie: Second
No Objections

Fatima: The updated amount and the total is \$5,382. I can email the spreadsheet to you.

Jamie: Can you show how many colleges funded?

Vignesh: Motion to fund \$5,382 from programming.
Ayo: Second
No Objections

Closing Remarks and Adjournment: 9:25PM

Jane: If you missed attendance, check in with us.

Sabina: You know that many of the regent meetings are happening. If you are interested in discussing this we are bringing UCSC folks. Come to Max and I if you are curious about this or are passionately interested in coming.

Noah: Funding the MSA, We are now at 25,698.96 in Programing and 8,000 in General.

Max: Good luck on finals. We are working on getting Stevenson 171. We will figure it out!

Jane: Take care of yourselves. Make good choices and make it here next quarter.

Alice: If you are interested in community rentals have a good night and good finals.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:28PM