

**Student Union Assembly Meeting**  
**April 24th, 2018**

**Assembly members present:**

Max Jimenez (President), Alice Malmberg (VPIA), Judith Gutierrez (VPEA), Katherine Le (VPDI), Tamra Owens (VPSL), Lauren Woo (Cowell), Cameron Elliot (Stevenson), Katie Keeshen (Stevenson), Zach Klieman (Stevenson), Sabina Wildman (Crown), Jamie Doran (Crown Alternate), Rebecah Kenny (Crown), Miranda Huezo (Merrill), Emma Cunningham (Merrill), Ted Jaich (Porter), Quinn Chalmers (Kresge), Ian Gregorio (Kresge), Nick (Kresge), Yonatan Melesse (Oakes), Brandon Zuniga (Oakes), Ayo Banjo (Oakes), Thomas Ramirez (Rachel Carson), Matthew Forman (Rachel Carson), Saxon Stahl (Nine Alternate), Vignesh Iyer (Nine), Samantha Sanchez (Nine), Jonathan Kung (Ten), Max Lyon (Prism), Fatima Mohammad (Prism), Noah Thoron (Treasurer)

**Assembly members absent:**

Jessica Xu (VPAA), Keshav Kumar (Cowell), Natasha Bramer (Cowell), Alicia Freedman (Merrill), Kimberly Balmorez (Porter), Ivan Aviles Reyes (Porter), Angel Solorzano (Rachel Carson), Liam Staninger (Ten), Claudia Flores (Ten), Nikolasi Saafi (APISA), Raymond LeBeau (SANAI), Kaitylyn Hall (BSU), Alexis Delos Santos (Bayanihan), Singh Dhadda (SSA)

**Called to order: 8:01** (To raucous applause)

Roll Call: 8:01

**Approval of Agenda: 8:05**

Ted: Motion to approve

Second from Lauren

No objections, passed

**Approval of Minutes: 8:05**

Sam: Motion of approve

Vignesh seconded

No objections, Passed

**Announcements:**

Jonathan: The Chancellor is coming on May 15th, I am planning this event. I have a signup sheet if you want to help. Thanks.

Fatima: MSA is hosting an event called words of resistance It's going to be dope, there will be food from Falafel Santa Cruz.

Reed: The office of Diversity and Inclusion is holding an event on mental health for QTPOC it's going to be Tuesday May 2nd, in the Mural room? Snacks will be provided

Viggy: Lobby Core is starting up again from 4-5 pm on wednesdays at Amah Mutsun Conference Room. We're trying to give students more agency on what they want to see, including a local and state affairs team. Also this thursday, there's a new UCOP CFO, Nathan Brostrom, we're hosting him at 12-1 in Terra Fresca, for 12 only people. Talk to Judith to RSVP.

Alice: I'm really excited to announce the Community Rentals Advisors are starting this week! They'll Be in the DRC M/W 12-3:00 pm and Tues/Thurs 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. The more people who show, the more funding we can get from admin! Please share it around

Max (Prism): Disabled students union is meeting from 3-5 in the Ohlone Conference room, You can email [ucscdsu@gmail.com](mailto:ucscdsu@gmail.com). I'm also hosting an LGBTQ education committee at the Red Room. We're focusing on getting better LGBTQ education in the future

Brandon: I spoke with someone in another frat about funding and get certificate about.

Lauren: Classroom and Lecture Availability Student Survey ends tonight. It is important that we get our voice out there.

Sabina: The worker student sollidatiry coalition is having another meeting in the student union when?

.Thursday from 12:30 workers are rallying/protesting at kerr hall

Zach: There's a domestic violence training when? Where? He has contact information

Jamie: Cantu Queer center has a food pantry open from 9-5 weekdays.

Katie: Saturday or sunday? 10 am, there's a queer and trans self defense training

Sam: Both the College Nine and College Ten are movie showing of Black Panther.

Jane: This is late meeting, and there's food for students.

Max: For students

Jane: If you need food, you can get some. Please don't be disruptive

Brandon: it's cancer week next week, there will be tables in the quarry

### **Communications workshop: 8:17**

Nancy came and gave a presentation about communications and conflict resolution. She talked about the sources of conflict and tension, and how to address the root of those tensions. She presented a tool for requesting change. We broke up into pairs to talk about things we'd like people in our life to change regarding their modes of communication, and how to respectfully ask them to make that change. She then handed out flyers about how to apply strategies to the situation. She suggests that we name a shared goal. Describe the situation, and the outcomes. Then, describe the other person's self-interest in a good outcome. She then went into examples, which will not be related in detail here. One of them was about her brother's overuse of sarcasm, and the other was about a coworker plagiarizing her.

### **OEUCs Funding Request: 9:24**

Astrid: Quality Education for UCs is a panel discussion with UCOP and Admin. We are a coalition building organization dedicated to improving UC education. We build strong coalitions with students, staff, faculty, and local politicians. We cultivate respect and understanding. We're stopping over enrollment and privatization. We have three demands: 1. Stop enrollment, 2. Retention over enrollment, and 3. Budgetary transparency. Who Robin Holmes-Sullivan is. She is the UCOP Vice-President of Student Affairs. She represents the President. Reports conditions at all UC campuses to the UCOP. She is in charge at all the undergraduates enrollments. Two thousands hundreds applications. Student Development and student success.

Maintains campus climate, and coordinates with systemic admin

This event matters because it's a chance for us to get everyone in the same room and advocate for the quality of students lives immediately. We want to get Janet to visit UCSC next year.

Goals. Want to get UC to understand the effects of enrollment. UCOP and UCSC to listen to the demands. UC leaderships to takes steps for these demands. Want them to be held responsible for the school. Entities who benefit from this event: Santa cruz community gets to air grievances about housing crisis, and over privatization of UCs. UCSC benefits because students get to elaborate on their needs, like dorms and busses. Staff and Faculty can also benefit because they can ask for better pay and work environments. Even SUA benefits. UCOP can't ignore these problems, if we act in solidarity. We will ensure success by having a moderator with ties to the

Robin and the campus, who will train other facilitators. We will pass out lots of literature about the campus's problems and encourage them to speak about their problems. The best way to get involved is to cosponsor this event, and to offer financial support, along with people power. Helping us organize, spread the word, and run the event the day of, would be great.

Max Motion to extend time by 5 minutes

Jamie Second.

Max: How much are you asking for?

Astrid: We need as much help as possible.

Brandon: How many different kinds of workshops will you offer? And will they be mandatory?

Astrid: There are 4 workshops: two are how to be a facilitator, and two are about the issues we want to bring up

Brandon: And how will Robin help?

Astrid: Robin is in Janet's office

Katie: Are you asking from anywhere else? What are the bare necessities?

Astrid: We're getting money from PRISM, and our basic needs are for equipment, advertising, and labor

Tamra: You're asking for 1300 for advertising.

Astrid: Yeah, we want as much publicity as possible

Tamra: Where are your 500 flyers going?

Astrid: They'll be on bus stops, businesses downtown, and at the event

Tamra: Online streaming will cost \$150?

Astrid: Yes.

Tamra: You can do it on Facebook for free

Sabina: Motion to extend time by 5 minutes

Emma: seconded

Jonathan: You're capping to 250 students?

Astrid: Yeah, we we want people to RSVP

Sabina: Thanks so much for doing this work. I've got a couple suggestions: maybe talk to the Resource Center for Nonviolence, and WSC

Katie: How does the full meal fit in and bagels?

Astrid: Those were options we were considering, nothing is set in stone.

Katie: How would the meal work.

Astrid: People eat while the presenter is speaking.

Brandon: How many other students from other UCs will be there

Astrid: The other students from other UC will be livestreaming the event.

Jane: Any other questions or comments?

Cameron: Since they do not have a direct budget ask do we still debate?

Jane: yes

Tamra: Where's the \$12 a person per meal come from?

Breyer: I did research on three different restaurants.

Jonathan: Where are the chairs coming from?

Astrid: There are chairs already at the Hay Barn.

Vignesh: What would the results of not getting the funding?

Astrid: Well, it would be harder for us to get all that equipment, and it wouldn't be as great.

Vignesh: VP Student Affairs committed

Jane: We're out of time one person on stack

Tamra: Motion to extend time by 2 minutes

Jonathan: Second

Brandon: What is the time and how to RSVP?

Astrid: it's still TBD. We want it at 7-9, they want it at 3-5. To be announced. You can send [QEUCsantacruz@gmail.com](mailto:QEUCsantacruz@gmail.com) an email to RSVP

Jane: Thank you so much for coming. We will deliberate next week.

### **SUA Elections funding request: 9:46**

Adam: I'm requesting money to run the SUA elections. I'm debating between Sandwiches and ice cream. We'll also have Santa Cruz Taqueria, at a separate event. And I'm meeting with the elections commissioners, who I want to pay 100 each. Debate in classroom unit 2. Good audio, last year the audio was not that good. The second thing that I want to bring up is a touchy subject, as of now the associate election commissioner has not been selected. Half way mark is next week, so what we should do with the halfway mark money. The second going back to SUA budget. The other option is to give it to Jane and Adam, for doing everything. I will leave it with you all. It should be brought up at your spaces.

Tamra: Fourth option of using that money to go back to this budget.

Adam: That could be an option: I don't care either way.

Tamra: Taqueria Santa Cruz changed their prices

Adam: Yes, it was \$12, and now it's \$10 a person. I am requesting that we 5300. We can do less people and give the extra money to commissioners. Since they work really hard. Last week that

the 1,000 raffle will be brought up to commission. If any college wants this, add another 1,000 dollars for the raffle.

Brandon: There will be two events?

Adam: Three events, A day before elections for candidate debate. 40 dollar for audio for candidate debate. Another one for Meet the candidates: If you meet the candidates, you get ice cream. Monday, 21st, Santa Cruz Taqueria. You get food if you go. Repeat, not both sandwiches and Mariannes.

Viggy: What's your recommendation for how to spend the extra money?

Adam: The easier questions, all events finalized? Quarry for both the Mariannes and Sandwiches. The Classroom Unit 2 are booked already. Just need a food permit. Extra money goes back to the commission if you all decide that. The commission does not include me, jane, or associate. Only the ten college commissioners.

Tamra: Random question: The \$1k drawing, how would that get distributed?

Adam: Not my idea, I don't know. Someone brought it up at SUA. Will bring to commission, but I do not know since it is not my idea.

Tamra: The only note on that is there's restrictions on how money can get used

Adam: It is not in this budget ask.

Viggy: What's the timeline? Will there be outreach oppurtunies with officers, to get a sense of the position?

Adam: Everything is dues by may 4th, next friday, there's an email being send to all students this Friday. I will talk to the Officers and about running again.

Tamra: Motion to put 3 minutes.

Zack: Second

Noah: Will you have the information by next Tuesday?

Adam: I will bring the more expensive one. The extra will go to the election commission or back to SUA. I will ask the elections commission. We have a meeting tomorrow.

Noah: What will you do if you can't get all the money?

Adam: We can cut different programs. I don't want to cut food, because both options are very yummy, and will get people to vote. We requested 6,000 last year.

Brandon: Second option for associate pay?

Adam: The second option for associate pay. The associate pay hasn't been elected. 1 give it to them 2 give it back to SUA 3. Give it to Jane and Adam 4. Give it to this budget. The money going to the elections. So do it with what you want to do.

Jane: We are out of time. You can talk to Adam or I after.

### **Jade Phoenix funding request: 9:59**

Bella: We want to do an intersectionality event. We tried last year, but it didn't work out. We're still trying though. We want to define intersectionality, segue into what it means to be someone with multiple identities and explore topics of intersectionality and why it's important to appreciate our multiple identities. Our goal is to connect and understand what it means to be marginalized and to be associated with multiple marginalized groups. For marginalized groups to be heard and feel safe to speak out about their oppression. For people to understand the connotation behind statements and the hurt it can cause. Jade Phoenix is a transgender woman, who is excellent at talking about intersectionality. Saturday, May 26th, 12-5 in the Namaste Lounge. Most is going to the keynote from Jade, then next most expensive item is food from Pono. I need \$4,256 at least, but I'm requesting \$4,856 at most.

Cameron: Other funding sources?

Bella: Not yet, but I can

Brandon:

Sabina: Under VPSI?

Bella: Sorta, it's confusing. We were not expecting to run out of funding.

Jane: We're deliberating next week on this. There's going to be a 10 minute break. Use the bathroom, get snacks.

### **Rent Control: 10:17**

Jane: I am now going to read the headline: We are debating the Resolution supporting the Santa Cruz Rent Control and Tenant Protection Act and the California Affordable Housing Act

Sabina: Motion to take in Vote by Ballot

Jane: Just to clarify, you make that motion before the vote.

Tamra: Can I ask Sabrina, why?

Sabina: There are landlords in the room, and some students might not have

David: We're happy to leave for the vote. [Notetakers note: He is a landlord]

Quinn: I don't know what the resolution. I motion to adapt the resolution

Sabina: Second

Rebecca: Objection, I have my own issue. I am in support of any measure. I support the resolution, as you discussed, this is an issue that has history and background. The city legislation is 32 pages of legalese and interacts with other laws in confusing, and unpredictable ways. I don't think you need a degree to form an opinion.

I do not have enough knowledge to vote on this resolution. Because the presentations were well-spoken.

Thao: I did create a toolkit, breaking down the laws very simply. Not taking a stance undermines our power. The reason the ballot is so in depth is because in other states landlord lobbies have sued city governments who passed rent control

Viggy: I think that generally the economics major. KC Fung talks about the economics against it, but he also talk about the ethical aspect, especially since it's a student issue. I think what you said that it is a student issue, framing it helps. There is important things

Ayo: I just want to remind SUA why SUA was established. Because of student advocacy. And sharing the concerns of the students and our own lives too. I want to remind us that we are not a

specific legislation. We are here to advocate for student life. With this resolution we are continuing the legacy. I think it is something we should pass.

Katie: I wanted to note that the toolkit is useful, but we didn't have enough time to really consult it. I think it's important that it's hard to present really complex issues to our spaces, but it doesn't mean that we're not against it. Sometimes it's hard to condense things is all. We shouldn't just zoom past these things.

Emma: I just wanted to say that I think although there is economic reasons why rent control would not work. It is important recognize that in a perfect economic system, that santa cruz city, rent is so bad. It is just not a perfect vacuum of economic policy. That is not the point. Stop the pain now. Put a bandage on it. A lot of us is recognizing where we stand. Not permanent but it is something that will fix things for now. Save people from being on the street.

Brandon: I don't have the toolkit, if you could tell me what exactly this will do for students.

Thao: Just to repeat, rent control limits rent increases attached to the rent increase. Rents can't be increased more than 3 to 4% a year. See the toolkit for more information. Just cause evictions. You can get evicted for no reason as all. This will change.

Brandon: Do most students reside in that quarter of housing?

Branden?: Almost all students will be covered by rent control

Lauren: Call to question.

Cameron: Second

Zach: Objection

Jane: We're going to vote to vote

24 for 3 against 0 abstained.

Jane: Motion passes, we move into a vote. If anyone wants to leave, I will hold for a minute. Motion on the table is to adapt the resolution

Motion to adopt the resolution passes.

**SOFA deliberation: 10:33**

Adam: If I requested to SOFA, do you want me to leave?

Jane: If you want.

Noah: Any thoughts about these numbers.

Tamra: Motion to approve

Sam: Second

Jane: Motion passes. We will fund these programs.

Sabrina: Motion to invite Delta Sigma Beta, To come back.

Noah: I do not know where that is ended up.

Jane: We will do it. Don't need motion.

Student Life: 10:36

Tamra: Can I give my presentation from last week?

Jane: I mean I guess

Tamra: I'm asking for \$1,240, and I'm trying to build connections and host programs, according to my job description. I'm asking money to continue my fundraising efforts. We're building connections with directors of organizations. All of the money goes back to students for scholarships, giving money to students who need it most. We can't just write students checks with student fees, this lets us get money to students. Last week, raised over \$200, for \$130 in expenses. Asking for \$1,250. [Notetaker's notes: The rest of this presentation is a repeat of last week's presentation. See those notes.]

Ayo: Extend time by 5 minutes

Vignesh: Second

Sam: Motion to fully fund

Rebecca: Second

Cameron: Objection. There were concerns that it was not an effective use of money.

Tamra: The purpose of these events is to support students and not make a profit

Noah: I think there might be better ways to support students better for cheaper.

Adam: Can you still run events that can don't cost money?

Tamra: Those were special events.

Adam: Do you want your office to receive more money?

Tamra: Yes

Brandon: The money's going towards your events?

Tamra: Yes.

Brandon: How do students find out about this?

Tamra: It's on the ER system

Ayo: I like that we're paying students, and I like the student life program. Giving students the ability to learn how to raise money is really useful.

Eric: I have two concerns: I understand hiring more people is good, but I think that \$15 an hour is too much. These scholarships are not open to all students, but there are better ways to distribute those scholarships.

Tamra: That could work

Emma: Two things: no, one thing. In the fall, SUA allotted some money to the food pantry. Why did the \$1,700 come from your budget, not the food pantry budget?

Tamra: The food pantry budget should only be used to food pantry things.

Vignesh: I think we might over scrutinize the Student Life office. This feels like unequal treatment. We should fully fun.

Jane: We are out of time.

Sam: Motion to extend time by 2 minutes

Tommy Seconds

Ted Objects

Jane: If we don't extend time, we don't vote

Ted: really

Vote: Motion passes

Jane: Time extends by 2 minutes

Sabina: The reason to go to the resource centers is because they can't get other resources. I call to question

Jane: The Question been called.

Cameron: Objection. Allow more discussion

Jane: All those in favor of moving into a vote.

Vote: Motion passes, we're moving into a vote

Katie: Point of Information: I know that during the state of the budget. Are there a way that Officers can give money to each other? So other individuals or organizations can get money.

Noah: We could do this.

Ayo: Point of Information: What happens if the Officers do not use the money? Go to general fund?

Jane: It rolls over.

Cameron: Can we suspend the rules?

Jane: NO. We are moving into the vote.

Vote: Motion Passes. Fully funding

Max: Side note: SUA Money is our money. It just helps us categorize things.

Katie: How much money do we have?

Noah: We have 8,268 dollars in programming. We have 7,995 dollars.

**AARCC BlaqOut Funding Deliberation: 11:00**

Jamie: How much did they ask for?

Max: They asked for 250. Only asking 500 overall.

Davon: They're black, fund them

Ted: Motion to fully fund \$500 from programming

Matthew: Seconds.

Cameron objects: We should fund them \$3,256, to FULLY fund them

Tamra: Point of inquiry. For whoever knows. They asked for 250, they needed only 500.

Cameron: The remaining budget is \$3,256, but I don't think they understood we could give them all of the money. \$500 is registration

Noah: Just a quick question, if you know if they are an SOAR or FLOPRA number? The ERC is and they are.

Sabina: Yes

Zack: Few things. 360 are the registration. 250 was the original request. Too fast.

Ted: I was totally confused. I thought they only needed 500, but if they need 3256, and fully fund them. Let's kill the motion.

Jane: To Clarify, is to motion to amend it, would be the easiest.

Katie: I wanted to touch on that point, they are asking for other for money, but fully funding them is easier

Jamie: So, I motion to amend main motion to fully fund them in the amount of 3,256 dollars.

Second from Sam

Motion passes, new motion is \$3,256

Jane: No one on stack. Move to vote.

Vote: Motion passes, funding Blaqout \$3,256

Vignesh: I tried to find the details, but I couldn't

Jane: I moved it

### **Summer Orientation Funding Deliberation: 11:06 pm**

Jane: Request 7,000 dollars.

Zach: We talked about putting this off until next year's budget. I wanted to put that on the table as an option.

Zach: Motion to postpone until the next fiscal year budget is approved

Cameron: Seconds

Jane: No Objects, we will postpone. Please remind me.

### **UCSA board meeting follow up: 11:08**

Davon: Our office host the UCSA. Every month a UC host it. Last month it was Merced. The last board meeting of the year will be on May 5th and May 6th. The goal is to advocate on behalf

of the UC Students. This is the last meeting, and we want to feed these folks, and it'll be a total of \$2,068.68?. We have folks coming from UCOP. We will have both student regents here. There's also real regents, who will be voting to raise tuition. Please support us to make our campus accessible.

Judith: This is a very important Board Meeting. They will be selecting the next Student Regent and Student Advisor. Student Regent Designate want to host an event. These board meetings are open to everyone. There is a line item. We did cut 2,000 dollars. We are at the Merrill Student Cultural Center. We ask you to provide food. Since we advocate for food and security.

Jamie: 2,068.56 cents.

Tamra: 1,500 set side for the board meeting.

Judith: Yeah, that was used on the venue.

Tamra: I thought the venue was only \$300.

Judith: We have it for 3 days. And the staff.

Tamra: What was left over?

Judith: Nothing, I had to use my own line item

Tamra: Have you looked at other places for cheaper catering?

Judith: It's may fifth, so it's really hard to get people to come

Tamra: Thanksgiving Event. Cheaper Event.

Judith: Even if we can get partially funded, that'd help a lot, it's a week away

Brandon: Rising tuition in 3 weeks.

Davon: They're voting in 3 weeks to raise tuition. This is a direct way to talk to people who will vote on your behalf.

Thomas: Motion to fully fund.

Jane: This is the presentation, we can't do it. We could suspend the bylaw.

Davon: C.10.F.B.D.C. Because it is May 1st and we all have our civic duty to be on the streets. And midterms.

Thomas: Motion to suspend C.10.F.B.D.C. for this item

Viggy: Is there excess left over? I know what Tamra said.

Jane: It always goes back in. Any discussion on suspending the bylaw?

Adam: Clarifying question. When will an associate election commissioner be elected?

Jane: Moving into vote to suspend bylaws

Davon: I appreciate all of you.

Motion passes, bylaw is suspended.

Tamra: Noah, you know the EVC budget?

Noah: I do not have that number. I can get it in 5 minutes.

Tamra: You already got the money at the beginning of the year. Why is this just late minute. That is what is a little annoying. I feel there is no effort for cheaper and cost effective. I should not have to suggest this.

Jamie: I motion to fully fund from general. This is a big thing that affects us next year. Second, we have been doing a lot of work with food insecurity.

Emma: Second

Tamra: Objection, waiting for Noah.

Jane: New stack

Zack: The time that I worked on Student Life Budget. This is an SUA issue. I would like to save Programming in General. It is still money. I call for three minute recess

Tamra: Second

Jane: Vote to take recess. All those in favor for Noah to get numbers and Officers and pool together.

Noah: I have the numbers. I may be looking at wrong numbers. Infoview is not up. I am looking at there is still 2,000 left in EVP account.

Judith: I am careful. I am using the money from 2,000 for the UC Regent. I also took the money for the event planning. And also the voting registration.

Jane: We are going into a vote for recess.

Ayo: I say yes.

Motion fails, we do not move into a recess

Viggy: I am just saying that we need that for lobby visits. I organize a lot of visits. Budget hearings. If the money can be returned, we do that compromise.

Point of inquiry: what are we currently debating?

Tamra motion to extend time by 5 minutes

Second from Judith

Jane: Extend time by 5 minutes.

Quinn: Call to question

Ted: second

Jane: Vote on Main Motion to fully fund.

Motion Passes to fully fund from general 2,068.52

Brandon: If the money doesn't get used, it goes back right?

Jane: YES This is how it always worked

Endorsement Request for ASFME 11:29

Sabina: 97% voted to go on strike. Dining hall workers, bus drivers, janitorial staff. After that, UC implemented the one that 3299 did not support. From cutting pension to not giving fair raises. I am not allowed to tell you when the strike will be. Multiple days. Please share, and know that student workers have the right to strike! You're protected! I'm asking for an endorsement.

Jane: It's in the folder

Sabrina: Three bullet point. Support 3299 actions. Support picket lines and not cross it. And the last thing is to send letter to President Napolitano. We will be asking student spaces.

Jamie: So students who need to work can't go off campus? What should they do.

Sabina: Yes, they're protected. The right to strike vote. The RA are asked to keep campus going.

Rebecca: Do you want us to suspend bylaws?

Sabina: I would love that.

Rebecca: Same bylaw?

Jamie: Motion to suspend bylaw C.10.F.B.C

Second from Alice

Vote: Motion passes

Jamie: Motion to endorse the Resolution

Ayo: Seconded

Jane: For the love of god, please no side talk

Motion passes

Jane: Sorry. We will have the projector. Closing remarks. Come talk with me if you weren't here.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:35**