

Student Union Assembly Meeting
April 17, 2018

Assembly members present: Max Jimenez (President/meeting chair), Alice Malmberg (IVP), Katherine Le (VPDI), Tamra Owens (VPSL), Lauren Woo (Cowell), Cameron Elliot (Stevenson), Katie Keeshen (Stevenson), Zach Klieman (Stevenson), Sabina Wildman (Crown), Saalini Sastry (Crown), Rebecah Kenny (Crown), Alicia Freedman (Merrill), Miranda Huezo (Merrill), Emma Cunningham (Merrill), Ted Jaich (Porter), Nick (Kresge Alternate), Ian Gregorio (Kresge), Jos Dubon (Kresge), Yonatan Melesse (Oakes), Brandon Zuniga (Oakes alternate), Ayo Banjo (Oakes), Matthew Forman (Rachel Carson), Stephan Edgar (Nine), Samantha Sanchez (Nine), Jonathan Kung (Ten), Claudia Flores (Ten), Kaitylyn Hall (BSU), Miguel Mendez (Prism), Noah Thoron (Treasurer)

Assembly members absent: Judith Gutierrez (EVP), Jessica Xu (VPAA), Keshav Kumar (Cowell), Natasha Bramer (Cowell), Kimberly Balmorez (Porter), Ivan Aviles Reyes (Porter), Thomas Ramirez (Rachel Carson), Angel Solorzano (Rachel Carson), Vignesh Iyer (Nine), Liam Staninger (Ten), Nikolasi Saafi (APISA), Raymond LeBeau (SANAI), Angad Singh Dhadda (SSA), Fatima Mohammad (MSA)

Approval Of Agenda

Alice motions to 10 minutes new business for bylaw issues
Lauren seconds

No objections

Sabina motions to add 5 minutes under new business for summer orientation, 10 mins under additional presentations for kevin from taps presentation
Second from Alice.

No objections

Ian motions to remove Kresge Presents PRIDE
Nick seconds.

No objections

Zach motions to approve agenda

Jonathan objects, motion to add time in elections funding
Claudia seconds

Alice objects, rescinds

Samantha motions to approve agenda,
Zach seconds

No objections

Approval of Minutes

Samantha motions to approve
Lauren seconds

Announcements

Katie - Friday 7:30 - 10pm

Kat

Sabina - WSSC has big meeting tomorrow 7-9 student media building, issues workers are facing, contracts, how students can support.

Education Committee meeting from Max Lyon.

New Business:

Zach: Voter Registration Resolution moved

Samantha motions to table (voting)
Lauren seconds

No objections

Alice moves to table ARC BlaqOut Conference until they show up show up
Lauren seconds

No objections

SUA Bylaws

Adam Selcov, Elections Commissioner, wants to change something in bylaw D1E, which says that election packet needs to be up 20 business days before can submit; elected after date passed, packet went up yesterday, here to propose temporary/permanent to change to 15 days, can easily get lost if not on top of that; change would be to change from 20 days to 15 days; verification process takes full week and then campaign can start, elections can't happen, either we continue with elections being in violation of code (disaster) or can have election date be moved; slight thing needs to change, SUA chair says president, has been parliament; permission from everyone if they would be okay, more fair to give candidates more time; the time does not give everyone enough to go through verification, orientation etc. Instead of May 11, May 4th, election cannot really happen if 20 days.

Alice: motion to extend two minutes
Lauren seconds

No objections

Adam: wants to change date without official approval Code Section D1E,

Samantha: motion to suspend D1E in order to allow to change from 20 days to 15 day, second from Nick.

Rebecah objects, go by the bylaw like parliament.

Max: out of time.

Lauren motions to add 5 minutes
Sabina seconds

Samantha: all for following bylaw, the best thing is to suspend the bylaw and give more time next year.

Zach, in favor in Adam's proposal.

Katie: to suspend bylaw, we need a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.

Tamra: wants to vote and get majority vote.

Eric: agrees with Tamra, but feels like even if wanted to suspend bylaw, indicates running election on time, suspend for now and in future, if need more time, permanently change in the bylaw.

Call to question to suspend bylaw to change the date from 20 days to 15 days.
No objections

Yes to suspend - 26 hands.

In favor of suspending D1E more than $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

PASSED!

ARC BlaqOut Funding Request:

Nacobie: she/her/hers, 2018 Blacqout conference, partnered with Cantu Center; Mission through this conference- safe creative space for those who identify as AA/ Black and apart of LGBTQ+ ; last year, met and heard stories from leader from a queer woman POC and how it affected her story and was inspiring; what is it like to black in a college that's not predominantly POC; intersectionality, actively committed to fight against oppression, major oppression is interlocking, how black students are being systematically oppressed on this campus, nice to go into space with other UCs who identify as you do; healing, faced with Black death from all over the world who has specific identities; does affect you function as individual, student, personal level; want to say they are safe, valued, brilliant; came back with greater sense of community, found healing; this year, 18 ABC identified that are in the community and it is hard to find a large group for events and to create spaces, so 18 of the ABC LGBTQ+, shows that they seek refuge, safe space, etc; in riverside this year, matters to SUA bc we represent the student body and in order to rep bLack can definitely influence students to come together and create a space, SUA promotes, activism, etc with that being said, intersectional identities having came into play gives SUA the chance to say we see you and support you; you are safe, equal and in a safe place; \$250 from SUA, ARCC and Cantu are funding as of now, raised \$1550, total balance/budget/cost/transportation \$3256; registering is \$360 (big help);

Max: Time is up.

Tamra: motion to extend 5 minutes
Emma seconds

Katherine: should ask for more and hopes SUA should be down to fund more.

Nacobie: \$500 would be nice, 18 people coming out are phenomenal.

Emma: would be down funding the rest if everyone is okay.

Miguel: on stack, wants to go off Emma and Katherine, need for funding there's funding form (gave card).

Cameron: wants to know where to get the rest of the money from.

Nacombie: working with directors, difficult finding funding so last minute additional cost was not planned and now last minute for students who applied after deadline, we do not want to turn away students though bc this is the first time this many students want to attend and feel safe/brave enough to be apart of this, intimate thing to come out; finding funding, this is last minute.

Max: out of time again.

Sabina: motion to extend 2 minutes

Lauren seconds

Katherine: on stack, let us fund the rest.

Max: out of time again.

Ayo: motion to extend time a minute

Sabina seconds

Kat: on stack, how much do you have?

Sabina: wondering if having a line item so future SUA can fund the future conferences, are you interested in that?

Nacombie: yes

Sabina: is \$3000 enough?

Nacobie: Yes

Student Life Funding Request

Tamra: Super quick, laptop dead, extra 500\$, only 64\$ left; asking for extra 750\$ for staffing for special events assistant; whenever there is events they help out; assistant fundraises for events, raised and won scholarships; office has been focusing on fundraising and put money into scholarships, money for staffing and fundraising, 1250\$, 750 for staffing rest for programming events.

Assembly member: What are you spending on for events?

Tamra: wants to plan speaker events on May 20 (maybe) and use money for snacks, fundraising, and put out another event; raised 250\$, asking for 750\$ for staff, not the goal to recuperate; pay students to do labor and sell items; no free labor; will deliberate next week.

SUA Election Funding

Jonathan: want the greatest turnout for voting and wants to fund elections, extra 1000\$ to allow for raffle to win prizes, incentive for students to attend, wants thoughts from others.

Adam: next week, presenting budget, wants to include this in that? second, voting elections, you do not need to put anything to submit into elections, concerned students may do that for the incentive.

Jonathan: wants to know if SUA wants to pursue, anyone else.

Tamra: does not want to do this because it may be unfair for those who actually want to run.

Alicia: does not feel that it should be given because that incentive isn't really an incentive.

Max: out of time, motions to postpone.

Adam: will not put into budget.

Sabina: decide to add that into budget outside of this SUA meeting;

Old Business:

Diving In Funding Deliberation

Last week presentation about debunking perceptions of people of color in the arts, \$1000

Kat: motion to Fully fund
Ted seconds

No objections

MOTION PASSED

SJP conference funding

Asked for \$6480

Katie: wont have info until right before hand, it is hard to fund things without all details, and this is the concern brought up, knowing the circumstances.

Samantha: if we fund and they do not use it all, does it come back to SUA?

Yes

Ian: can we fund this now despite it being next year event?

Yes

Ayo: how much do we have to spend?

Noah: \$16,000 for programming.

Stephen: motions to fully fund, second from Ted.

Cameron objects, people are concerned because of the large Jewish community, they are concerned that this org is Anti- Jewish so they do not want this org funded.

Sabina: SJP will state that they are strongly against Anti- Semitism, email ucsc SJP is there are concerns.

Merrill Student Government has no good understanding of what they are learning from the conference.

Sabina: brings together student organizing especially for marginalized students; affects building community and how they engage on campus; organizes skills, Palestinian are apart of this and it is important for their identity and solidarity for colonialism, human rights are here; Students for Justice Palestine

Rebecah: how many students are attending?

Sabina: 10 students.

Adam: clarify the concern of Jews, there are a lot of Anti-Semitic, (Concern from Stevenson) individual vote and thought was worth mentioning.

Max: out of time.

Zach motions to extend time 5 minutes
Cameron seconds

Ayo: on stack - thinks concerns are very important, thank you, but when talking about groups, thinking and believing is different; shouldn't fund based off of Stevenson's beliefs, to not fund based off assumptions, is wrong; should fully fund.

Adam: wants to clarify again that funding SJP is anti-Jewish, whether to agree or disagree.

Samantha: can we vote?

Max: all in favor to call of question - passes; all in favor to fund SJP 29, oppose? 2; extensions; Motion Passes to FULLY FUND

Summer Orientation Funding Request

Based on discussion from 1-2 months, orientation is not funded by university; specifically requesting \$7000 for fee waivers for orientation, paying for orientation is expensive, super important and for the leaders; make a request to amphitheater to not charge orientation (commencement) which are for students (70% students fund them);

Adam: where does money go for amphitheater? Will ask later.

Alicia: how many students will that cover?

Sabina - will ask how many students, but definitely does not cover all students who deserve free waivers, \$7000 will cover small portion;

out of time

four people on stack: motion for 5 minutes,

Sabina motions for five minutes

Brandon seconds

Stephen: 2 things, curious about how the specific students will be chosen? The request to make request, sounds like revolution that can be done by SUA, is that a plausible way forward?

Sabina: 2 orientations, frosh and transfer (2); a lot of things taken into consideration, good idea with resolution;

How much money are you short?

Sabina: 100,000 because university itself does not fund and relies on sponsors through students paying the fees and grants;

Ayo: does anyone know if we can use money from next year to pay for this summer orientation;

Noah. three weeks we can.

Zach, can we wait 3 weeks?

Sabina - will be fine;

Ayo- !straw poll? Whos down with postponing this for 3 weeks until we get budget. Raise hands is down - 22 ;

Cameron motion to extend time 2 minute.

Katie seconds;

Katie: wants to know if this will come from this years budget or next year?

Noah: we approve budget next few weeks which can be operated under until start of next year, so YES;

Emma: feel like there is more to talk about to motion to postpone
Sabina seconds

Katie motions for 2 minute recess
Lauren seconds

Rent Control

Alicia: Motion to move TAPS in front of the SOFA Recommendations.

Noah: SOFA Should be quick.,,

Emma: Since SOFA is internal and we have guest, we would move.

MAX: Motion to move TAPS in front of the SOFA Recommendations.

Max: Motion passes.

Thao: From the SUHWG, ARC, and SUR. I care about housing justice because when I was in community college, I lived in a Rent Control

Alar: I am from the SUHWG and I am here to fight for housing justice.

Brandon: I am from the SUR. I currently live off-campus as a transfer student. I see how important it is. Because of family.

Alar: So why do we want to support rent control and just cause eviction? Because the mission statement of UCSC says that they support the livelihood and well being of the students. And until we see the affordable housing on campus, we would have to live in housing off-campus. And my family understand the issues that they are facing. And in order to stop personal loan, it required me to go back to work. Students should not work 14 hours to find housing and afford food.

Thao: Brandon will go over Costa Hawkins and rent Control.

Brandon: The Ballot is pretty lengthy. Previous cities have had rent control and just cause. There are exemptions that help comply. There are three parts. The first one is the rent control. This would prevent rent increases on an annual basis. Helps over inflation. Landlord also allows fixed in September 2015. However landlords can petition can petition for increase to cover the expenses that would occur. This would include maintenance and construction (remodel). To help landlords a fair rate of return. Landlords will have the chance to make a profit. This measure is an adjustment provision. Another issue is the just-cause eviction. Currently landlords are able to evict with 30 or 60 days. If someone from Silicon Valley can pay 1,000 they can move in. A eviction can not occur unless conditions are met. Being a nuisance, violating lease, subletters, illegal activity. This would make it impossible in the ordinance itself. If a landlord would move in, they would be allowed to move in. As long as the landlord offer 6 months. Since housing in Santa Cruz is harsh. The third main point is to form a rent board. Elected by the people, separate from City Council. To determine their representatives by the issues of tenant rights. Each council member would select one rent board. This initiative does not relate to just cause or rent control. If you are living in a house with someone, there is a need to help resolve issues. First exemption are single family and elderly. The second exemption is the Costa Hawkins in 1995. No city can impose rent control in 1995. Large portion of Santa Cruz housing would be covered by the Costa Hawkins law. The repeal will allow cities to make own law. All city of Santa Cruz to apply rent control policy.

California Affordable Housing Law will repeal (Costa Hawkins Law)

Ayo : PDF?

Thao: In folder, will read resolution. All of the resolution has citations. *reading resolution*

Sabrina: racial justice, housing justice. Housing is increasing. We need to make sure Rent Control passes and that people will counteract money.

Dan (Community): One house. Lol.... Petitioners are asking to be engaged. They want to help find a solution. We get that it is hard to live in this town. 600 member, we want to find a good solution. The ballot measure, rent control, goes too far. Brandon did good. I have one argument. It hasn't worked in cities. What happens is that incentives to increase rent. It benefits of 10% of the people. The rest get housed. The renters are incentives to increase rent after people leave. We have statistics. 78 units that are on the market. February 13, high for this time of the year. Less unit on the market. Anyway, literature, talk, engage, objective conservation. Thank you for time.

Sabina: *laughs* BULLSHIT

Thao: A lot of people from your organization have said racist argument. Rent control doesn't work when there is costa hawkin. This resolution will support repealing that. CPI is a measure of the market, this is something that landlords would agree. City will say rent control is working. Ellis act are making housing market decrease. In cities that there are rent control, the housing slot has nothing to do it. Housing boom are growing.

Dan: I disagree with the 90% of economist. Our official price control is bad. Less formal setting.

Samantha (alt): Can we get the literature submitted to the people. I would love to see the facts and the information. Open-ended request.

Max: All the things are in the folder.

Thao: bit.ly/socializedhousing Articles and economic arguments. Any study on rent control brought out by corporations.

Dan: We are not CCA.

Ayo: Hi. So, I have a few questions but I will say that we are interested in having this debate. Invite all landlords, informal or formal. And we can talk about the disagreement. So that voices can be heard. Just to make sure students are aware. Students are for this in general. Keep in mind that people should not underestimate or go over another person.

Ted: Internally. Are we, so is this? Are we endorsing this next week?

Max: Resolution can be voted, but tend to consult your spaces and the week after.

Ted: I do not know if there are any guidelines about SUA endorsing governmental acts. Are there guidelines or bylaws in the space endorsing the spaces.

Sabrina: CalPirg has done the thing and we would double check.

Max: The External VP has endorsed the costa hawkin law. We can check.

Ted: Calpirg is a student led lobbying effort.

Katie: I know all the information are on the website, but are there any summary? Help push it to the college senates.

Thao: for sure, I will type something up.

Alicia: The website doesn't work. Can you try again.

Emma: Anyone can answer. So y'all are coming to SUA to pass resolution based on the information given to SUA? Is there something else? Something that people are passionate about. So the resolution is to do what? I am just missing it, but clarifying would be good. What would be the going forward plan?

Thao: In the future, there are a lot of student work, we have to organize tenants and students. Possibly ask SUA for funding and printing and labor. It is symbolic because the students have a huge effect on the community. Does that answer?

Emma: So are you hoping to go to state legislator to pass?

Thao: Two ballot issues. Rent control in Santa Cruz, signatures May 9th. Affordable Housing Act will be on ballot in November. Statewide effort. Gathering students to vote. The two links. The first bit.ly/rentcontroltruth. On here are counterarguments. Bit.ly/socializedhousingforall.

Max: Out of time.

Zack: Motion to extend time.

Rebecca: Seconded.

Miguel: Ok, so do y'all have all the signatures for local rent control?

Thao: We are working on it. But come up to me for the information. SUHWG is doing a on-campus survey. Which is our landlord. We are down to present to your spaces.

Miguel: Thank you.

Yonathan: The debate that there is students it might be bias. Just because we are students. I wanna learn more about both sides. We are putting SUA out there that we support it. Make sure that something is true or real. We are not listening to the other side. I would like to have a debate or town hall.

Thao: down for a debate that we should be aware that. Nextdoor that they have threatened to take names to remove it. When it comes to debate, they have power over us. Movement for housing justice that there are landlords that support rent control. My own facebook or the facebook post.

Max: Out of time.

Ted: Motion to extend time.

Seconded:

Objecion by no name.

Max: Motion to extend time vote

1 Oppose, four exemptions.

Motion passes and time extended by three minutes.

Yonathan: Is there a way to get documents so that there might be no debate but the summary from both sides.

Sabrina: One is that a lot of research can be used to prove certain points. Understand who is doing the research. You can find that information anywhere. That is the dominate voice. The one time we can hear from tenants. We are bias and have different opinions. I babysit kids, I do not think a debate is not helpful.

Adam: Backing up Sabrina that the landlords provide documents. I believe that all sides should be heard. It is right to open it up to documents. We can not decline that.

Angie: I support Adam. There are already literature whenever we have the information.

Max: Out of time on agenda item.

Zack: Motion to extend time.

Sabrina: Objection.

Max: Vote: Extend time by one minute. Four support. Oppose, Absentin. Motion does not pass.

MAX: Next is TAPS recommendations.

Kevin: I work for TAPS for many years. There have been mismanagement and they purchase 6 smaller bus. I can give you the scanned copy. They say bigger buses, increase in fee and cuts to service. Lots to say. I have literature.

Zack: Smaller buses were purchased to easier to drive. Is that true?

Kevin: No, not at all. We are down to 2, 40 feet. Metro has the same route and there are a lot of retired metro drivers. We have a meeting on Monday with Associate Vice-Chancellor with Pagdher. I would encourage this place to pressure them to not get rid of larger buses at this point. We need to get students to class.

Cameron: Do you know why they can't centrally fund caps.

Kevin: it is a policy. They can do it, and they should be.

Cameron: Just to clarify, they can change policy.

Emma: We are obvious facing a increase in students and decrease in buses. This makes it important. TAPS Said that without the vote to increase, TAPS will take away more of our transportation activities. Cut it by a lot. It would not help the students. What do you think we should do.

Kevin: I stressed that to look at the specific budget. Look at it as a collective solution. Look at it and the students can say where the money is spent.

Max: No time.

Zack: Motion to extend time.

Sabrina: Support.

Rebecah: Deficit.

Kevin: Taps say they have deficit. They have to be self-funding.

Rebecah: So that is a lie?

Kevin: California Legislators do not have control over UC.

Adam: Just the long-bread buses removed.

Cameron: Oversight in the ballot measure. What are we suppose to mean.

Kevin: The email I sent, Measure D for Santa Cruz County. The oversight committee should be good. Like that vote. A proper one is one with oversight. Advisory committee and not public. They are not giving us the full idea that the public can bring in. A committee that will check what TAPS do and have direction. Where the money goes.

Noah: Spoke earlier on the phone. My understanding is that taps will let SFAC say on the fee increases should be applied. Upper-Admin was not okay. But an amended version would be in the thing. Alice says that it is. Would that over-sight help?

Kevin: So you say that a student-fee committee helps. I do not want to give them a blank check and a big concern.

Ayo: Thank you so much for coming out. Have you heard anything about TAPS expanding the bus stop. Clockwise at the Humanities.

Kevin: I do not know. But there needs to be addition to stuff.

Max: Motion to extend time.

Zack: Extend time by 2 minutes.

Sabrina: I agree.

Cameron: is there a way to amend it?

Max: I signed it already. I will look again.

Katie: It is not our money and we voted on whether it should be on the ballot. Do not have the students to vote for it. Need to look at research.

Sabrina: SFAC has a small number and includes admin based on what TAPS tells us. I think a committee is needed. What is the current situation with Public INformation Request. Wages have

not gone up.

Kevin: SFAC what is that?

AlicE: SFAC is made from students from ten, provost, staff rep, and other people. Analyst, and report to Jay Pagett.

Kevin: The detail that where the money and expenses have gone. Information request 2012, and request the pay to on-campus bus drivers. 2010-2012 was flat. Cut services, but drivers do earn more for less time. Lot goes to the metro. Does that answer your question?

Sabrina: Yes.

Max: Out of time. Any motions?

Kevin: Thank you all.

Katie: Quick research, master plan by state legislature. Can't be funded by state funds, only by campus funding.

Max: Last thing on the agenda is the SOFA recommendations.

Noah: SOFA met last week. There were 15 request, but one group was not able to make it. They emailed Max. We will talk about it later, but we do not have to fund them, but we could. They can come in next week if the assembly would like. I have a list on Google Sheets of the recommendations, but I will say them out right now.

Recomendation	Event/Program:	Request Amount (\$): (Soft Cap of \$3,000)
\$1,500	Tournaments for Fall Quarter	\$3,000
\$800	MCD Biology Department Spring 2018 Reception	\$2,000
\$0	Send Silence Packing	\$500
\$1,000	Matchbox Magazine Issue XIII	\$1,250
\$1,500	Acquirefest	\$1,500
\$250	Spring Dance Workshops	\$250

\$520	International Collegiate Programming Contest(ICPC)	\$1,300
\$200	Publication Celebration	\$800
\$500	Earth Week Events	\$500
\$0	CPR (BLS)	\$3,000
\$1,350	Quarry Iftar	\$1,350
\$1,500	Clean Water for Cameroon	\$3,000
\$2,360	Queer Fashion Show 2018	\$2,500
\$750	MATE ROV Competition (Regional and International)	\$1,000
\$0	Imari Reynolds	\$1,000
\$770	Senior Appreciation Night	\$1,540

Noah: Is there any questions?

Lyon: Queery is asking for money for workshops and the Queer Fashion Show. Can I be here as that is discussed?

Noah: Yes, it is fine.

Max: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was unable to make it on Friday. They did not go because they were hosting an event about academic retention on Friday with Destination Imagination. Do we want to allow them to present?

Katie: Ask them to present to this space?

Max: Yes.

Adam: Did they email you before or after Friday?

Max: They emailed me after.

Sabrina: Motion to have them present at the next meeting. I feel that it would be unfair to let any organization that wants funding not to present to the space.

Zack: Second.

Max: Motion Passes.

Noah: Any more questions regarding SOFA recommendations?

Yonathan: Why did SOFA not fund the Engineer for Borders completely?

Noah: There are notes on the SOFA Recommendations Google Sheet. We wanted to fund events that directly influences the campus. SOFA felt that it would be better used to support on-campus issues.

Miguel: How about Active Minds? They were not funded, but they were funded through this space in the past?

Noah: SOFA did not fund them because they were asking for emergency fund and SOFA felt that money can be better used elsewhere. Any more questions? Thank you.

Max: Any closing remarks? Thank you staying and good night.