

# Student Union Assembly

## Meeting Minutes

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**Winter 2019 Quarter Session**  
**Tuesday 29 Jan 2019**  
**8:00pm Oakes Learning Center**

**Assembly Members Present:** Ayo Banjo, Citlalli Aquino, Davon Thomas, Lauren Woo, Enrique Yarce, Bella Bullock, Ryan Sparno, Leighton Mair, Yonatan Tekla, Saúl Soto, Claudia Paz Flores, Soma Badri, Sydney Eliot, Ce-Lai Fong, Rojina Bozorgnia, Joshua Anh Ta, Emma Cunningham, Alexandrina Chavez, Anna Romstad, Owen Sweeney, Taryn Damore, Chase Hayes, Michelle Moreno, Jessica Zubia Calsada, Stephan Edgar, Andrew Romero, Sam Grewal, Zaire Pickett, Sharu Suriya, David Miller Shevelev

**Assembly Members Absent:** Natasha Bramer, Cameron Elliott (alt- Dominique Monta), Alicia Freedman, Devyn Ellis, Tommy Ramirez, Venkatesh Nagubandi, Amy Calderwood, Jocelyn Fredell, Aakriti Singh, Robert Parke, Kayla Beaman, Fatima Mohammadi, Sunpreet Mahil

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

**8:03PM: Call to order**

**8:04PM: Roll Call**

**8:12PM: Approval of the Agenda**

**Stephen:** Motion to approve 8:12 pm.

**David:** Second 8:12 pm.

**Zach:** Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion is approved 8:12 pm.

**8:12PM: Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

**Emma:** Motion to approve 8:13 pm.

**Claudia:** Second 8:13 pm.

**Zach:** Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion is approved 8:12 pm.

### **8:15PM: Announcements and Public Comments**

**Sharu:** There's a student organization for the Queer Prom. We meet Thursdays at 7:30 at the CANTU Queer Center. I highly encourage y'all to join if you're interested in choosing the theme, decorations, It's a lot of fun. It's a really special moment and I highly encourage y'all to join.

**Bella:** The food pantry is open now from 12-6 everyday including Saturdays and Sundays. We are going to be having a delivery on Friday of this week and Monday.

**Lauren:** Hi y'all my office of academic affairs is facilitating a program in the Quarry this Friday. A hot cocoa event from 10-11:30 in the morning.

**Davon:** As I mention every week, my office hosts Lobby Core meets every Wednesday from 5-6:30 pm in Amah Mutson. So please show up! We are going to start doing some visits in the next month.

**Emma:** I just had a question for Lauren: when was that again?

**Lauren:** Hot Cocoa Event in Quarry from 10-11:30 am.

**Ayo:** As I talked about earlier on, we are going to be assembling a planning a committee so if you're interested in getting involved or have questions just ask me.

**Zach:** There's going to be a student regent and they're coming to campus this Friday from 1-2 pm in Hahn Student Services room 245. I think you need to RSVP. There will be refreshments. Y'all can apply to be the next student regent. There's an attached flier on the shared folder.

**Davon:** So the student regent is essentially the sole voting voice on the UC board of regents. There had never been a Santa Cruz student in history on the board of regents. For history, the student regent began in 1975, our school began in 1965. Every school except for UC Merced has had a student on that board. I suggest you tell your friends to apply or folks you think are qualified to represent you at that level. I would love for all of you to apply. Even if you don't get it it's a good experience. We've never had a voice on the board of regents and we are going through the worst housing crisis that the UC's have ever seen. Please apply. If you have any questions on the process you can ask me.

**Zach:** Is it Devon? Or Davon?

**Davon:** Devon Graves and Hailey Wettle [?]. The first year you don't have the right to vote on the board. Your second year you have a right to vote.

**David:** Is that in Hahn or Bay Tree? The flyer says Hahn.

**Davon:** I thought it was in Hahn as well. I would like to clarify: 1-2 is for executive officers for SUA and GSA. There's another one 2-3

**Lauren:** Baytree and Velasquez; that's open to everybody.

**Nikayla:** I don't know if anyone else feels the same way about possibly moving the meeting times up? Earlier? Would that be possible in your schedule?

\*snaps\*

**Emma:** Could we send out a poll? Cause not everybody's here.

**Owen:** We talked about making a slack [?]. Lauren, were you on that?

**Lauren:** I made it, but I'm adding channels if y'all want the link right now to get on that.

**Owen:** Ayo, maybe you can give a recap of the chancellor search committee? Or is that appropriate now, maybe?

**Zach:** We are out of time, but if anyone wants to make a motion?

**Citlalli:** Motion to give Ayo *five* minutes 8:20 pm.

**Davon:** Objection.

\*laughter\*

**Citlalli:** Can I amend my motion to town minutes?

**Ayo:** We can talk about it later.

**Zach:** Any motions regarding the time? Seeing no motions, we'll move on to the next agenda item.

#### **8:20PM: Title IX Resolution**

**David:** The resolution reads: Resolution in opposition of Federal Title IX Changes proposed by United States Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos

Whereas

11.2% of students experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation (among all graduate and undergraduate students). (RAINN).

Whereas

therefore be it combating Sexual assault, harassment and misconduct is a priority of our student government.

Whereas

be it further UC Santa Cruz supports a system of reporting that that is equitable and transparent for both the victim and the accused.

**Ayo:** Point of inquiry: Can we make sure when we talk about topics like this, give a trigger warning so people can move if they need to.

**David:** Oh sorry, thank you for mentioning that. I'm just going to continue where I left off

the third WHEREAS The proposed Title IX changes create an hostile environment which limits access to reporting and absolves universities of

their responsibility to protect and accommodate the needs of victims of sexual assault.

WHEREAS In reducing the scope of where the university is required to

address cases of sexual assault and harassment by excluding

off-campus instances, the changes unfairly excludes off-campus students from the right to receive formal justice and support.

WHEREAS By narrowing the definition of sexual harassment students will

face increased barriers to reporting, trust and accountability within the university. These narrow parameters which allow space for injustice for victims of assault creates a hollow and neglectful standard.

RESOLVED and be it finally the Student Union Assembly requests our own title IX office publish a public report describing how they will mitigate the impacts of the proposed changes should they pass.

Be it resolved that the Student Union Assembly of the University of California Santa Cruz opposes federal changes to Title IX policy that governs universities and education settings across the United States. The Student Union Assembly calls on the federal government to opposed the harmful and unjust changes proposed.

University of California Santa Cruz Student Union Assembly  
Santa Cruz, CA 94703  
28 January 2019

U.S. Department of Education  
Office for Civil Rights  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20202-1328  
(attached letter, not read for the sake of time)  
Re: Proposed Title IX Changes

To whom it may concern,

As representatives of the student body of the University of California Santa Cruz representing nearly 17,000 students of the University of California Santa Cruz campus, we are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed federal changes surrounding sexual assault and misconduct under Title IX.

The epidemic of sexual assault and sexual misconduct is widespread issue facing college campuses. The proposed Title IX changes would reduce university accountability to address the issues of sexual assault and would ultimately allow universities to continue on the trajectory of detrimental practices to survivors.

As students we are well-aware of the impact and detrimental effect that sexual assault and sexual misconduct has on college campuses, including our own. The proposed changes to relieve universities from the responsibility of investigating instances of sexual assault and misconduct off-campus neglects instances which occur off campus. The majority of our students live off campus and would ultimately be denied a formal university sanctioned path to justice. By allowing universities to not concern itself with off-campus instances the changes neglect the need for protection in both off campus housing and greek-life houses such as fraternities and sororities.

Furthermore, narrowing the definition of sexual harassment will result in the neglect of broader and equally as important cases. While also leaving the universities unprepared to deal with cases that do not fit this definition. In turn contributing to an unsafe culture where victims do not feel safe reporting.

Additionally, further concerns exist within the proposed changes to the evidentiary standard. The UCSC Student Union Assembly strongly supports the application of a “preponderance of evidence” standard in cases of sexual assault which maintains an environment where the testimony of both parties is given appropriate weight. The use of the clear and convincing standard in these investigations is wholly inappropriate as it tips the scales against and places an undue burden on the survivor, poorly accounts for the nature of these cases, and can elicit a culture of disbelief.

Although instances of sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct impact all students, we would like to acknowledge that they impact students of color, LGBTQ+ students, and women at higher rates than anyone else. The issue of sexual assault is intersectional, the proposed changes neglect the complexity of sexual assault and forgive the university's responsibility to be accommodating to victims of all backgrounds by establishing a set of unjust bureaucratic parameters.

The proposed changes place an undue burden on survivors and de-incentive reporting as it creates more obstacles to doing so. We consider the need for due process to be of the utmost importance for students of all backgrounds, and for this reason we support the 2011 guidelines from the Department of Education in lieu of the more burdensome proposed guidelines. For the reason that it establishes a clear guideline of the “preponderance of evidence, a reasonable definition, and bars cross-examination as acceptable practices.

Attached you will find the official University of California Santa Cruz resolution opposing the proposed Title IX changes. We stand in alliance with our peers at UC Berkeley, and our larger governing body Associated Students University of California.

Sincerely,

UC Santa Cruz Student Union Assembly Officials

I vote for this body to adopt the resolution

Citlalli: Thank you David. I assume you worked on this; this is great. I wanted to know since one of the resolutions is addressing the Title IX office specifically, can I share this with the Title IX director? I know last week I talked about sending out a campus-wide email and it did not go out. I guess it should go out tonight. I'm kind of annoyed this email has still not gone out because the deadline to comment on this is tomorrow. It's partly on the Dean of Students office being slow on this. I just wanted to be transparent about what's going on with that process.

David: Thank you for your comments. I'd really like to hear in an offline setting how we can ensure the Dean of Students is more responsive.

Davon: Does the email have a link to post comments? I can comment on the post and make sure that people comment on it. I would advise to post the link again. On the official UCSC student facebook page.

**Zach:** Are there any other comments? You can motion to adopt the resolution.

**Sharu:** Motion to adopt the resolution 8:26 pm.

**Leighton:** Second 8:26 pm.

**Ayo:** Point of information: when did the resolution go out? This wasn't presented last week, correct? According to resolution protocol this would have to be adopted in a week so we can share it with our spaces.

**Bella:** Can we suspend the bylaws? Or I motion to suspend the bylaws so we can adopt this resolution 8:26 pm.

**Owen:** Second 8:26 pm.

**Ayo:** Point of inquiry: do y'all feel like it's important for us to at least circulate this? If you've circulated this with your college please raise your hand. My fear is that the relationship with college senates and SUA is fine. We want to make sure that they're getting as much information as possible, as well as the big five orgs because you never know if they want to add something or don't feel comfortable with something else. I would highly recommend that we wait to circulate this more. Unless there's a time limit that I missed out on? Oh comments are due tomorrow.

**Davon:** David and Semelia[?] put a lot of work into this resolution over the weekend. Seeing that the public comments are due tomorrow, I think it would be disrespectful to the work and effort they put into this resolution to approve it next week. I think it's a little too late. I understand resolutions are ceremonial. We want to stand in solidarity with the folks that are affected by this Title IX change. I trust that these people are representative of their spaces.

**Bella:** Are we allowed to amend the resolution at any point? Have we done that in the past?

**Zach:** We can amend it before we adopt it.

**Emma:** So I don't know where y'all are getting the 30th date, but according to the information I read the deadline was yesterday. Obviously, I could be wrong. This is something that's really important, but it's also something that's not going to necessarily have a broad effect in one day after we pass this resolution. Personally, I would like to add more and I'd like to get a chance to talk to my space about it. I think it's wonderful and appreciate the effort that's gone into this, but I think that there's even more to say that can make this stronger. Is that enough time for to circulate for more people to comment?

**Owen:** With all due respect, the timeline for the comment period was extended to the 30th. This resolution was mentioned at the last meeting and it was mentioned what was going to be in it. If we're going to be a representative body for the student body I think we should pass it now. You should be able to represent your space to the best interest.

**Citlalli:** The website crashed so that's why the comment period was extended. I don't think us passing a resolution tonight is going to get more comments from students. I think the idea of adding to this is great. Going back to our spaces gives us more ideas for resolutions. I'm okay with postponing it for a week.

**Zach:** Are there any motions regarding the time?

**Davon:** Motion to extend time by five minutes 8:32 pm.

**Ayo:** Second 8:32 pm.

**David:** There are four critical points here. The first, although we can't amend this resolution after it passes we can always write another resolution. Second, this was announced last week, we had time to work on it and it was a topic in Lobby Core- which is a space open to everyone. The third thing is, every comment that we submit-and this will be submitted as a comment in addition to the letter that we're sending and the resolution that we pass-is that the department of education has to read this resolution. That might not be significant, but that's an extra thirty seconds that they have to spend reading this before they can start taking away the rights of trigger warning survivors. The fourth thing is, that my space the disability student union sent me here tonight with one objective and that was to get this resolution passed and to do everything we can to stop what happens to disabled students from one of the highest rates of sexual assault of any group. That being said. I am here with one purpose and to get that resolution passed for it is the only thing we can do.

**Leighton:** I reserve the right to make a motion. I agree wholeheartedly with this resolution. A problem I heard with give time we could make this more effective. I don't see how we can add on to this to make effective then it already is. I motion to suspend the bylaws and pass this resolution 8:34 pm.

**Zach:** Let me give you a bylaw real quick. It is bylaw article C, 11 D 2.

**Leighton:** I motion to suspend bylaw article C, 11 D, 2 and pass the Title IX resolution 8:35 pm.

**Davon:** Second 8:35 pm.

**Zach:** Any objections? Seeing none, the motion passes 8:35 pm.

**Citlalli:** I think I forwarded y'all the email last week with the link. Please please please submit comments. The Title IX director pretty much said "we want as many comments in as possible because they have to read all of them." The longer it takes to get through these comments the longer we have to possibly find another way around this. Please get in these comments.

**Owen:** There's 33 days worth of comments right now.

**Davon:** Thank you David for your labor. Much appreciated. I would advise the assembly to let one speaker speak. Thank you with all my heart.

**Emma:** Can we possibly think about making a new version of this after. I wasn't aware that we wanted to make this into a comment and that's a really great idea and I'm glad that it passed. I would still like to add more to this because I know there's a lot of things within the Title IX office that can be addressed in this. So if we could just think about doing that in the future that would be great. I can work with whoever on it. I'm glad to work on the one we have so far and embellish on that and work in this space.

**Zach:** We are out of time on this agenda item. Any motions regarding the time? Seeing none, we'll be moving on to the next agenda item. If any of y'all want this on next week's meeting, email me at suaparli@ucsc.edu.

### **8:38PM: Old Business (Postponed Agenda Items)**

**Ayo:** I just wanted to have a conversation about what we talked about last week. This time to start to put things into action. How many people are at this assembly today?

**Zach:** 36 people and 7 are voting members.

**Ayo:** This is my first attempt to restructure some of SUA. Hopefully we can somehow solidify this in the bylaws. If you are from a college and you see that your fellow constituents are missing a lot, be sure to contact Zach or reach out to them. We will reach out to the spaces if we don't see participation and by participation I mean being here at the meetings.

**Stephen:** This document isn't available on the shared folder.

**Zach:** I believe I did. On my end it's on the shared folder.

**Ayo:** Y'all, my biggest issue right now-

**Zach:** Can someone call for a three minute recess so I can get this shared to y'all?

**Lauren:** Motion for a three minute recess 8:41 pm.

**Claudia:** Second 8:41 pm.

**Zach:** The recess is over, but y'all still can't see it.

**Lauren:** Motion for a five minute recess 8:46 pm.

**Davon:** Second 8:46 pm.

**Zach:** We are back from recess 8:51 pm.

**Ayo:** Okay, great we're looking good. A few things: #1 If for some reason someone isn't liking what we are doing, if the new structure is overwhelming, or not what you asked for. Please feel free to come talk to me, Zach, other representatives, officers to communicate and figure out what we can do for you. I want to make sure that we can create a space that is accessible and that everyone feels like they are comfortable here. If there's any issues that you're going through, I just want to let you know that I'm a resource and if you don't want to come to me you can always hit up Zach. We have five main committees/commissions. We have SUA CORE council which stands for

community and organizations and relationship and empowerment. That's the only committee that I have finalized bylaws for. Over here we have committee for housing protections. We are going to be strategizing around the housing un-affordability in this city. We are going to be potentially partnering up with any organized housing based student organizations. I know sometimes will tell y'all that student government is blahblahblah. It's a big deal. Even though administrators don't listen to us sometimes, they take us very seriously. What we write and say is very serious. This ethnic cultural affairs commission-I got this idea from UC Davis. Right now they're having a whole issue with sending propaganda to students. The ethnic cultural affairs were able to send out a resolution saying we don't feel comfortable in this space and we don't think our values are being represented. The committee on student worker protections. The goal is that y'all join some part of the committee and create is as we go. They would work with the UAW.

**Zach:** Can you say what UAW is?

**Bella:** I think it's United Association of Workers?

**Davon:** State county [?] employees.

**Ayo:** What we want to do is take these committees and be as effective as we can for the rest of the quarter. Resolutions are a big deal when we pass it. It's literally on behalf of the entire undergraduate student body. If we were able to give certain committees to pass resolutions without SUA we could potentially give them the power and also allow our time here to strategize on how we want to attack student issues. If you're interested in creating some student union or finding more student protections. The SUA Intelligence committee -don't get caught up in the name. It's going to be a very stressful committee. We talked about how I'll get emails and assume that everyone got them. I don't want that to happen anymore. The information we have we needs to get out. I changed it from administration accountability. Because I want to make it about anything underlying going on in campus. I also want this committee to be almost an investigative body. If you're interested in journalism or learning more about the school and you can be discreet. The only time the intelligence committee wouldn't be discreet is within the SUA. The option of a closed space is out there. Go to a board that you're interested in. While you're at that board, wait for other people to come and talk about what the committee can potentially be.

**Emma:** What's the internal/external-ness of- you mentioned something about that. Also, I don't personally feel like it would be *that* great for several reasons to have individual committees to be able to pass resolutions on their own. The reason I say that is because once we have a resolution on the table it's fairly easy to pass in this space. It's good to be able to so that way we're all on the same page and have a way to critique. Just because a group of people have a good idea that doesn't mean that that's the only thought that could happen. That's something that I had to say.

**Ayo:** The main one I was talking about in terms of resolution passing powers was this one. Because again looking through documents of SUA from the 1970s- thanks to Enrique for bringing those documents- you can literally see some of the embedded white supremacy and language of the SUA set-up. It is not a false thing. We don't know who's going to be the next representative. We want to make sure we have protection always. We have seats for the big five orgs, which is not enough. We have a place for them to have the power of the SUA voice to pass resolutions bursting [?] on them. I think that's a large conversation that we can get into when we break into groups.

**Joshua:** Are we breaking into groups? We have members that aren't here so they would be excluded?

**Ayo:** Again we talked about attendance. We want to make sure that people are coming and showing up. People in this room are people we've seen consistently. Yes they are going to have the opportunity to join a committee.

**Sharu:** I have a quick question. At the last meeting you mentioned a cross-leadership committee?

**Ayo:** It's here I just changed the name. The SUA CORE Council- I created this because if you go to article 1 section b of the constitution, it generally states that the assembly should be working to engage with student organizations and UCSC college governments. My responsibility is to ensure cohesive and affective interaction within the campus. We're going to have to extend time.

**Citlalli:** Motion to extend time by ten minutes 9:04.

**Alexandrina:** Second 9:04 pm.

**David:** Point of information: what would that extend the time to?

**Zach:** That would extend the end time of the entire meeting to 10:35. Any objections? Seeing none, the motion passes 9:04 pm.

**Ayo:** Five things that this council would do: provide foundational stable, consistent healthy relationship between student organizations . This just means that they are somehow contacting literally every student organization on our campus. This reason is because we are supposed to be the governing body and I understand there's a lot of student organizations that we have to try to communicate with. They'll report to the SUA every month on the state of relationship with student organizations and SUA. This is so that as a body we know where they're at, concerns that they're having, and potentially [?]. They will also strengthen union of campus leaders and community. Create an event, a theme, have organizations come out and talk about what they're about. At least create one event a year that brings all student organizations together. Maximize the financial support of these organizations from the colleges through advocacy and endorsement. This is basically the idea that sometimes presenters aren't always the best. If we had a core that could potentially endorse student org requests. This is for them to decide because I do not have that much brain power to go into all of that. Number four, from an

organization of resources events and number five, facilitate the [?]. Basically what this means is that they will help me in my office to create the implementation process of electing the 5 orgs for next year which will happen in spring quarter. So we have three voting spots on our assembly right now.

**Zach:** Those spots are college reps.

**Ayo:** So we go three/two missing spots? 46 people are not enough to represent all the undergraduate students. We need a body that can help us appoint temporary people to fill this role. Whether they have the power to vote or not will be up to y'all. I really do think that this will take a lot of burden off of us and my office. I need to make sure that we delegate as much work responsibility and power as possible. *Ideally*, CORE would be all of the elected representatives from each college. The reason I thought this would be a really good idea...if you go back to the assembly article 1 section b. It says that we should ensure communication with student organizations and college student governments. What better way to attack that than give the elected college governments the power to reach out and connect with these organizations. I think that that is a great idea. I want to hear just one or two comments about number one and number two. I added the parliamentarian because I wanted to make sure that we have a third party member there. Are there any thoughts on this?

**Davon:** Ayo's put a lot of work into this, but he's also talking *really* fast. Can I get a check if people understand what's going on. Surveying the room I'm going to need you to take a deep breath my friend.

**Ayo:** I will slow down.

**Owen:** Maybe you can have someone that understands what you're saying who can paraphrase to catch us up to speed?

**Zach:** It is a committee that facilitates representation of student orgs, SOAR registered or unregistered on this campus.

**Bella:** I didn't raise my hand. Are there any questions? I haven't heard from a lot of people in a long time.

**Emma:** I was just wondering if there's a way to go through this in a bullet point kind of sense. It's not that I don't understand, it's just that I can't follow and it's a lot. I don't think a lot of people have looked this closely at the bylaws. If *they're* interested they can. That would be great. Is that possible?

**Ayo:** I can try to take the biggest article names and sum it up. This council is the only one that we're putting up for a vote because it would be assigning a lot of work to elected reps. I want to make sure they have priority and if it's something that they can do every week. We can revisit this next week as well. Can you scroll down? The chair is the facilitator of the meeting, they help with the preparation of the agenda. They help with conversations and help with me and other committee chairs. I want to create a caucus of committees and vice chairs so that way we can really emphasize the

cooperation of committees not within your spots [?]. Vice chair helps connect and coordinate members of this council. Every member has a role and all of these roles are based on the actual breakdown of student orgs on campus. Athletic engagement- we have no ties to athletics really that much. We want to make sure that we are engaged and showing appreciation for the athletic clubs. If you want to see what these orgs look like you can go to [soar@ucsc.edu](mailto:soar@ucsc.edu). We don't have any engagement or relationship with Greek life on this campus. There's stuff on this campus that we as SUA don't talk about.

**Owen:** Point of personal privilege: can we move to stack?

**Shania:** This committee as good as it sounds. Shouldn't SUA have already been doing that? You shouldn't have to create a committee to outreach to student organizations. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe last quarter I said that all the orgs are on the soar website. You shouldn't have a committee that tells you to do what folks signed up to do. You can't really serve the students if you don't know what they're doing. Like Ayo said, there's a list of organizations you can go to that and it has their meeting times. Per athletics all you gotta do is go to OPERS. Show up to a game; most games are free except for basketball, volleyball. That's all I wanted to say. I feel like this committee was just created for no reason.

**Davon:** I think just from my perspective. I think if you want to get involved in advocacy just come to my meetings. I also think a summary would be best and for people to review the groups. What you're saying is important, but that's a lot of multitaskings. I think if you bring this back next week the conversation will be more fruitful.

**Saul:** In article 1 2a. How would that be different from programs that already do this like the multicultural festival?

**Zach:** Any motions regarding the time?

**Ayo:** Motion to extend time by five minutes 9:19 pm.

**Alexandrina:** Second 9:19 pm.

**David:** Objection. I left early last time. Members had to Uber home. That's not a fair expectation to have for members—especially ones that are not paid. I respect this is an important thing to consider, but I think we need to move it to next meeting 9:20 pm.

In favor: 2, opposed : 20

**Zach:** The motion passes. We'll be moving on to the next agenda item.

**-SUA SOARS “Strategic Organizing Assembly Reform” (Organizing Part 1 continued) (20 minutes)**

**-SUA Retreat and Restorative Justice Debrief (10 minutes) 9:21 pm**

**Zach:** We are going to be talking about the SUA retreat that was on the 12th and the restorative justice circle which was on the 15th. If anyone has any comments on that I will be opening up stack.

**Ayo:** Please make sure to sign up for one of them before you leave if interested.

**Zach:** Please remain on topic.

**Owen:** I think the Restorative Justice thing that we had here with Nancy was really awesome. For those of you that weren't there, we learned how to use reflective statements—which I already see we are using. And to ask open ended questions, and understand.

**Stephen:** In the future I would appreciate more notice of these events and workshops because I think they're very beneficial.

**Sharu:** I thought it was really cute. It was good for community building. I got to know a lot of members. I think that's what SUA needs to build more community and unity within the space.

**Enrique:** It was hella fun. Y'all missed it. We did—built bonding shit. Oh my god it was great. We did some tube stuff. Y'all missed out, just keep that in mind for next time.

**Davon:** The young Ethiopian man who hosted it was my roommate Augustine and I love him dearly. I'm really happy y'all enjoyed him because he was talking about that nonstop at home. Y'all really impressed him. Thank you for going to the retreat.

**Sydney:** I thought it was really great and really fun and really beneficial to all that went. I think it's really great that we're doing this.

**Zach:** So, I really appreciate all y'all's appreciation. Also in the interest of being inclusive of those who couldn't go if y'all can comment on what you took away. If y'all don't have comments we can go onto next agenda item.

\*No comments\*

### **9:40PM: Old Business (Funding Deliberations)**

#### **-Breakout Group Discussion (15 minutes)**

**Lauren:** Motion to table this item until after the Charter Ratification Resolution 9:42 pm.

**Enrique:** Second 9:42 pm.

**Zach:** Any objections? Seeing none, the motion passes. Viggie you have the floor 9:4

### **9:42PM: Resolutions**

#### **-Charter Ratification Resolution (15 minutes)**

**Viggie:** Hey everyone. My name is Vignesh. I serve as chief of staff for Davon in the VP office. I'm also a student member on the board of education [?]. I'm here to pass this resolution hopefully. This resolution is important that whatever happens within that governing body is taken back to each individual student government association space. When something as important as the charter goes through an amendment process it's important that it's taken back to each space, endorsed by each space, and that's exactly what we'll be doing. It's very short. But if you scroll through the rest of the agenda you; you'll see that actual changes being made to the charter. The charter in general is a

founding document. The reason why they went through a charter amendment process last year...it's two fold. One we are a 501C3 which means that we are a nonprofit organization, which means that so there can't be any loopholes in founding documents like the charter or governing documents like bylaws. It's important that we close those loopholes to keep and maintain our 5013C status. The other being a lot of what we were doing as an organization wasn't actually spelled out. Independence and Autonomy. For us, it's not just an organization where each individual office comes together. It's the only official body that is recognized by the UCOP and UC regents. They recognize us as an official body. It's an important organization. That's why it's important to spell out each individual association's autonomy and independence. It's important that we have our member associations clarify There is a graduate professional associate and even they don't have as much clout. It's important that we have our member associations clarify their definitions so there's no loopholes. There's also general edits to what we can do, how we work, and how we organize ourselves. All those things we have been doing it just wasn't part of a legal document. A lot of reason why there's a risk we may have lost our status. This is a resolution. If y'all have any questions, please feel free to ask me. We approved the amendments in October after a year-long consideration process. There we consultation calls that were open to everyone and bimonthly. We ended up approving all of the charter amendments in October 2018. Any questions?

**Stephen:** Hey Zach can you put this on the folder?

**Zach:** So it is in the folder on my end. I don't know what's wrong. I haven't had this issue before. Can anyone see this document besides myself? Let me just fix that. Meanwhile does anyone have questions on the information that was presented?

**Stephen:** Is this something that you would prefer to have approved today? Or can we go back to our spaces and gather feedback and come back next week?

**Viggy:** All of our money will go to waste if every student association doesn't approve it. So as soon as possible. We're the last to approve it. It's just on a time constraint, but not a specific one.

**Davon:** There is one. The executive director of UCSA says we have to have it approved by March 31st.

**Viggy:** That's for us, for member association, to make sure that every member of student organization is presenting to space.

**Zach:** Can people see it now?

**Saul:** [I couldn't hear his question]

**Viggy:** Yeah of course! If you walk through that. You'll recognize that that's work that we've been doing for a while and we are just clarifying it, and putting it in a written document.

**Zach:** Any other questions, comments, or concerns? Thank you very much!

**Viggy:** Thank y'all!

**10:15 PM: Old Business (Funding Deliberations \*Resumed\*)**

**Zach:** So unless you want to take a recess to call friends we are just going to adjourn the meeting now cause we don't have quorum now.

**Lauren:** Point of inquiry: how much are we low by?

**Zach:** One. \*someone walked in\*. Okay we're chillin' now.

**-United Students Against Sweatshops National Convention Funding Deliberation (10 minutes)**

**Group 1:** (Speaker: Leighton) The first organization USAS we decided to fund \$2,000 from the travel fund. The reason behind this is specifically because large amount of money to take 16 students across the country. We just believe that our money is best used affecting the wider community. We still view this as beneficial to the student community and that's why we chose to fund a lower amount. In addition we want to fund \$250 of programming money to the pre-health organization simply because we saw the amount of students that would be going and viewed that as advantageous. Worker's dinner we decided to fully fund from programming because it benefits some of the hardest working people on campus. \$150 to global action speaker fees as the speaker fees cost \$1,000. We cut the chunk of the budget for food in half, and totally removed the \$100 for advertising as we don't see that that is SUA's job to pay for the advertising

**Group 2:** (Speaker: Stephen) USAS fully funded half from travel half from programming. We viewed it as one of the best funding requests. They put in a lot of heart, they brought a lot of members here, and are here to make change. Pre-health research reception fully funded \$400 from programming. It will be a nice way for SUA to endorse and support career development. Workers fully funded \$300 from programming. Global actions fully funded \$1,600 from programming as well. I think it's a fantastic cause and they're really jazzed about the speaker. We think it's going to be a great opportunity for personal, professional, and ethical development for students across UCSC.

**Group 3:** (Speaker: Yanathan) We decided to fund \$2,000 from travel because that's basically what they're asking for, for USAS. Also \$2,000 from programming. \$400 for pre-health. \$300 for workers. And fully fund the global actions from programming.

**Group 4:** (Speaker: [?]) We decided to fund \$3,000 from travel. Fully fund pre-health organization. Fully fund worker's dinner. \$800 from programming for global action fees.

**Enrique:** Also, I want to bring to the group that we need to find a way to fund non-RSOs. There's good reasons for not wanting to become an RSO we should respect that. Especially WSSC and a lot of the direct action they do that would not be supported by the school. I find that if the school doesn't like you, then you're doing a good job. We should find a way to navigate that. I would like for y'all to bring that to your spaces. Thank you.

**Group 5:** (Speaker: Sydney) We decided to fully fund USAS \$4,000- \$1,500 from travel, and \$2,500 from programming. Pre-health \$400 from programming. Fully fund worker's dinner from programming. \$1,600 from programming to global action.

**Group 6:**(Speaker: [Emma]) USAS \$3,000, pre-health full \$400. Worker's dinner full amount. Global action \$800. We didn't want to do any of the traveling funds because there's really only 5,800 and if we take any of that we are cutting down funds to travel to regents meetings which are really important. There's going to be more traveling related funding requests in the future and we can't keep pulling from that cause then there will be nothing left. I feel like it's unnecessary to pull from travel.

**Zach:** We'll now be taking motions.

**Celai:** I motion to fund USAS \$2,000 from programming and \$2,000 from travel 10:02.

**Owen:** Second 10:02 pm.

**Emma:** Objection. I think that's too much from the travel budget. We don't have budget in front of us of how much is going to be used for people that actually rely on that fund for conventions and things like that. It doesn't make any sense to be like "oh we have that, we should use that".

**Alexandrina:** I think that we should come to a clear discussion about this so we are not stuck voting down on all different kinds of motions.

**Sharu:** I think that we should be using the money from organizing and travel cause that shows we should put more there in the future. I agree it should be used sparingly throughout the year, but at the same time it's there to be use. It encourages the point that we should be allocating more money to that because students need that.

**Chase:** Do officers know how much money they're going to be using from that for rest of the year? If someone has to meet with UCOP. Do you budget those things out or is it a case by case?

**Ayo:** When it comes to funding officers tend to have more accessibility to pots of funding that other student organizations don't have. I would say when it comes to executives having access to certain funds that's not a big deal. We aren't locked into anything. I think if we have the money we should use it. I don't think I will personally use any of those funds for anything. We want to put an emphasis on reaching out to other entities across campus.

**Davon:** If I could give a ballpark and the traveling my office does. I would say that we would need no more than \$400 max for the rest of the year. We send usually 1-2 vans to regents meetings which are once a month. \$85 times two is \$170? So two vans for two regents meetings, that's about around \$400 at most. I wouldn't ask for anything more than that. Anything else I will find some other way to get money. I would like to establish that my office , we usually sponsor WSSC to go to the regents meetings. I sponsor them under my office and send them to these meetings. I'm comfortable spending with y'all spending that money on their conference.

**David:** In regards to what the previous previous previous speaker said about what we're going to do about making motions. Can people raise hands if you support for USAS \$1,500 from general and \$1,500 from travel and see if we can get that passed. For USAS for a total of \$3,000.

**WSSC Rep:** As WSSC we are sponsoring this USAS conference and it's really important that we get fully funded \$4,000. This conference is a month away. We've had trouble getting funds we've already secured. To get fully funded it's really really important so that we can send the sixteen students.

**Zach:** We are going to move into a vote. All in favor of these motions please raise your placard.

**Voting:**

**Owen:** Point of inquiry: It was brought to me that people requesting funding shouldn't be here during deliberation.

**Zach:** I've had this discussion with other people and basically these are public meetings. So we could motion to go into a closed session or do an anonymous ballot. With that said, are there any motions?

**Ryan:** If we did do anonymous voting how would that be conducted?

**Zach:** Ballot. Any motions? Can you please raise your hand or placard?  
in favor of motion: 23, opposed: 0 . Motion passes, funding USAS \$2,000 from to travel line item and \$2,000 from programming 10:10 pm.

#### **-Pre-Health Research Reception Funding Deliberation (10 minutes) 10:11 pm**

**Davon:** Who was this again?

**Anna:** She's a Chancellor's intern and this is her event she's doing all on her own.

**Davon:** Ok, I remember; thank you.

**Taryn:** Motion to fully fund it because almost every group except one wants to fully fund it. From programming. 10:12 pm.

**Yanathan:** Second 10:12 pm.

**Zach:** Any objections? No objections; motion passes 10:13 pm.

#### **-Workers' Dinner Funding Deliberation (10 minutes)10:13 pm**

**Yanathan:** Motion to fully fund from programming 10:13 pm.

**Davon:** Second 10:13 pm.

**Zach:** Are there any objections? Seeing none, the motion passes 10:14 pm.

#### **-Global Action: Speaker Fees Funding Deliberation (10 minutes)**

**Anna:** There's \$500 for food correct?

**Davon:** \$1,000 for the honorary speaker, \$500 for food, and \$100 for publicity.

**Anna:** How many people are you planning to feed?

**Davon:** We are planning on attendance of 300 students.

**Sharu:** Is there any possibility that you can go to College Nine for [?]?

**Davon:** We are going to them on Thursday. It's complicated because the president is in our class and she said the chances of that would not be the best which is unfortunate; that's what I was told.

**Lauren:** Motion to fully fund out of programming 10:16 pm.

**Bella:** Second 10:16 pm.

**Zach:** Are there any objections? Seeing none, this motion passes 10:17 pm.

### **-10:17PM: Student Academic Senate Budgetary Line-Item Request**

**Lauren:** Hello everybody. My name is Lauren. I'm the SUA Vice President of Academic Affairs. Lilly, a representative of student academic senate . Brittany representative of student academic senate. Taryn, Oakes rep. We are here tonight because student academic senate is requesting to have it's own line item within the SUA budget. We are requesting to make an amendment to the SUA budget. According to the SUA constitution article V section b, point 4 SUA and the SUA bylaws Section G, Point 1, Subpoint A, Subpoint f. It defines student academic senate as a standing committee of the SUA. Historically my office has funded student academic senate despite it being a official committee under the SUA. That has been totally fine historically, but as it grows as a body, it's starting to take on a lot more programs, it's trying o engage with the student body more with issues such as mental health and a number of others. As we put on more events it becomes more unrealistic for my office in particular to fund this body.

**Brittany:** Last year we did a ton of wonderful things. One of my favorites was the mental health fair which was expensive. Last year SAS was given [?] through her line item and the IVP paid for the other portion. We also did quarter sheets on textbook affordability. Also the know your rights campaign through [?]. We got a lot of really good information out to students about their rights

**Lilly:** Right now we are requesting \$1,500 for the mental health fair which is based on last years projections. We are also doing an initiative for Pause for Paws. We're trying to expand on it and have more stress relieving activities and stuff we can hand out that's going to cost about \$168. Also a study space map so you can see the places to study on campus. It's going to cost about \$18. Our total budget is \$1,686 but we are only asking for \$1,500.

**Taryn:** What we are asking to do right now is separate the Student Academic Senate from Lauren's office and make it into a line item. This would be titled "Student Academic Senate Program". We want to pull \$1,000 from spring SOFA. Historically spring SOFA receives the least funding requests. Even if we pull \$1,000 it will still be over what they had last year. We are also want to take \$500 from SUA generic programming. Basically

you guys should totally fund this because the point is to help students with programs like this.

**Lauren:** Those two are just recommendations. If you decide, you can pull from any two, but we felt those were the most logical places to pull from.

**Davon:** I always brag about being here longer than everybody else, by like a year. I've seen SAS from my freshman year grow into something that is for students. It's one of the most underrepresented and underfunded segments of SUA. They deal with a lot of academic policy. Lauren deals with probably as much as Ayo does. Especially when it comes to our wellbeing within classes. Y'all should support this 110%, I appreciate y'all and the work that y'all do. So please support SAS.

**Stephen:** I really like this proposal. I think it is needed. I do have a concern: have you reached out to all the RSO'S that rely on that funding body in order to gain understanding so that they're aware of how the is benefits them through academic resources?

**Lauren:** We have not done that. What I can say is that I sat on SOFA all three times last year. We also programmed specifically for underrepresented or marginalized groups. We can work on that as a space. Historically our programs are focused around raising awareness for de-stigmatization and whatnot. I feel this would be useful, but I will definitely do that.

**Zaire:** Do you have a breakdown of where the funds will be allocated for?

**Lauren:** What we have is last years breakdown and that's what we direct our numbers for. We haven't solidified a date yet for the Mental Health Fair. We are going into discussion on that tomorrow at our meeting. I can definitely send out last year's budget and I can show you where the different pulls of money came from. A lot of that was food, room rentals, showing movies a UCSC student made. We do have those documents online.

**Ayo:** Thank you so much for this presentation. Thank you for sharing your seat with me earlier. Pulling from spring SOFA would essentially be the same as getting funded from SOFA. I was wondering if you'd potentially apply to SOFA for this Friday.

**Lauren:** The funding from SOFA would not come in time. We did apply for that in case this line item didn't work. The funding from SOFA wouldn't come on time for event in week 6 for Pause for Paws. Also we want to be able to institutionalize this into the SUA budget so that in the coming years they don't have to come back every year.

**Ayo:** If you do end up getting funded by SOFA and funded by the SUA on Tuesday, would you agree SUA through programming and get it replaced by SOFA [?]. Know what I'm saying?

**Lauren:** No I don't know what you're saying. It's a separate request to get a line item.

**Ayo:** Great!

**Lauren:** Motion to add five minutes 10:28 pm.

**Owen:** Second 10:28 pm.

**Stephen:** Does the time constraint mean that you would be presenting this request and suspending the bylaws or are you open to waiting until next week?

**Lauren:** I'm open to waiting until next week. We have our event in week 6.

**Bella:** So, I need clarification on what Ayo was trying to say. If you get funded by SOFA, but you need the money before the end of the quarter we can pull from programming and that money would just go back into SOFA?

**Lauren:** I talked to Bao Nhia, if for some reason we don't get this line item approval or the money doesn't come in on time then my office will cover it and we'll just transfer the funds over. Does that sort of answer your question?

**Bella:** Yes.

**Zach:** Are there any more comments?

**Lauren:** Thank you!

### **10:30PM: Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

**Zach:** I really appreciate all of your time and all your effort. Also please don't stay to help put the room back together, I get paid to do that. Please go home.

**Ayo:** Thank you so much if you have any questions, come talk to me so we can clear some stuff up.

**Citlalli:** I sent out a google form to change the time of SUA meeting if you don't respond, you can't complain!

**Zach:** Send your public comments for Title IX! It's really important!

**Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.**