

Student Union Assembly
March 3, 2018
Notetaker: Noah Thoron, SUA Treasurer

Present: Max Jiminez, Alice Malmberg, Katherine Le, Jessica Xu, Lauren Woo, Shravani, Cameron Elliot, Zach Klieman, Saalini Sastry, Rebecah Kenny, Alicia Freedmen, Quinn Chalmers, Ian Gregorio, Nick, Yonatan Melesse, Arvind Vallabha, Angel Solorzano Vega, Kiryl Karpiuk, Stephan, Viggly Iyer, Jonathan Kung, Liam Staninger, Claudia Flores, Max Lyon, Ayo Banjo, Noah Thoron (Treasurer)

Absent: Judith Gutierrez, Tamra Owens, Keshav Kumar, Katie Keeshen, Sabina Wildman, Miranda Huezos, Emma Cunningham, Kim Balmorez, Ted Jaich, Ivan Reyes, Thomas Ramirez, Matthew Forman, Nikolasi, Ray LeBeau, Kaitylyn Hall, Alexcis delos Santos, Singh Dhadda, Fatima Mohammad

Call to order at: 8:02 PM

Roll Call: 8:02 PM

Approval of the Agenda: 8:04

Lauren Moves to approve, Angel seconds

Approval of the Minutes:

No minutes to approve

Announcements and Public Comments

Katherine: Hey everyone, I wanted to make an announcement about the Joel Kim Booster event, many of you got your tickets, I'll pass around the poster, it's this Saturday, if you want tickets, you get them at the front desk, but you will need your ID

Alice: C4 is this quarter: The Cross Committee Communication Caucus. If you're on a committee, you need to go if you want to be paid. If you're not on a committee, you can still come to hear about what's going on.

Jessica: Will not be here next week, but my office will be giving out Food for Finals next week(?) outside of S&E

Noah From CalPirg: Last weekend was Lobbying conference, 100 students attending, press conference with 2 senators, and 3 news outlets, really happy with the efforts of students. There's a Renewable March this Friday organized between CALPIRG, and Fossil Free UC. It'll be at 2PM-3 PM, Quarry Plaza, marching towards Kerr Hall, ends at 3, but there will be speakers there.

Vignesh: External affairs will be tabling for Lobby Core with the Resource Fair, please come out and support. There's also a lobby opportunity on March 15th, at Sacramento, there's a committee

Meeting on education, and we're going out there to lobby for the UC. I'll send out an email at the end of the meeting.

Jane: Bylaw committee was supposed to finish, but there's still a lot of things to do with the SCOC constitution, Fridays 5 PM in the SUA office. Secondly, the power cord is still missing, please return it. Lastly, Straw poll, there's been some problems with receiving funding requests; do we want to consider funding organizations that have been turned down by SOFA, and how do we feel about the 3k funding ceiling/floor for requests to SOFA/the SUA?

Lauren: Unused money rolls over, right?

Jane: Yes. To the space: should SUA give money to people who got turned down by SUA?

Space responded in the affirmative

Zach: Why do we have the 3k funding restriction

Jane: We discussed it at the beginning of winter, if we hear lots of small ones, SUA gets bogged down. Small stuff is SOFA's job

Cameron: Do we have to fund 3k if they come in?

Jane: No

Jessica: Yield

Max (prism): What if they need money ASAP, and can't wait?

Jane: Tends not to happen, we tell them to seek other funding sources

Jessica: I'm a little concerned, I don't want smaller groups/events to not feel like they can come to SUA, if they request less than 3k, and they can't come. What if we lower it to \$1.5k? I've only been on SOFA once

Alice: I agree, we should lower the floor, there were a lot of orgs that needed only a bit of money, but couldn't get funded fully.

Presentations

MSA Event Funding Request 8:17

Presenters: We're here about MSA Spoken Word night: the scope of the event stems from the election last year, a lot of people were shocked and wanted to create a space for underrepresented groups on campus and wanted to bring a speaker to get that message across. Wanted to bring one, decided to bring 4 spoken word artists. Requesting \$4,600 to complete the event.

Purpose: Wanted to share narratives on campus, and identify intersectionality between Muslims and other marginalized groups, provide a safe space on campus, and raise awareness about MSA and Muslims on campus. Goals: Wanted to unite marginalized groups on campus, help others understand Muslim experiences.

Artists:

Omar Offendum: Focuses on the Syrian conflict

Remi Kanazi: Palestinian-American

Ifrah Hussein: Somali- Muslim from Canada, talks about Feminism, being black and Muslim in the west

Kashmir Maryam: British Muslim: Talks about being a woman in Muslim culture

April 26th C9/10 MPR, starts with Introduction's, introduces Islamic awareness month. Then performances. After, a panel for questions and answers

Budget: Most of the budget is speaker costs. They've raised XXXX, and need XXXX to complete the budget. The deadline for getting funding by SOAR is March 15th. If it doesn't come through, they'll need to make major changes.

Zach: The event's a great idea, but why are there different contract amounts?

Presenters: They've different levels of experience, and fame, some are well known, others are rising. These are the numbers we negotiated with them, and there are different travel distances. We tried to normalize everyone's honorarium

Jessica: How did you come up with the list of funding sources on the packets?

Presenters: We asked everyone we could think of for funding,

Jessica: the Dean of BSOE, and a department dean, and I know they all have different budgets

Ayo: I wanted to know more about the March 15th deadline, who set that and why?

Presenters: Our SOAR advisor, Daisy, set that due to the Major Events Policy, our funding needs to be secured 6 weeks in advance of an event.

Liam: C10 Funded you, but it's not reflected in your budget?

Presenters: We haven't heard back, but thanks!

Zach: How many attendees?

Presenters: Roughly 400

Transit Fee Referenda Sponsorship Request

Jane: Since we haven't done any Sponsorship vs Endorsement things yet, so let's go over this quickly: To get on the spring ballot, you need to get approval from the SUA, or college senates, or students directly. This isn't an endorsement, this is just a matter of "should students vote on this?"

Susan: Hello, I came here last fall with my boss Larry. We let you know what the bus/parking/budget situation was. Since transit fees haven't gone up in 10 years, we need more money. We've worked with ACCTAP and SFAC to come up with numbers for a new fee. Everyone pays 111.66, 101 goes to taps, 10.66 goes to return to add. 5 Years of significant increase, so we can pay off the deficit, and keep the busses rolling, [I don't have the numbers Sorry!] It goes up 4 a year after some big increases. sunset in 2039. These revenues will let us continue Metro service, expand services, refine night services ala Lyft/UBER, and support the growth of campus. One thing we were able to add to the language, was a way for SFAC to have input. TAPS will go to SFAC and present their budget to SFAC, and SFAC can make a recommendation to suspend further fee increases, if it's not needed. We're looking for SUA's and GSA's support, to get on the budget. SFAC supports it going on the ballot, and we'll be doing lots of outreach to get everyone

Kiryl: The original fee increase was different. Why'd they change?

Susan: Mostly it was, we worked a lot with Planning and budget, to pay down the deficit without huge jumps

Jean Marie: We were able to pay the deficit over a longer period, which is why there was lower jumps

Ayo: Thanks for coming. This is not directly related to anything in particular: at USC, they started a new program with Lyft, where they give free rides to all students from 7pm to 2am. There's a student fee that goes to Lyft. Would Taps be willing to explore that option?

Susan: Yes, we've been talking the TAPS director at USC, but they said it was very expensive. The last time the university expanded, they got sued, and the concern was mostly water, something and traffic. TAPS has done a great job of keeping trips down, thanks to metro and bike shuttle. Trip numbers are going up, thanks to Lyft and UBER. We can't go over a city placed cap, and this could lead to some problems. It's interesting, and we're looking into it. Maybe the night owl is a better option?

Jonathan: It seems like the deficient will be paid off by 2039, will you be profitable in 2040?

Susan: We won't be profitable, we'll just have paid if off. Depends on leadership in 2038

Ted: Porter senate's really appreciative of your outreach. What would happen if it doesn't get passed?

Susan: I don't like thinking about that. The Campus let us carry a deficit for a long time. The campus let us slide, but we can't do that anymore. Planning and budget worked out a mortgage like plan, for 20 years, and it'll really hurt (half the budget hurt) if we can't pay this. The

Articulated busses are really helping, but they'd leave if the budget gets cut. The biggest part of the budget is the loop and metro.

Kiryl: What services would cease to exist immediately?

Jean Marie: We thought you'd have that question. We're beginning to look at that potential. Reductions would be heavy, maybe off campus, maybe on campus, but we don't know how much for what exactly. We're still working with the campus to make sure that not everything happens all at once; the impact would be devastating. It'd be a 10-year service roll back, until we find a sustainable budget.

Susan: the Disability Van service will not be cut, and it will continue to grow with Demand

Max: Are you expanding the Disability Van?

Susan: we brought on another driver, and van.

State and Federal Updates: 8:48

Judith: How ya'll doing? Long time no see. I was able to watch the Chancellors meeting via live stream. I haven't been here in a while. I've been out of town for a number of weeks. Here's my update at the state and federal level.

Tuition was postponed

- UC Regents meeting – March 2018
- 3.5% increase in non-resident/ out-of-state tuition
- UC Regents meeting – May 2018
- 2.5% increase in in-state tuition
- Using the UC's resources to apply pressure on the state of CA to adequately fund the UC

UCOP, the UC Regents, and UCSA President collectively drafted specific budget asks for the state...

- The numbers:
 - \$70M In-state tuition buy-out
 - \$25M Accommodate for previous unfunded enrollment increases
 - \$10M Accommodate state-mandated increased enrollments ('18-19)
 - \$35M Deferred Maintenance
 - Tweaking the language to put a face to the issue of "deferred maintenance"
- UCSC was present at the Sub Committee No. 2 Hearing held by CA Assembly's Committee on Budget!
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018
 - Conversations around funding higher education
 - UC's, CSU's, Community Colleges, and other public higher ed institutions are affected by this

Rundown of the UC's Budget

Asks

- Legislators were specifically interested in the issue of basic needs & housing
- UCSA President Remarks
- Switch in roles
- Meeting with Sen. Glazer

Key Players

Gavin Newsom – Ex Officio UC Regent, running for Governor of CA

- UCOP
- Chancellors across the UC (MOU mandating the collaboration between chancellors and students to allocate the funds)
- Governor Brown (terming out, gave a 3% increase in his budget instead of the agreed 4%, claims he's against tuition hikes, is enforcing the 2:1 ration & increased enrollment)
- The CA Senate (caucus, speaking out against a tuition increase soon)
- The State Assembly (speaker = ally, but we are seeking concrete support from the Assembly)
- The Higher Education Act is undergoing a Reauthorization Process
- This process happens approx. every 10 years
- House Committee passed the PROSPER Act at the time that people were focusing on the Tax Bill
- The Senate is working to combat the PROSPER Act by creating bi-partisan legislation
- The Higher Education Act (HEA) 1965 is a law designed to strengthen the educational resources of colleges and universities across the United States
- Specifically provide financial assistance to students
- The HEA...
- Lists out the requirements that students, institutions, and others must meet in order to participate in federal student aid
- It is updated periodically through a process known as reauthorization, which last occurred in 2008.
- Our priorities
- Securing Federal Financial Aid
- year round, surplus, annual inflationary increases
- Protecting Subsidized loans & Work Study
- Campus Safety
- Marginalized communities
- Maintaining the Pell Grant program – year round
- Pell grants are the foundation of student aid across the NATION
- Specifically supports low-income students (<\$30,000 total family income)
- 46% of UC students rely on Pell grants, nearly 80,000 students!
- 70% of low-income students go into the workforce post-undergrad and make more than their parents in 5yrs with Pell

- Maintaining Surplus – 2-3yrs from now may be gone
- Accurate Annual Inflationary Increases
- Includes non-tuition costs – Total Cost of Attendance
- \$14,000 non-tuition costs + tuition = approx. \$20k- \$30k per year!
- Avg. Pell = \$5,815
- TW: Sexual Violence
- Protecting Survivors
- National Council on Disability (NCD) Report
- Students with disabilities are invisible in federal research and grant programs on campus sexual assault
- Re-enforcing Affirmative Consent in CA
- Combatting the “accused’s rights” rhetoric by Betsy Devos

Devos

- Protecting Undocumented Communities
- Expanding on DACA/ Dreamer policies to find all-inclusive solutions
- March 5 deadline – March 23 deadline
- Proposed by the House of Representatives and later passed by the House Committee
- Proposes:
- \$300 bonus to pell grants – not accounting for inflation/non-tuition costs
- Monthly disbursement of aid vs. quarterly/semester
- Increase in Financial Aid Counseling
- It’s effects:
- Places the Pell Grant program on the chopping block
- Cuts:
- SEOG’s
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)
- Subsidized loans
- Work Study Program
- Currently working on a bipartisan bill that would combat The PROSPER Act
- We can all agree the PROSPER Act istrash
- “White Papers” – Schumer (NY) & Senate HELP Committee
- Some info about HELP and Schumer’s vision

Working with UC FGR to keep us updated

We will continue the conversations around funding whether it be capping tuition to work towards a tuition-free UC (UCSA) or securing aid

- president@ucsa.org
- suavpe@ucsc.edu
- Office hours: MW 3-4:30pm & by appointment

Ayo: Can you go back to Public Safety? I wanted to bring into the space, and we’ll need to talk more about this. I don’t know how to say this: We heard screaming on the Oakes Hill: a woman was screaming, and screaming “rape”. A NA called the Police Department, who took about 30 minutes to arrive on the scene. By then, there were no more screaming. There’s been no more

word on this issue. I can't do anything personally, but I think that we need to be more active on this issue. We need to unite under something, and take on Title IX.

Zach: Please explain how the Prosper Act slashes Pell, and how does it make Financial Aid situations worse?

Judith: As I mentioned before: [at this point she starts drawing on a whiteboard] trying to securing surplus year round, so students get the money they need. Prosper act would cut the summer support. UCSA working on getting the state to fund year round Cal Grants; they only work during academic year. Need to make sure the lower income students can graduate on time. Also, Prosper Acts doesn't let the Pell Grant increase per year, to keep up with costs of college

Zach: Can you talk about the two types of grants?

Judith: The proposed plan is just non-subsidized loans, no unsubsidized loans, so interest starts racking up right away

Katie: This is unrelated to the current discussion, but please warn people before talking about sensitive issues, people have

Vignesh: The Senate is meeting to discuss the California budget on March 15th

Cameron: The bonus is that a bonus or an annual thing?

Judith: That'd be a one time thing. The reason I bring this up is because there's more than just tuition and enrollment, these issues impact students who need it the most.

Jessica moves to add 15 minutes to agenda to the end of the meeting for Test Materials Fees Sponsorship Request, Alice seconds, motion passes thanks to vote.

Cruz Crown Discussion

Jane: Note to the space, please get materials to me before 7 PM

Ayo: I brought snacks. SUA needs to eat, and we're going to be play a quick game. There's a change in the agenda. We wanted to split it into two parts: A group part, and a solo part. Solo is about what makes you you, also having lipsyncing as a backup. Overview: Students walk into DJ Riz playing music. Groups/orgs/Clubs category go first, and winner gets the SC Crown Club of the year. Then there's an intermission (maybe there'll be a performance? Maybe from SUA???) then Solo category. Problems: Lack of Dedication: BIG PROBLEM. I've done 5 rounds of finding time, and had 16 people interested, and sent a lot of emails to get people to go. Only 3 people showed up. This is a big problem for me. I brought this to the space in fall, and yall gave your support. This is something you wanted, and you didn't show up. I understand that there's a lot going on, but will SUA be the one to bring it to students, or will I need to bring it to another space. It's really tiring to ask and ask and not get any people to put in the time. If yall don't want to make it happen, we'll move it to another space. Questions: What do you need from me, and what

do you want from this event? Maybe yall don't see yourself working/planning the event, but there's lots of spots for everyone and I mean everyone. What do yall need from me to get yourself involved.

Katie: I'm just going to be real: Stevenson does Rock and Roll on the Knoll. Planning takes from Fall to June, and there's huge backing from orgs and previous years. It's really ambitious, and takes a long time to plan big events, and even more time to plan new events. The goals are really lofty, and I don't know if it's realistic to do it this year.

Ayo: When I was working on West Fest, I got a good idea of how to put on a big event. I don't want to say that it can't happen this year; it just takes a certain group of people to put work and time into it; we can still do it. With the time limit we've got, it'll take a group working 24/7.

Jessica: It seems like you're really dedicated, maybe you could reach out to an officer; they have staff who are paid to put on events. Maybe also looking at a different approach to gain members in your committee?

Ayo: Thanks; I've also reached out to Max's office and the Vision Committee and we're working on it now. I do want a strawpoll on if we want this event to happen or not. [No one answered]

Judith: It sounds like you've put a lot of work and effort to put it on, and I want to offer support and help to put it on.

Ayo: We could push it to next year, maybe something like Chicano Batman? I'd really like a response, so I have something to go on

Ted: It should stay as its own thing, but maybe work much more directly with the VP of SL? They'll give you support and advice.

Jessica: I think you might be conflating a general desire to have this event with a personal ability to be able to spend our time to help you. That's why I find it kinda problematic that you came in and said that only one rep sent it back to their space: I have faith in the reps

Ayo: I hope the reps bit didn't come off the wrong way; I just feel that what is said in the space, and actually done in your own spaces has a disconnect. The best thing to do now is the get into contact with Student Life and push the event to next year. Is there anything else?

Jonathan: I don't think this is the exact event people want right now; I think you might want to generate more interest in the event. Maybe change some aspects?

Ayo: What do you mean by changing?

Jonathan: I know a lot of students want things like performers; I'm not saying put on a concert, but maybe refocus your intentions?

Zach: I'd like to ask the previous speaker for more specifics.

Katie: I think it might be good to look at what kind of large scale events students want: you might need to take some more time to reconsider how to handle this, and what exactly people will turn out for.

Alicia: Have you thought about taking this to RAs? They've money, experience, and the desire to put on big events.

VPAA Spring Quarter Update

Jessica: Here's what's going on next quarter. I'm studying for the LSATs, and have a class that is from 6-10 on Tuesdays, I can't make it to next quarter's meetings. I'll be able to come after 10, and will be doing 6 hours office hours. I'll be working with my interns, Lauren and Burcu, to stay in the loop. However, I'll be listening very closely to feedback from students and the space, because I ultimately work for you. The class survey will be launched the first week, and we'll be working on that until we present it to the Academic Senate. This past quarter, we've worked on the Know Your Catalogue Rights campaign. It was a success. Lauren's taken on a project about how to make more course fees transparent. We're also working on textbook affordability, and getting large lecture professors to switch to open access books.

Test Materials Fees Sponsorship Request

Jessica: Hello again. My staff and I are here to present a ballot measure for the Spring Ballot. We've been providing Scantrons to faculty who use them in tests, so they can give out free testing materials. Saves students time, money and stress

Lauren: The Fee would add \$.50 to tuition, and a third of that would be return to aid. This would supply students with testing materials, and provide for an intern in the VPAA office to run this.

Burcu: We're working on institutionalizing this, through creating an intern in the VPAA office. Distribution would come from previous terms data; who needs what; or who needs less, etc. This intern would handle the distribution exactly

Jessica: I understand this is another student fee, but this is the last option I had. I was invited to the Dean Advisory Council, and I presented this funding request to them, and they aggressively rejected this, and I started this proposal. The SUA officers had a meeting with Blumie recently, and I was last on the agenda, and he said he'd fund it for the first year, and make the Deans fund it the rest of the years into perpetuity. I think I can get him to support it, and hopefully push the deans to support it, even if they don't want to. If we do get that funding, we'll pull this immediately

Angel: Why did the Deans reject the proposal?

Jessica: It's going to make you a little angry: I suggested that each division support it based on much they use these supplies. They said "you're taxing us on our teaching pedagogy" and "Why do we have to subsidize this?" "Because it's mandatory" "So we should fund all mandatory costs?" "You already kinda do"

Jonathan: Will the bookstore no longer carry scantrons?

Jessica: I have no control over

Zach: Will scantrons be provided over the summer?

Jessica: No, mostly because there's no one here to work this program over summer. This fee will not be gathered over summer. We're also pushing for eliminating green scantrons; they're not as cost efficient as red scantrons.

Zach: If this passes, the bookstore will lose the incentive to offer scantrons. What will happen over summer?

Burcu: The bookstore will probably still offer scantrons over summer. I don't see them completely cutting support for those.

Kiryl: I hear the bookstore is not a for profit institution: it only marks up things just enough to pay for its employees and rent.

Jessica: Our position is that this is a mandatory fee, and that we'd prefer they mark up gear instead.

Lauren: We're looking to reduce the amount of money students have to pay each quarter. This way is cheaper.

Zach: I don't mean to be nitpicking, but if this is a required cost, what about summer?

Burcu: This isn't a summer fee

Zach: Isn't \$0.25/scantron cheaper than the \$.50 fee?

Jessica: There's no staff over summer, and the fee sunsets in 10 years.

Jane: Since part of this fee is going to intern, is there any other fees that indirectly go to SUA like this?

Jessica: I don't think so

Jane: Will there be any minimum wage increases in the next decade?

Jessica: This is a stipend based program, not a minimum wage. It's on an as needed basis.

Closing Remarks

Jane: Back to weird funding discussion from beginning of meeting

Katie: Things that haven't gotten passed on have been like food for an event, but most things don't need to be/aren't appropriate to be handled by SUA

Lauren: SOFA is designed to help focus SUA's attentions, away from small funding requests, I don't think it's a good idea to push the limit any further below \$1500

Ayo: I think it's okay to have them

Quinn: I think it's also good to have them, but the floor should be \$1,500 and \$2,000. The floor and ceiling for SOFA should be the same.

Zach: Strawpoll to decrease the floor for this space to \$1,500 [Yes]

Jane: Strawpoll for the same floor/ceiling? [Yes 15 for/2 against]

Katie: Maybe this would require more thought than tired people at 10:06?

Noah: That's a good idea: should I put together some analysis on this issue? [Yes]

Arvind: Sorry, clarify the floor/ceiling?

Jane: If you're requesting more than \$1500, come to SUA. Otherwise go to SUA

Lauren: Just wanted to point out that the 2 against the same floor/ceiling are both from SOFA.

Remarks and Adjournment