

## **SUA MEETING MINUTES**

~ WINTER 2019 Quarter Session ~ Location: Oakes Learning Center ~ Tuesday, January 8, 2019 ~

**Assembly Members Present:** Ayo Banjo, Citlalli Aquino, Davon Thomas, Lauren Woo, Enrique Yarce, Bella Bullock, Natasha Bramer, Ryan Sparno, Leighton Mair, Saúl Soto, Claudia Paz Flores, Sydney Eliot, Soma Badri, Ce-Lai Fong, Rojina Bozorgnia, Amy Calderwood, Venkatesh Nagubandi, Emma Cunningham, Joshua Anh Ta, Alexandrina Chavez, Anna Romstad, Owen Sweeney, Chase Hayes, Jessica Zubia Calsada, Aakriti Singh, Stephan Edgar, Andrew Romero, Sharu Suriya, David Miller Shevelev

**Assembly Members Absent:** Cameron Elliott (alt-Dominique), Alicia Freedman, Devyn Ellis, Yonatan Tekla, Jocelyn Fredell, Francisco Diaz (alt-Taryn Damore), Michelle Moreno, Sam Grewal, Naliyah Martinez/Zaire Pickett, Robert Parke, Kayla Beaman, Fatima Mohammadi, Sunpreet Mahil

**Yet to be Filled:** MECha Representative, Bayanihan Representative

**8:05PM: Call to order**

**8:00PM: Roll Call**

**8:09PM: Approval of the Agenda**

**Lauren:** Motion to approve. 8:09 pm

**Leighton:** Second. 8:09 pm

**Zach:** No objections. Motion approved. 8:09 pm

**8:09PM: Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

**Leighton:** Motion to approve minutes. 8:09 pm

**Sydney:** Second. 8:09 pm

**Zach:** No objections. Motion passes. 8:09 pm

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

**Ishaan:** Hi, I'm the executive chief of staff for the president. We are running a search committee for the treasurer of the OP. I'm the chair for the search committee. Basically, I want to know if anyone else wants to take part on the search committee. I'm going to hand out these flyers. This has information on how a treasurer can apply. If you know any good applicants please go ahead

and give them this flyer and you can put them in contact with me. If you're interested or have any questions, I'm going to write my info on the whiteboard. Any questions?

**Davon:** Hello, my name is Davon. I'm the vice president of external affairs. Every winter quarter my office relaunches the Lobby Core which is a committee of office of external affairs. Lobby core periodically visits with [?] for city council and works with advisors, California legislator in Sacramento, and Washington D.C. [?] on what they see are the current issues of the welfare of UCSC undergraduate body. It's a really cool committee. Every Wednesday from 5:00-6:30 Amuh Mutson, third floor of the Bay Tree Bookstore. Starting tomorrow until June or May. If you come weekly, actually get involved, and be active, you can apply to go to Sacramento for the student lobbying conference for three days. You don't have to go to lobby core to apply, but if you do go weekly your chances are a lot better. Repeating Ayo's point, y'all have to serve on some SUA committee. Please come through tomorrow and the rest of the quarter. It would be really cool to see you there. Any questions?

**Ayo:** Hi everyone, welcome. Our advisor is accessible to all of y'all. If y'all have any questions about anything Bao Nhia is accessible on Wednesdays. Go visit her or bring her cookies, she does a lot of work. This week we will be having our retreat on Saturday. The retreat is going to talk about team-building, team-bonding. Leadership retreat will be Saturday 9:30-1 pm. We will be having a restorative justice circle next week Tuesday. Same place OLC at 7:30 pm. This is for us to have a conversation about how we can have more open communication, and how we want to create different processes, guidelines, and make this space as effective as possible. Your chairs have been notified today. If you can't come please let me know as soon as possible. We will also be enforcing committees this year as Davon said. Committees play a crucial role so that leadership can be dispersed in SUA. The seven committees we have right now, locations are being updated right now. We have a committee on Wellness that Bella started.

**Bella:** Hi y'all, how are you? For the wellness committee that I am creating, there's going to be opportunities that you can get involved in. One opportunity is if you have ideas you want to bring about in this community. Or just get involved as far as wellness goes, it's very open ended. I left it that way so that it's more open to get involved. The wellness committee is meant to promote even wellness for yourself. If you want to do this just for your health this is more to help you and your peers destress. I am also going to have paid positions in my office which will require a hiring

process. The paid position works more on helping Slug support. I don't know if y'all know but Slug support has very little help in their area. They have to deal with over 400 applications which is a lot of work for one person to deal with especially trying to help students in crisis. These ambassadors would need help with sorting these applications, prioritizing, wellness week, get statistics about mental health on campus, and how students health changes within the quarter and how certain aspects affect their wellness. If you are interested you can come up to me after this meeting. Thanks!

**Andrea:** I'm Andrea, and i'm an organizer on campus with CALPIRG a statewide nonprofit that works on protecting the environment, student voice on campus. I wanted to say thank you for working with us in the past because I'm so new. I'm looking forward to working with you in the future. This year we are continuing working on what we did last quarter -100% renewable energy. 100% renewable energy was passed in UC school systems. Stay tuned for more. Thanks for having me, I just wanted to introduce myself.

**Zach:** We are out of time on this agenda item. Are there any motions?

**Stephen:** Motion to extend time by 5 minutes. 8:21 pm

**Amy:** Second. 8:21 pm

No objections. Motion passes. 8:21 pm

**Zach:** Quickly what Ayo said about the retreat: This is what we are trying to do to fix the problematic quarter we had last quarter. I hope to see as many of y'all there as possible. If you have any disagreements I would like to talk to y'all about that. Additionally, Bao Nhia our SUA advisor will be holding office hours.

**Bao Nhia:** Office hours will be every wednesday weekly 3-5 pm and by appointment. You can also email me, I will pass around business cards. If you want to talk about anything SUA related.

**Zach:** Are there any more announcements of public comments?

**Saul:** Is there an agenda for the retreat?

**Zach:** The retreat will be run by Miranda.

**Bao Nhia:** Miranda is the director of EOP. The SUA officers worked with Miranda last weekend at an officer retreat-if there's any officers that want to share their experience. I want to push this for all of you to take the opportunity to know each other outside of this space. This is a really great opportunity for you challenge yourselves, to enjoy, and have fun. Miranda is really great. I hope to see you there, I will be there, and officers will be there.

**Enrique:** Honestly, it was a good time. Good bonding experience. I highly recommend. I thought it was cheesy at first, but you learn a lot.

**Bella:** Going into it I thought we were going to do a hike. It wasn't anything I expected. There were a lot of things we talked about. I got to know a lot more about the officers I didn't know before and it gave me a new perspective. It's an eye-opener.

Zach: We'll be moving into the ISA's funding request.

### **8:25PM: New Business**

#### **-Indian Student Association Funding Request (15 minutes)**

**ISA REP:** Hi everyone, we are ISA. (Vice President, Cultural Directors, Financial Director) ISA is the Indian Student Association. It focuses on spreading cultural awareness through songs and dances. We have specific teams that do this: all of these teams perform at the annual culture show which will be the 19th culture show. These teams come up with beautiful sets which are bound together through skits. This year our skit is focused on something that everyone can relate to as students. All the problems, all the fun experiences. This is a spread of awareness of what India is and our ethnicities. Our show falls on April 20th this year. We were assigned this date by the theatre department. We have to pay extra for shuttles. We need funding for other things we cannot negotiate. We need funds for mainstage usage, labor, garbage, show flyers/programs, TAPS fees. These are non negotiable. These are prices by TAPS and theatre department. All of this comes to about \$5,712 dollars. And we would like SUA to help us fund our show this year. Any questions?

**Emma:** How many people are going to participate in show? Not that come, but are a part of the show.

**ISA Rep:** About 100 participants. We have 7 big teams and also people on the side like the tech crew. Attendance gets affected by 4/20.

**Leighton:** Have you attempted to ask other places for funds?

**ISA Rep:** Every year we do go to the colleges. We go to cp, SUA as well. The major events policy states you have to have your fees paid 6 weeks before your event. The colleges don't come in until later so the SUA is a big part of that prior funding. Prior to that it has been around \$5000 for those fees.

**Aakriti:** How many people do you expect to come to the show?

**ISA Rep:** Last year we sold about 200 tickets (students, families, professors). Considering the situation, this year we are expecting a drop in our sales so we can advertise more to make up for that. Every year it's about 200-300 guests.

**David:** Is there no way that you can change the date?

**ISA Rep:** We tried, but the theater arts department makes that call and said we couldn't. They have a lot of other events.

**Owen:** Do the ticket sales pay for some of event?

**ISA Rep:** The theatre department charges us to put our show on their website. Profit from ticket sales go to our future events on campus. Like the Bali night, which is an entirely free event. That's paid for by the ticket profit.

**Zach:** Are there any other questions?

**Enrique:** So there's a thousand dollars for the pizza. This is for the dancers?

**ISA Rep:** This is for the week of practice cause we have people there 5-6 hours and we feed our performers at our practices.

**Zach:** Any other questions? Thank y'all very much.

**ISA Reps:** Thank you.

### **-Hermanos Unidos Funding Request (15 minutes)**

**Ronald:** Good evening everyone! I'm Ronald, i'm a fourth year, and i'm the co chair this year for Hermanos Unidos.

**Celeste:** Hi, I'm Celeste, i'm a third year and the community service leader for Hermanos Unidos.

**Ronald:** We have a national conference coming up. We'd like to talk a little bit about our org.

**Celeste & Ronald:** Mission statement: Hermanos Unidos de University California Santa Cruz is a Latino male familia based on 3 pillars believed to help retain, empower, and educate ourselves in an often unwelcoming space at UCSC. Hermanos unidos we try to build a inseparable bond. We come from families that didn't get a chance to go to college. For a lot of us, we share the same struggles and have common goals to graduate and help our families out. The national leadership conference has familias from 15 different campuses. It's UCs and Cal states. Stems all the way back to 1989, first familia was founded at Berkeley and has been growing ever since. So what we do at the conference there's networking, workshops, lation mental health, LGBTQ+, interview techs, leadership skills. For a lot of hermanos they've never been taught these skills. This conference helps us build leadership skills, and community. The little things are what help us build a better tomorrow. The conference is definitely a big help for us. We get to social network and build better professional skills. We also get to meet a lot of alumni and connect with them. For funding, as a whole we are recognized as a 501 tax-exempt, non profit org. We strive for young latinos to graduate on time. For a lot of us, especially as Latino males we are discouraged to come to college, there's not a lot of familiar faces. This

conference is a safe place to grow and connect with other people who share similar experiences and similar struggles. As you can see our budget includes registration. We tend to invite about 20 hermanos to come with us. This year the conference is at UCLA, so it's a longer trip. With that we have registration, hotels, gas, parking, vans, gas cards, etc. How we fund: we go to all the colleges, sua, and fundraise. Last year we were fortunate to get enough funding to accommodate everyone. This year we are hoping to do the same. Thank you so much for your time, and listening to us. We can answer questions if you have any?

**SUA Member:** How much are you asking for?

**Ronald:** We are asking for \$2000

**Saul:** When are your meetings?

**Ronald:** Meetings are Wednesdays.

**Enrique:** What are the gas cards for?

**Ronald:** We have to take one additional car, so that's what that's for.

**-USAS Local Roots Training Funding Request (10 minutes) 8:44 pm**

**USAS Reps:** Hi, I'm [?] second year at Oakes. Hi I'm Alyssa, i'm a second year as well. We are requesting funding for USAS Local Roots Training for students in our org and others. This will help get students excited. It's a national and international org. It's a nonprofit org started by students for students. We would like to make this training accessible for all students. Collective liberation, fundraising. We are reaching out to big five and other ethnic orgs to join us. We are expecting at least 30 students to be joining us. We want to gather common interests that we have. We want to include all students, also if anyone in this space is interested. Troy a USAS organizer will be facilitating the training for us. So, we are asking for \$500, this covers the training fees. All of that money goes towards national and local campaigns. It will also benefit the workers of those campaigns. We are planning it for this month. Thank you.

**Zach:** Are there any questions? I have a question. Our next meeting will be on the 22nd would you need us to decide on the funding today?

**USAS Rep:** Probably because we are planning for Wednesday the 23rd.

**Sharu:** How many students are you expecting?

**USAS Rep:** Thirty.

**Emma:** When is this?

**USAS Rep:** January 23rd; Wednesday.

**Emma:** A time would be good too.

**USAS Rep:** Location wise it's Humanities 2 room 259. We don't have a time just yet.

**Venkatesh:** I was just wondering if you went to the colleges for funding?

**USAS Rep:** No. [I couldn't hear the reason].

**Emma:** How much are you asking for again?

**USAS Rep:** \$500.

**Zach:** Any other questions? Seeing none, thank y'all for coming! We still have five minutes on this agenda item. If someone wants to make a motion.

**Ayo:** I would first like to talk about the long range project and then get into that.

**Lauren:** Motion to table this till after Ayo's talk. 8:52 pm

**Owen:** Second. 8:52 pm

**Ayo:** Can I amend? Push this after the chancellor search update. 8:52 pm

**Celai:** Second. 8:52 pm

**Lauren:** Second 8:52 pm

**Davon:** Point of information. When do we have this room until?

**Zach:** We have this room until 11.

### **8:53PM: Presentations**

#### **-SUA Long Range Project (25 minutes)**

**Ayo:** How y'all doing? How's everything going? I already touched bases with some of y'all. There's no set proposal. I decided if it's better if I just talk to you and we have an open and honest conversation about what happened last quarter. When you think about SUA and what we do as a body, what comes to mind? Can I hear from the first years and transfers?

**Aakriti:** The first quarter felt hostile and bureaucratic.

**Alexandrina:** As a transfer with community college ties, I thought of SUA more as the body that passes bills and resolutions. I felt like last quarter was a very different situation.

**Sydney:** Coming into it, I told it was very stressful. As a rep, people warned me about that before coming in.

**Joshua:** After reading the newspaper [sorry I could not hear, referring to the concert].

**Owen:** I was told similar to what Sydney was told. There's good intentions.

**Ayo:** I'd like to open it up to everyone right now. What is our main job?

**Saul:** Last quarter happened, it was dysfunctional, hostile, bureaucratic. I feel like we have a lot of potential to be something strong.

**Ryan:** We are more like a funding body, our main role is supportive.

**Leighton:** I see us as having more of an organization that has enough resources to improve student experiences.

**Ayo:** In reality we mainly fund. We have all these different pathways to fund organizations. We have the potential to be something strong. Does anyone else want to add on?

**Enrique:** When I transferred last year I was told it was bureaucratic and hostile. I like this space and see the potential. I see my office and what I want to do with it. I want to try to envision not just doing stuff the way it's been happening.

**Davon:** This doesn't excuse what happened last year. Every fall there's drama in each class. It sucks, Ayo and I know a lot of SUA alumni. I've talked to probably around 11 alumni. SUA has done a lot of great things on this campus. There is a community of people who shared the same chairs as you that experienced the same drama; hopefully we can change that. Take the next steps to improve SUA.

**Emma:** We're all students here and make mistakes. Mistakes should be addressed, apologized for,, and then move forward. We all have some higher goal that we are trying to. We are doing good things. We are doing things for the students. Right now we should think about moving forward. We are funding things valuable to student's growth.

**Ayo:** I want to hear from people that I never hear from in this space. I think for those people that don't really engage. I really want you to utilize this time to say what's on your mind. If this is too high pressure, just come tell me afterwards. If there's anyone that doesn't usually speak up if you can say something

**Amy:** I'm a first year and so I came to this space with kind of the same things others were told (don't do it). First quarter, I felt I didn't feel like I really had the knowledge to speak on things. I know that people in here really want to change things. I think we are making good strides.

**Ayo:** I will give my little assessment and then move into guidelines and protocols . running and trying to get involved and create radical change..I got caught up in my head. I should've taken more time to develop my confidence in certain judgments and put my foot down. I think all of us in general are always learning to be better leaders. What is your definition of a leader or leadership? I'm going to put one of my officers on the spot to start the conversation.

**Lauren:** My definition of a leader is bein allow others to speak, contribute to the team.

**Bella:** I would like to believe that a leader is someone who is willing to be in the back of everybody else to make sure everyone is moving forward. You

can see the bigger picture that way. I believe that the leader is the support. They're the person that is critical in everyone else's development.

**Ayo:** I'll share mine real quick. My definition of leadership is somebody or a group of people striving for better in a way that is different from everybody else around them. You have this image of what you want. It's not an easy road. We are on this path. Sometimes I feel like SUA gets caught in "potholes" we get caught up in things that lead to repetitive issues. When we get caught up in the same conversations, same ideology, how much fresh are we then our predecessors. Somebody said that we have really good intentions, sometimes it's just not seen by the student body. I think that everyone is here because they're committed to helping the student body. We may have different understandings, perspectives. We are in this space to talk about that. We are all powerful in this space. We are here to make this space as effective as possible. If we aren't doing that, we aren't doing our jobs. We are just perpetuating drama, the same issues of our predecessors. How to we get better at addressing issues, holding people accountable? I really do want our space to be guided in the politics of this campus. While we are bickering and arguing we get distracted on what's happening on the admin level. Do y'all know about the 2.7 million dollar housing fund allocation process that was give to UCOP. Did anyone read the letter I sent out before winter break? It's alright I know we were checked out.

#### **-Housing Allocation Process Review (15 minutes) 9:15 pm**

**Ayo:** In light of the 2.7 million dollar housing fund allocation to UC Santa Cruz, we have found it critical to bring public awareness to our concerns with this funding process. Every UC has a funding of 1.5 million dollars. Because of the amount of pell grant recipients we received more money. UCSC received 2.7 million dollars. On October 3rd UCOP, communicated with UCSC administrators and said "here is 2.7 million dollars, what should we do with those funds? Make sure you include the faculty, staff, students". Seeing that we are the most affected and least prepared. How many students are sitting on this committee? Where are students included in that process? They sent me an email on December 10th to "provide a single response to get student feedback and have it to us by January 11th". That was finals week. It wasn't that they didn't receive the information on time. They received this information first on October 3rd. So when was I supposed to get a response from the student body? There's obviously no time for us to get an accurate response. They had to ask UCOP for an extension and the extension is January 11. They had ten weeks to reach out to us. We were so caught up in

the conversations of whatever was going on between us that we missed this shady process happening behind our backs. This is not coincidental. This happened last year as well. This is an issue. Not all of admin are the enemy, but there's certain patterns that administrators take part of because they don't expect students to call them out. There was two departments that were asking for 400,000 and another for 300,000 for. The issue I brought up is where do those funds go? 1.2 million went to transfer students...How many have actually received anything for transitioning?

**Alexandrina:** \*raised hand\* It might have been from STARS.

**Ayo:** I already asked and they said they haven't' distributed anything.

**Zach:** We are out of time on this agenda item. Are there any motions to extend time?

**Citlalli:** Motion to extend time by 15 minutes. 9:21 pm

**Owen:** Second. 9:21 pm

**Ayo:** I moved on to the next agenda item. I talked to the officers the other day about what we should do about this. Tell them they are perpetuating certain cycles that leave students voices out. Why don't we ever strategize about what to do next? There's something that's not connected I want us to be a body that strategizes on political issues on this campus. Focus on the the issues students are facing. Enrique has been running a campaign to find a place for homeless students who sleep in the cars to have a place to sleep and not be harassed by police. If we don't bring the conversation to you you're not gonna know. I was so mad about the 2.7 million dollars. I was wondering why no one else was mad. They just sent it to me. I was thinking that the emails sent to me where also sent out to others. These practices of officers being so separated from the assembly because we are not having everyone's talents [?]. I don't know if y'all agree with me. SOFA is expected to be February 1st Amuh Mutson. We need to talk about strategy, political [?], resolutions. We have to do more. We are trying to do more, but you have to meet us halfway, and i'm not saying that about all of you. We as a team have to move together. I hope this conflict resolution protocol will help this body resolve conflicts. Another issue is that we don't have institutional memory. There hasn't been SUA guidelines or protocols like this. I think we need to start creating solid pathways that help us through issues. This protocol i've set up to ensure that any conflict we have as a body we can resolve ourselves. You will have time to edit, make comments. This is a way we hope will mediate the conversation. \*Reading the Conflict Resolution Protocol\* Can you scroll down to page three. Please read this on your own time. This is

going to be a living document. The process of implementing this is simple ;amend as we go. SUA third party, anyone outside of voting party.

**Emma:** Point of personal privilege. I don't know where that document is.

**Zach:** I need to give sharing access. It's in the shared folder this weekend.

**Lauren:** Motion for a three minutes recess. 9:31 pm

**Joshua:** Second. 9:31 pm

**Zach:** Meeting called back to order. 9:35 pm

**Ayo:** Does everyone see it? Page three talks about assembly member leadership. Assembly member leadership is any person within the SUA holding a position the assembly confirmed by the voting membership. I want y'all to feel empowered to take on certain roles, take on additional roles, and meet whatever agenda you have in the SUA. I also want to create a different outlet for conflict resolution. On the next page you'll find the actual protocols. This protocol is a guideline. We can change and amend as we go (ex: if you feel anything is repetitive, add or change anything). These talk about the levels of how we can navigate the SUA space when it comes to conflict. In a non-confrontational manner, you go up to a person and let them know how you're feeling. Say how their actions made you feel, but don't be "youyouyou" accusations do not help. Speak in a way that is explained from your perspective, not assuming something. Ask yourself if you did your best to address all the issues in the argument; all the concerns of that person, and your own concerns. After that, if that doesn't work out then move to talking to assembly leaders. We can discuss how they can mediate discussions. I don't want it to seem that i'm the only person that can disperse effective and cohesive communication. Hopefully that opens up different channels of communication between us. It also goes into if you have issues with an executive. I want to make sure that everyone knows that if there is an issue/conflict it will be addressed before we move on. We want to make sure we are holding each other accountable. We want to make sure that we are creating solutions to our problems, since we're learning as students how to be the best student leaders.

**Zach:** We are out of time and have six people on stack. Are there any motions regarding the time?

**Stephen:** Motion to extend time by 20 minutes 9:42 pm

**Citlalli:** Second. 9:42 pm

**Ayo:** Last thing about this protocol; confidentiality. This can be confidential- just make that known. The only way conflicts can be resolved is if you address it. If Claudia came to me and said she had an issue with Lauren, and she wants to keep it between us then we will keep between us until Claudia is

ready. And if Claudia is never ready then Claudia is never ready 'cause it's Claudia's issue. The power will be in your hands, you have control of who you want to mediate the conflict, the process- just make sure you address the issue. We want to stop that toxicity from spreading. Make sure that we aren't venting to the wrong people, which leads to gossip. If we want to make space in here to vent, we can make that space. We can truly be honest and engage with each other. If we want to put legislation aside to resolve our own issues that's *really* important. Let's make sure that if there's any issues that we are talking about it and figuring out potential solutions. We want to hold our credibility as an institution. The issues that we have right now as a space is that we want to do something, but we are waiting for someone to put it there so that we could do something about it. Like Saul said we have so much capacity to want to change what has been historical in this institution. It starts out with a conversation. We have to make sure that we have room for that conversation to happen and for people to have input. You're not here to assess how far you are in the journey as a leader. You're here to bring yourself, bring 100% of your unapologetic self to be better and represent more. I want to make sure I leave room for questions. In the next few days we will be sending out some documents. Nothing I do is ever finalized until I show/send it to y'all. We want to make sure that communication is healthy and strong. I also created a calendar for SUA events. I'm planning to have it updated every Wednesday. These are all potential ways to advertise. If you want your events on there. This in a way is also our home. We convene to help others, we unite because we all want to be public servants. The biggest part of this all is that we have to connect with students that are also actually doing the labor and the work to progress this campus in a way that SUA hasn't. The funding for the food pantry. That is a great initiative. Tim is a great person, a great staff member. The Cowell food pantry want to partner up with us to expand those kind of services. They want to figure out how we can have less money taken from SUA budget. I also put in a proposal, a certain amount of money that will have more money come from the administration and less from our budget. If the proposal passes; we have opportunities to create partnerships across campus. I want to create this organization called the assembly commission, which job is to bring outside voices into this space. We as a credible institutional voice can take that message and present a solid way to help people. One organization my office is co-creating is with formerly incarcerated student unions to talk about what resources they don't have and how to attain them. When we tie SUAs name to anything it's taken more seriously, that's just how it is. I don't

remember if SUA has had a measure on the ballot. The people doing the hard work are not here. We cannot call ourselves a representative body if student constituents don't believe in us. We need to give these organizations incentives, maybe a stipend. I got a grant from Sara Latham, maybe we can give them a stipend. We need innovation. My first years and transfers, you all bring such a valuable voice, because without you we would be stuck with same things. Freshman and transfer students...own your position, bring your voice. I will continue this conversation more at our retreat. I want to engage with y'all in a way that we can really connect. I want to see what y'all want, what you want to do after you graduate. How do we set up a pathway that will help us into career field? I will take questions after.

**Citlalli:** Correction...Ayo said that the email by admin about the UCOP grant, was sent to officers and the assembly. It was only sent to Ayo. I wasn't sent to any officers other than Ayo. That is one out of six executive officers when it honestly should've been sent to the whole student body. Each of the big five ethnic orgs should have been able to submit their own proposal too.

**Emma:** That was a long time ago. I do want to say that I'm a little confused. It's the first week and my brain is a little fried for sure. What are we talking about right now?

**Ayo:** Basically, I gave a summary of what I want to engage in this quarter. Anything else I will follow up with y'all in email.

**Emma:** Another thing, I think at least for me, but I would feel good if you could send emails sent from administration you, to us. If we know about it we can bring up things we feel are important to bring up in spaces of people we represent. At least start a conversation. Like the UCOP email. If that's something you can do. I think the best thing would be to be able to send out to the entire student body. I know that may require jumping through loops. I'm wondering if there's a way around that. Like send to SUA members and we send to as many people as possible that we represent. I know when you sent that email before break, I sent it to my chair. That's something to think about. How do we get that chain of conversation going?

**Lauren:** The SUA committees. Student academic senate is actually closed meetings. All the senate(s) elect a representative, so you can't join that.

**Owen:** This is just food for thought. When I was in government before in high school, I was in the Jewish youth group thing. One thing they had was a facebook page for the elected officials as a safe space. That might be a good idea. Also I wanted to say that I really like the idea that we are having a retreat and low stress event. Unfortunately, I won't be able to make this Saturday. Maybe we should have one once a quarter.

**Emma:** We do have an SUA guide that was written last quarter by Jem. It describes some guidelines. The idea behind it is that we send this out to all incoming members of SUA. By reading through it they'll get a better idea of what's expected of them, and they have an idea of what is expected of them when coming into this space. I think the conflict resolution is a good thing to include. I think there's also a lot of information in the guide that would be beneficial to similar things. One of the things that was included in the guide was that we should have a professional retreat to get familiar with SUA and a non-professional, fun team building each quarter.

**Saul:** I was wondering if you can send out that email just in case we couldn't attend (referring to the press briefing).

**Ayo:** The press briefing, I covered almost everything. I can send this.

**Saul:** If we discussed it here, then that's fine.

**Ayo:** You can also find the press briefing online at SUA Facebook page. We recorded it so we will post it.

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

**Stephen:** Motion to extend time by five minutes and also if I can be added to stack. 10:03 pm

**Amy:** Second. 10:03 pm

**Stephen:** I think we all need to give the conflict protocol a thorough read. One page five, one of my concerns that I have is that you're directing individuals that have a conflict with an executive member to confide in another SUA executive member. That might be something someone may not be comfortable with. As we are working to reunite and reduce the toxicity. I believe it will be more appropriate to appoint people to a third party. Instead of that third party being a secondary option.

**Davon:** Easy fix- Bao Nhia, SUA advisor, third party. That's what she's here for.

**Ayo:** What I tried to do is set up different options for people to take. If some reason you don't feel comfortable then the third party must be involved. SUA advisor and parliamentarian are prime third party members. We are going to have them trained so that they are ready to take on any sort of conflict. If you don't want to go to an executive you don't have to.

**Stephen:** If there is an SUA guide can you please send that out?

**Ayo:** I will look for it and send it out.

**Zach:** The guide Emma was talking about should be in the first week's folder. There's a few people that weren't part of this space at that time that need to be shared on that.

**Emma:** That should be public on the website. It should also be shared as a brief agenda item. Maybe the first meeting when most of the new people are there. Seeing a random document is one thing. But being shown and told about it is completely a different thing.

**Bella:** I just want to say I personally don't feel comfortable being a third party. I think Bao Nhia is a great third party. I don't know how other executives feel, but that's how I feel.

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

### **-Chancellor Search Update (5 minutes) 10:08 pm**

**Ayo:** As y'all know we are looking for a new chancellor . I schedule our town hall to be January 23rd from 7-8:30 pm. We are waiting on Stevenson Event Center to confirm the reservation. When confirmed we will send email immediately. We are going to have members from search committee as well. We want to have a discussion with student body what they're looking for. What are their issues with process as well. How we can as student representatives fight for the agenda that you want. If you are available please come out January 23rd 7pm Stevenson Event Center. Also, protocol three section a: the sua third party is defined as anyone outside appointing membership (?) the only way that an executive will be considered a third party. The second to last page, page five: the executive *should* come and talk to one of the executives, but if you don't then you can define whoever you want as a third party. If it doesn't say that then maybe I should include it.

### **9:45PM: Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

#### **-USAS Funding Requests 10:11 pm**

**Zach:** Just as a recap they were asking for \$500. We won't be having a normal meeting next week. We won't be doing normal SUA stuff. Please come next week! They have their thing on the 23rd. Next meeting is the 22nd.

**Lauren:** Two things: the one thing I have is that there is a problem. The second thing on their projected budget is water to sell at the show during intermission. SUA passed a piece of legislation couple years ago that bars anyone from using university money to sell water bottles because it's not sustainable.

**Citlalli:** Lauren, that's the wrong one...

**Ayo:** I just want to have a conversation about sponsorship and what that means. This issue came up last quarter because certain organizations got

funds, but did not have a focal which meant the funds couldn't be transferred directly. Bao Nhia had to do everything while she was backed up with other things as the SUA advisor. I also created a sponsorship guideline over break. It's not done, that's why I haven't shared it. Basically, in the possible guideline, non-registered student orgs can be eligible for funding but they have to provide a focal that we can send the funds to. Our advisor cannot do the work for an organization. That was the foundation I'm laying out for SUA finances. If anyone feels otherwise or does anyone have an alternative solution?

**Davon:** In the most respectful way, Is this relevant to what we are doing now? General question to the body: the pay that they are asking for is to the organization? I'm not saying we shouldn't cause we should do that tonight. Worst case scenario if people weren't comfortable with paying an organization. I don't understand how that has to happen immediately. If that makes sense?

**Ayo:** Focals can only be given to organizations that are registered. Which is technically how SUA should be funding. Focal is is fund organization...the number we use to transfer from one account to another organizations focal.

**Davon:** I just want to say thank you because my question was answered.

**Citlalli:** Motion to extend my time by 10 minutes 10:17 pm

**Alexandrina:** Second. 10:17 pm

**Leighton:** I want to echo what Ayo said. That if an organization wants money from us, they need to have a focal. That guarantees to us that money is not being spent on ridiculous things. I think it's only fair that we need to be responsible as a body. Personally, I think we should reject funding requests that doesn't have a focal.

**Owen:** Ya, we should be abiding by the laws, but also we haven't been. If I was not in SUA I would be like "what the hell? All of a sudden you wanna abide by the rules". We need to have a clear defined point from now on and give people an advanced notice. I think there's exceptions to the rules.

**Saul:** Is there anything in the constitution that we can't fund non-registered organizations?

**Ayo:** It's in the bylaws of what makes an organization eligible for funding. It doesn't say anywhere that we can't give fund to non-registered orgs. It does say very clearly that we give funds to registered student orgs. So there's a blurry line.

**Citlalli:** The focal has to do with a lot of internal school democracy. WSSC primary purpose is to work with workers who don't have a voice, so we can be their voice. In order to be an organization under SOAR you have to [?]

certain things, which includes not participating in strike with workers. Part of being a registered under SOAR means that you won't strike. Just because they don't have a focal doesn't mean that they will not spend it on what they should. They will still need to provide receipts and return any extra money. We can still make sure that our money is going where it needs to be.

**Enrique:** Yes, having a focal facilitates everything, but I would be interested in exploring other options. USAS is a great organization. I commend them for doing that on campus and spreading knowledge. After we leave issues with labor justice won't go away so we need to navigate that. If we can find a way through the assembly. I was interested if Jared would sponsor a protocol? That's something we could explore. So that we could fund Non-rso's.

**Bella:** I had a question. Ayo please just say yes or no...Do they have a host focal?

**Ayo:** Not currently.

**Citlalli:** We are figuring out a focal for them. We will have a way to transfer the money to them through SUA.

**Bella:** Since we have a way to transfer money to them, we should consider if we want to fund them or not. In another meeting we should discuss more about how to give organizations advance notice that they have to have a focal. We need to decide to fund them or not.

**Jessica:** I don't think it's right that we judge the legitimacy or character of the organization. Like Citlalli said, there's reasons they don't have one. I don't think that should be a reason we don't fund them. Since we have funded one's in the past I don't see why not we shouldn't make an exception. We were literally just talking about how we need to support the orgs on campus that aren't in SUA. So, I'm for it

**Ayo:** This organization should get funded by us. That was not my intention when I brought this up. Whether they get funded or not. They're getting funded by Citlalli and Enrique's office so the advisor is going to have to do a lot of work anyways. I wanted to bring that up to start a larger conversation.

**Leighton:** Point of inquiry. How many speakers are behind me on stack?

**Zach:** Four.

**Leighton:** I reserve my right to make a motion. Regardless of my personal political opinion about how this org operates. I would like to say that funding an explicitly political org; it does not set a good precedent for us giving money does express some biases. On that note I would personally be voting against this, just as I would for other explicitly political events all across the spectrum. In that note I motion to put this funding request to a vote.

**Zach:** That can't be a motion, so you motion to call to question.

Call to question made by Leighton. 10:27 pm

**Citlalli:** Second. 10:27 pm

**Zach:** Are there any objections? No objections we are now moving into a vote. We need to suspend bylaw E17.

**Zach:** Is there a motion to suspend the bylaw?

**Citlalli:** Motion to suspend the bylaw. 10:28 pm

**Amy:** Second. 10:28 pm

No objections. Motion passes. 10:28 pm

**Zach:** Motions regarding funding this org.

**Owen:** Fund the organization \$500 out of the programming line item. 10:29 pm

**Citlalli:** Second. 10:29 pm

**Leighton:** Objection based upon the concerns I brought up earlier. 10:29 pm

**Zach:** Moving into a vote. This requires a majority vote. (only one vote against funding the USAS organization).

Motions passes. USAS will be funded \$500 out of programming. We are now moving into last agenda item.

**Saul:** I thought we moved the discussion on the funding request.

### **Closing remarks 10:00 pm**

**Bella:** Thank you all. I hope to be able to make the space more healing a safe for y'all to speak out. On top of that, again on the wellness committee sp85 which is the measure passed to help students has been decreased by 17% over the past year. Food pantry: \$21,000 given this year; \$31,000 last year. That definitely helped because we run about 10,000-11,000 a quarter. If you are interested in getting more involved please come to wellness committee and help us. On this new housing allocation time[?] put in a request for basic needs for students. For food insecurity and it's on the bottom of the list to be voted on. It's not being prioritized by the admin. I highly suggest gathering statistics to help increase chances of admin realizing how big of an issue this is. One last thing: pantry is opening up on January 28th 12-6 everyday after that.

**Xual:** I have a question for Ayo. Are you posting on sua website too?

**Ayo:** Communications branch: we are hiring new people. When we have those people we will connect that, but for now we have Facebook.

**Davon:** Lobby core. 5-6:30 pm tomorrow. There will be snacks. I think my committee is the funnest so you should sit on it

**Ayo:** Lastly, I know we are supposed to nominate the chair and vice chair. I need somebody to work on this temporarily. I would like to appoint or

nominate Stephen as the temporary role. Emma I know you're also interested. Just until we vote.

**Citlalli:** If we are nominating people, I want to nominate Emma.

**Zach:** Real quickly: on Saturday and next week there will be free food. We are meeting 7:30-11. We are having a restorative justice circle.

**Meeting adjourned** at 10:36 pm