

**Fall 2018 Quarter Session  
Tuesday 4 Dec 2018  
8:00pm Kresge Room 327**

**Assembly Members Present:** Ayo Banjo, Davon Thomas, Lauren Woo, Enrique Yarce, Bella Bullock, Natasha Bramer, Cameron Elliott, Ryan Sparno, Leighton Mair, Saúl Soto, Soma Badri, Sydney Eliot, Ce-Lai Fong, Katie Keeshen, Amy Calderwood, Joshua Anh Ta, Emma Cunningham, Alexandrina Chavez, Anna Romstad, Owen Sweeney, Chase Hayes, Michelle Moreno, Jessica Zubia Calsada, Aakriti Singh, Stephan Edgar, Andrew Romero, Sam Grewal, Zaire Pickett, Sharu Suriya

**Assembly Members Absent:** Alicia Freedman, Devyn Ellis, Yonatan Tekla, Claudia Paz Flores, Venkatesh Nagubandi, Jocelyn Fredell, Francisco Diaz (alt.-Taryn Damore), Robert Parke, Kayla Beaman, Fatima Mohammadi, Sunpreet Mahil

**Vacancies:** Internal Vice President

**Yet-to-be-Filled Positions:** MEChA representative, Bayanihan representative, DSU representative

**7:15PM: Call to order**

**Zach:** First I'd like to apologize for sending out the alert for SOFA an hour and half prior, that is absolutely my fault, I misheard in the past few meetings, and I sincerely apologize, that was absolutely unprofessional of me.

**7:15PM: Roll Call**

**7:20PM: Approval of the Agenda**

**Lauren:** Motion to approve 7:20 pm

**Amy:** Second 7:20 pm

**Zach:** Objections? (none) motion passes. 7:20 pm

**7:25PM: Approval of Last Week's Minutes**

**Zach:** check attendance. 7:25 pm

**Lauren :** Motion to approve. 7:25 pm

**Davon:** Second. 7:25 pm

No objections; motion passes. 7:20 pm

### **7:25PM: Announcements and Public Comments**

**Bella:** Pantry closing this Sunday, studyathon Monday 11am-3pm.

**Lauren:** Food for finals, free food outside S&E, addressing food insecurity, this Thursday 2-4, Friday 11-1pm.

**Ayo:** The police town hall that was supposed to happen a few weeks ago was postponed by the Chief of Staff to the Senior VP of Compliance. They were supposed to work on a date but because of a lack in communication we do not have a date. They wanted to meet tomorrow, but I said it shouldn't happen because it's short notice in dead week. What do y'all think? Should we have it tomorrow or later? Please come up to me at the end of this meeting.

**Davon:** Lobby Core, hiring legislative assistants, apply on ER system by tonight, get a free trip to DC, do a lot of great work around the state.

**Zach:** Any other announcements or public comments?

### **7:30PM: Internal Vice President (IVP) Hiring Public Comment**

**Zach:** We have some candidates for IVP, if y'all can raise your hand so people can see. I'll be taking stack if anyone has public comments they want to share, things they're looking for in an IVP.

**Ayo:** Can candidates raise their hand? If you don't mind, can y'all all come up front? We'll do intros first; if y'all can just go around, share name, college, year, pronouns, maybe 1-2 comments, and then we'll go around.

**Zach:** Is everyone still visible?

**Adam:** Hi my name is Adam, I'm Stevenson, a third year politics (?) major I'm applying because I worked in the office for the past few years and I have an idea of where i want to take it, so thank you.

**Jamie Doran:** She/her, 3rd year poli-sci, applying IVP 6 years of student government, last year job has been about (?).

**Jonas:** Fourth year, he/him/his, Oakes, BME, we can promote ideas of equity to students, want to help those in marginalized communities, I have a look of good ideas to work towards that.

**Shania Anderson:** 4th year STEM major, SUA needs reform, has been in other spaces, make it more accessible, being more personable and open to students.

**Citlalli:** 4th year Marine Bio, Kresge, she/her/hers. Running because of blatant disregard of student needs around campus. We need to help housing insecurity, raise in rent, food in the DH's, there are a lot of things I want to do with this office.

**Owen:** What is public comment, do we have time to talk amongst ourselves first?

**Ayo:** We agreed to have public comments, to ask the... (?).

**Leighton:** Ask all the candidates; as the IVP, what would be your first concrete policy objective?

**Adam:** I would get a good team with me, I'm one person, so to ensure all my initiatives are possible I would want to hire interns to ensure we're all on the same page. I think it's strange that we're starting this Winter Quarter, so we have to immediately act, no matter who's elected.

**Jamie:** The way that I function is the first thing I do, orient myself. Find out what going on and what the expectations are for the office and for the space from everyone.

**Jonas:** I think for me, it's meeting with the E-board for SCOC because chairing that is a big deal for the office. In that capacity of what SCOC does, and it's role for appointing students. I think getting a bearing of what we want to see out of that committee to get students with real value into those committees is important.

**Shania:** Lots of things to do. First things first, definitely go through emails. I know a lot of folks have sent emails to the IVP email. See what's happening. Reaching out to SCOC and all the organizations on campus as well. Since the title is internal vice president. What good is the internal vice president if you don't know who you're going to serve. Reaching out to those communities. Get interns hired because I'm only one person. Get those interns hired so I can start delegating tasks as well. Reaching out to

organizations to see what they want from IVP office to do in the future and to see SUA in the future.

**Citlalli:** It's week 10, so I don't think that hiring interns or meeting with SCOC is realistic, I would do that first week winter quarter. I would spend winter break negotiating with the chancellor because E-squared just had a deal with the Chancellor and it expired this year. Since none of the students are going to be on campus during winter, I would work with the Chancellor to do that, and see what I could change on campus to benefit students.

**Zach:** Any other public questions or comments?

**Owen:** You're on SCOC correct? (to Adam).

**Adam:** Not now. I was my first year, two years ago

**Owen:** Can you speak on the experience within IVP/SCOC and what you'd want to do?

**Adam:** Two years ago, I was a Stevenson rep for SCOC. Last year I worked in internal affairs office as the outreach outreach coordinator to work with SCOC to increase student turn out. Worked extensively with SCOC the past two years. Something I think definitely needs to be changed is that almost all the events are on weekends, which severely limits the amounts of people that can go. A lot of off campus people aren't having access. Two things I'd like to do is make sure a good portion are on weekends and have an event off campus, a sixth event off campus. So they can enjoy the same free food that everyone else gets too.

**Citlalli:** Can the rest of us answer that as well? Each pairing of sister colleges get a certain amount of money per year. In preparing for this, I went to SCOC space. SCOC told me that they do Bingo nights/de-stressing night; basically they blow tons of money on food. I don't understand why they're spending so much money on food when not that many people come and it's all getting blown on fancy food. We need to keep supplying that free food to help students address food insecurity, but we can very easily buy cheaper food like vegetables and pizza from Costco, and do more than just address food insecurity; address more than just one problem affecting our community.

**Jonas:** On SCOC for a year, I got very good at typing fast. Addressing the issue of sister college events but there would be attendance in the single digits. Don't really see a lot of results from it. Take advantage of reaching out to students without wasting a lot of money. Engage students. tabling, and more outreach to promote the committees, reduces cost for outreach, and to a wider population One thing we did during my second year. Scoc was there and we were able to reach out to a few students and see what they would be interested in.

**Shania:** So, I'm new to SCOC to be honest. I hadn't heard of it before this year. First things first, I want to make it more accessible to the students. With tabling, it doesn't always reach out to students in interactive ways, such a flyering, instagram, other people's events to talk about it for a few minutes, make us accessible to come up to us and talk to us; making it open to everyone. I'm also coming in with a brand new set of eyes, new ideas. Reach out to people from previous years from SCOC see what they think and would change. Also, getting student input to find improvements and make it more accessible.

**Jamie:** So, my experience is fairly limited, but I've been on committees just not directly with SCOC. I was on SUGB, myself and some really talented students -shout out to Stephan, put on an event about student fees with paid positions where students give their input, more targeted/structured information draws more audience where they are already interested. Find a way to structure events so that people can go find the information they are interested in.

**Saul:** This is an open question to all the candidates. So SUA can be a hostile place at times. Given that you may or may not become and ivp, how do you plan to change that. Do you have any plan to change this environment?

**Shania:** I have sososo many ideas. The start of a livestream is a great idea. Not everybody has internet access I think if we could reserve a space for people to watch sua meetings. People can type questions they have. Have the space be more accessible. We need to have a human circle. Get out all the grievances. We're not going to go anywhere it's still going to be hostile and toxic. If we offer a solution to a

problem it's more tangible. Work on solutions one by one. We all need to get to know each other. Not all of us 44 people are connected. Coming from an athletics background chemistry is important. If your team isn't working together you're not going to get anything done. Since this is a union of students. We need to unionize. Recognizing where you came from, use that to understand where you want to go in the future

**Citlalli:** i think we can do as much as we want to address it in this particular assembly but it's been like this for long as anyone here can remember. This seems to be an ongoing problem. I think a lot of this has to do with things that don't happen in this space. This meets once a week, sometimes biweekly. I don't think we can get everyone together and discuss problems all together. Small group healing circles. Having the first meeting be about bonding, something fun. Doing something fun together. Getting people to be friends and saying this is what we are united against. This is why we're here to give students power over the admin. We're not here for politics, but to help each other. That might be a good thing. The live streams can be a good thing. Re-opening the vision committee and finding a way to keep SUA accountable.. All of the tension all of the drama. We don't just want to copy the federal government. But if we want someone to be checking behind the scenes. At least having a small judicial board would really help with that.

**Jonas:** This gives me a lot of memories when I was on SUA; we had a brunch at the beginning of the year. It didn't really stop what happened later in the quarter. I didn't feel like i wanted to be a part of that space much longer. Something that really concerned me was how people were feeling in the space. They chose to leave because they just felt uncomfortable unsafe. I feel it's really important to apply that here. Y'all are giving your time and should be able to come to a space that you feel is welcoming. Something that was brought up, address a lot of the issues that were arising up in sua pretty much yearly. I think that's a strong initiative. Make a huge goal to bring back and come up with really good ideas.

**Adam:** Something that I learned in high school in youth group the leader, basically he said that when you're in the youth group its the most important thing ever. It's the thing

you put your passion into and want everything to go right, but it's also just a youth group. I think that's a really cool mentality we could use in student government -that we can make such a difference, but it's also student government. It's not the end of the world so thinking about it in more of as we're all doing this because this is something we all enjoy doing and something we do to make a difference. I'd like to bring that mentality into sua this year. Last year I organized a retreat for all the SUA interns last year and thinks it was really helpful. Not SUA focused, but more so getting to know you focused. Last year sounds like it was all just business. Next year i want to do a lot of tabling. The more persistent you are, hopefully that will get people to go to the tabling. Talk about when SUA meetings are, have different ways to help say when the live streams are. I think the more outside people that know about what we are doing will help change the environment.

**Jamie:** I worked at Cantu center for a year. I've trained myself to come into a space, learn how it works, how everybody functions, and create a role for myself. In what I can do in what I feel is valuable to the space that I'm in. I've also learned that it's not easy for everyone to do that. Things can be so different. Different perspectives. Retreats are sososo helpful. I feel like it's nice to make it easy for everyone to come into a space by going out and showing people it's an interactive space. Make it comfortable for them. Less of a power dynamic. It feels less overwhelming and you get a lot more input then you'd normally get. Play out the idea that everyone is important and valuable. I think it becomes a lot more warm space that everyone can react with.

**Zach:** Are there any motions for time?

**Stephen:** Motion to extend time for five minutes. 8:01 pm

**Joshua:** Second. 8:01pm

No objections. Motion passes. 8:01 pm

**Joshua:** What would be your area you would prioritize?

**Citlalli:** Main issue I would focus on would be housing which would have multiple facets. One study, that found 800 students were homeless. One of first things I would want to organize maybe a sleep-in. Students sleeping in cars should have a parking lot

they can park and sleep in and won't be harassed. Other point would be, affordable housing off campus. I'm already talking to city council members about affordable housing off campus. I think that rent on campus is definitely an internal (?).

**Shania:** Definitely want to work on accessibility to the campus. Not enough spaces. There's a lot of spaces on this campus that are not ADA compliant. Make that more accessible for those folks. More financial aid. They have hella money that they refuse to give out to students. Why would you worry about rent when you can't even come to school. I want to alleviate burden on students. Have the financial aid be more accessible. Someone in the financial aid office said the money's here students just have to come and ask, but they give you all these loopholes. Things like that are problems that students face on the daily. Why worry about housing when you can't even come to school if you don't have the transportation.

**Jonas:** I want to address the issues of mental health. I've been to last two mental health fairs. I really liked all of them. Reaching out to orgs that cater to marginalized communities. Mental health care more catered to marginalized identities. Currently I'm an officer of (?) that deals with issues of mental health care for students and one of the things we're doing this year is reach out to more ethnic orgs, have healthy convos about mental health. I would like to make that a little bit easier.

**Adam:** Mental health care is super important. I was one of the two/three people who led the fair last year. it was a fun experience leading it and I saw the direct impact. Wants to do that this year and sees how things can go better than last year. I think Davon was talking in the post is that so many people don't know what's happening on campus . I think that comment was something like " I don't even know where to find any information. Make sure people know what's going in and outside of SUA. Have some interns dedicated to reaching out to student groups. Have tabling efforts to share fliers posters about all of the stuff I just mentioned while also giving out free food, which would be a great incentive.

**Jamie:** I want to recognize that there were a lot of important issues highlighted food insecurity, mental health. I feel like if there were a single thing I could do to help in all those areas I would say the overcrowding is an issue. Because if our students were not gonna be crammed like sardines. Housing crisis. Mental health- CAPS is a really good resource. CARE- a lot of them simply can't function because they have a lot of students to deal with. Another thing I've noticed- as much as we have problems with the admin, some people tend to (?)...with teachers, but they care so much about students. They're talking about putting a cap on CS majors, because they can't get any help. So I think that would be a really good issue to take up, form a central communication network that would be more effective dealing with student issues.

**Davon:** The IVP work supply for the other SUA offices. How would you see how you would work with those offices?

**Adam:** I'll start with Bella. I'd like to work on the mental health fair with her. I think it's important to collaborate on some of the bigger events on campus

**Citlalli:** Ayo I would work with supporting the space as far as toxicity, I'd work with Davon about off campus housing. Bella on food insecurity and mental health. I know the SUA food pantry isn't consistent income I want to help make sure that is ongoing funds. Work with Enrique on student homeless and making the campus diversity officer do things other than sit in their office.

**Shania:** I would work with Ayo for reforming the SUA space; reaching out to people because Ayo does have a lot of power. Work with Davon with working across the uc campuses, see what resources we can institute here. Work with Enrique and Davon on diversity inclusion. Working with the marginalized communities and ethnic spaces. Bring more people into this space, make it more accessible, make poc feel more comfortable. There's a lot of oppression and institutionalized racism that I want to conquer and vanquish as soon as possible. Make textbooks more accessible- when you open the book up twice in a quarter, it's a waste of

money that you can use for things more important. I'd work with Bella with the food pantry I know she's been advocating for cooking classes. Some people have spaces available to cook for people on and off campus. Having food is good, but if you give a man a fish he can survive for a day, if you teach him how to fish he can survive for all eternity.

**Jonas:** I'd like to work with Enrique in the office of diversity and inclusion because I like multicultural perspective and think that's a really cool opportunity for this office.

**Jamie:** I think about being an IVP, the entire office is based on getting students involved. My plan would be to go to each officers to see their project and lend all of my skills to help with their efforts and help find volunteers. I think it would be awesome lobbying teachers, admin..it would be way more impactful coming from students in that class.

**Stephen:** Motion to extend time by 20 minutes. 8:13 pm

**Katie:** Second. 8:13 pm

**Ayo: Objection.** 8:13 pm

We have this space until 11. We can cut off a few itinerary. Move time that we can work with. Increase time on something by taking time away from something.

**Stephen:** Can I make a motion

**Zach:** I'm sorry time is not debatable

**Lauren:** If this motion fails do you go directly into next agenda item?

Motion fails 8:14pm

**Saul:** Would the voting body be able to ask questions later on?

SUA member (whose name I did not get): Are we still having a closed session after? I feel the some of the questions we are asking are overlapping.

**Ayo:** One, can someone motion for five minutes. Two, a lot of the questions are also on the (?)..questions. The reason why we didn't cut anything is because this is public comment, then we go to closed session. We wanted to give students the opportunity to ask questions. Get an accurate idea of what they want from IVP.

I would motion to extend by 5 more min. 8:17 pm

Motion to go five more min and no sua members asking any more questions

**Leighton:** Is the last member on stack not a representative?

**Stephen:** second 8:17 pm

**Zach:** No objections, motion passes 8:17 pm.

**Sua (non-voting) Member:** Governance including student government...has very little affective action. How do you assess or reflect on what you do? How do you know what you did is helpful to students?

**Shania:** First things first. I feel comfortable with going to spaces am I doing my job right? What do you want to see from me to help better your spaces in the long run? Making people feel more personable, make the space feel more personable. Where do you see the position of ivp going in the future. I would start those practices of going into those spaces. What do you need from us to help you. At the end of the day my job is to serve the students. I want to serve those people. What do you need, where can we help you.

**Citlalli:** To make a real concrete change. If it's in writing and somebody with real power. A local law passed by city council because my office lobbied for it, or something by the admin, chancellor, dean of students. Just like for example the chancellor agreeing to math every dollar. Concrete things that are in writing that I know will be going on for years in the future. I want to make real change and not make it look like students have power.

**Adam:** Whoever gets elected has a six month position. While so much can get done, a lot of the issues we brought up are going to be issues for years. Mental health and housing crisis is going to be long lasting. I thin working on substantial blocks that put us on a good direction. I we can make sure that something is in a better position after our term then before. I got that response after the election last year. I was the election commissioner. We thought so many people voted, but didn't and we reflected on why that was the case what we could have done better. Make sure what i'm doing actually affects change.

**Jonas:** From my experience I see a lot of tangible results come from things that we put on. In SCOC something we examine, for example: Student engagement if we see an increase in numbers of in people who apply to on campus positions. In my experience as Oakes senate chair afterwards... has there been a precedent set, has a legacy been set with processes, how we engage with students -something the people are constantly referring back to. Measuring things based off of tangible results.

**Jamie:** I think that the nature of this question depends on how you measure success. The degree of success is based on what you leave behind. Every space I go into I tried to build a framework on the way I do something whether it's procedure. Make things clearer, more accessible, the structure you leave behind if it is useful for people that come after you, and that they can build upon. Leave something that can help later on I feel is the best legacy.

**Zach:** Now moving into questions

**Cameron:** Motion to go into closed session 8:24 pm

**Emma:** Second 8:24 pm

**Ayo:** Objection 8:24 pm

Because we want SCOC in there we would have to suspend a bylaw to make that happen because that's legal. If y'all still want to do that I would have this motion die and then suspend a bylaw

**Cameron:** Who's here from SCOC? What are your positions?

**Phil:** Admin for SCOC

Caroline (???): Committee Vice chair for SCOC

**Cameron:** Can we make that bylaw suspension?

**Emma:** Why are we doing that?

**Zach:** They are largely affected by this election so we want their input on it

**Zach:** Motions to approve Cameron's motion?

Motion fails

**Ayo:** Motion to suspend bylaw article 2 section e number 7 letter b indent i. 8:27 pm

**Lauren:** Second. 8:27 pm

Zach: No objections, motion passes. 8:28 pm

By law suspended 8:28 pm

**Katie:** Motion to move into closed session with SCOC members. 8:28pm

**Anna:** Second. 8:28 pm

Zach: No objections; Motion approved. 8:28 pm

**Closed Session Begins 8:28 pm**

**8:00PM: Assigning Reps Questions**

**8:05PM: IVP Candidate Interviews (closed session- just voting members and no minutes in this case to protect privacy of candidates during hiring/firing procedures)**

**9:45PM: IVP Hiring Deliberation (closed session)**

**Ayo:** Citlalli, you are our new IVP!

**10:15PM: Old Business**

**-Approval of Finance Board Funding Recommendations (15 minutes)**

**Ayo:** Not enough reps came to SOFA, so I will be sending an email to the chairs and presidents who did not send a rep. But we will find a system that works, it in part is our fault because of communication. Hermanos Unidos and ISA will be coming in Winter Quarter for their spaces, ISA wants to ensure that they are committed to getting this funding. The only one left that we'd have to vote on is BSU. We moved \$18,000 from SOFA to Programming to fund these orgs. I would recommend that we fund BSU but that's not a motion.

**Leighton:** Point of Inquiry; is the MSA item separate from what we are talking about?

**Zach:** Additionally, no one is getting funding tonight, we need a motion to fund the orgs tonight.

**Saul:** Yield.

**Leighton:** I think this is a well thought out budget; it corresponds well with the funding we have. I hope someone after this motions to approve these recommendations.

**Stephen:** Motion to approve funding recs as they stand.

**Amy:** Second.

[No objections]

### **-Muslim Student Association (MSA) Funding Request (10 minutes)**

**Leighton:** I have notes regarding the overall budget; it is very bloated. Hotels around Irvine cost around \$100. The one placed on the budget is the most expensive near UCI. Second, the vans are very expensive, so we should recommend that cars should be used instead of vans to cut down the budget. In addition, I personally believe that conference registration fees should be paid by the individuals themselves. I don't understand why we are paying for the individuals. In totality, if we fund this, we should fund \$2,000.

**Katie:** They only request \$485 from us.

**Leighton:** Oh, then I think that is a great idea.

**Emma:** MSG supports funding these people. I have confidence they will not stay in the most expensive hotel that exists, if they are asking that much money, there is likely a reason. Part of our job is to trust the people in their funding requests. I think the conference is important, Muslim students deserve to have this conference paid for for them, as a result of differing financial situations. We are here to support people and help them be better students and people, and if MSA believes that this will make them better, then I and MSG support this.

**Ayo:** We confirmed \$2500 for MSA West from the funding recommendations.

**Katie:** I reserve my right to make a motion, this conference is very early in January so if they need the extra money in addition to the \$2,500 that we already funded.

**Zach:** Okay there is a motion to fully fund, are there seconds?

**Cameron:** Second.

[no objections]

**10:40PM: New Business**

**-SUA Long Range Project (20 minutes) [TABLED]**

**10:50PM: Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

**Zach:** Thank you everyone for being so attentive in this meeting.

**Ayo:** I want to make clear that we did not hold SOFA this quarter, so we want to make sure we are following the constitution and bylaws as much as possible. Since the bylaws state SOFA has to meet once per quarter, we might have to fix that.

**Zach:** Yah, I really don't know, we usually default on the bylaws.

**Katie:** We effectively did SOFA which is the spirit on SOFA.

**Chase:** I don't know if anyone noticed, but we had a very civil conversation, and that was an environment that I would like to be a part of, so give yourselves a round of applause because that was great.

**Ayo:** If we are going to decide not to convene it, we either need to state that somewhere, or motion to suspend something, or have something that lets the student body know because of a, b, or c.

**Leighton:** Can't we just release a statement to the student body?

**Bella:** What did you tell the orgs since we did not have SOFA, but they are receiving the funding? Don't see a problem with just sending out a statement.

**Stephen:** So this is kind of cheating the bylaws. I reserve my right to make a motion. I motion to suspend section F with the prerequisite that the SUA post the reasons and rationale for how the funding board and SOFA did this.

**Natasha:** Second.

**Stephen:** Primary amendment to make this motion outside the scope of this agenda item; For Fall Quarter SOFA.

**Leighton:** Second.

[no objections]

**Zach:** This meeting is adjourned at 11:33pm.