



# Student Union Assembly Meeting Agenda

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**Winter 2019 Quarter Session**  
**Tuesday 19 Feb 2019**  
**8:00pm Oakes Learning Center**

8:00: Roll Call

**Assembly Members Present:** Ayo Banjo, Citlalli Aquino, Davon Thomas, Lauren Woo, Enrique Yarce, Bella Bullock, Cameron Elliott, Alexandrina Chavez, Leighton Mair, Tommy Ramirez, Sydney Eliot, Soma Badri, Ce-Lai Fong, Rojina Bozorgnia, Amy Calderwood, Venkatesh Nagubandi, Emma Cunningham, Anna Romstad, Owen Sweeney, Jessica Zubia Calsada, Stephan Edgar, Azlan Jaher

**Assembly Members Absent:** Natasha Bramer, Ryan Sparno, Alicia Freedman, Yonatan Tekla, Saúl Soto, Claudia Paz Flores, Joshua Anh Ta, Zolt Brown-Dunn, Moushmi Gazula, Chase Hayes, Francisco Diaz (alt.-Taryn Damore), Michelle Moreno, Aakriti Singh, Andrew Romero, Sam Grewal (alt.-Nate Hornbuckle), Naliyah Martinez/Zaire Pickett, Robert Parke, Sharu Suriya, Kayla Beaman, Sunpreet Mahil, David Miller Shevelev

**Yet-to-be-filled:** MEChA, Bayanihan

## **8:00PM: UCSC Transportation Presentation**

*Kevin:* Hello everyone, my name is Kevin Parks. Thank y'all for your time. I'm a slug graduate, I graduated 2006. Ten years as a transit supervisor and ten years as a loop driver. I also have a JD and MLS degree. I just wanted to talk to y'all: I heard there was a presentation that TAPS was putting on "Why are the Buses so Full?". I don't know if

anyone went to that or what it was all about. I came to this assembly and spoke last year. They want the students to vote to increase their fees which can be a barrier for some people to come and get an education. I just wanted to come again this year because I think they're asking for more money, but less than they were asking for last year. Last year we had a working group and we met with the administration a few times and went over some stuff. When I spoke here a lot of students were surprised of what I had to say. My view is that if they have enough money it's the way that they're allocating it that is not efficient. Zach has put up a map here. Most all of you either use the loop or the metro or a combination of both. That's basically what we have for getting around. For the 15 or 16 it's is about 9.5 miles to go all the way and the loop is about 4.5 miles and the upper campus is 2.5 miles. The metro does about 2.5 million rides annually and the campus transit does about 2.2 million rides. After 20 years of being on campus driving the bus I estimated that about 80% of the rides are between the east and west remote. That's based on my experience of what I've seen. The metro has never done accurate surveys. We don't have exact counts. It's sort of logical that if that many of the rides are between here and here, then you should be having more routes. We had a study - before that we had a perimeter route that would start at the base, would go through campus to the west remote, come back to the Quarry Plaza, and back to the base. They did the study and said you need a direct route from here to here. If the metro did about 2.5 million rides that shows that's about \$1.75 per ride and that's quite a bit of money. Here you have a collective bargaining pool of money. If you look at only the off campus rides which I estimated is about 60%. About 40% of the rides metro does is from campus stop to campus stop. If you look at just paying the metro for on campus to off campus or vice versa then it's closer to \$3 per ride. It's a lot of money and I don't know what they're asking for, but they're already getting a lot. The student transit fee is about 6 million. They take about \$10 per student. The total is about 5.5 million that comes from the student fee and \$500,000 comes for housing. They pay about half a million for people who live on campus. For campus rides if you take 6 million that leaves about 4.1 million for the on campus rides which are getting about 2.2 million rides. It's very

important; it's really dominating the conversation. The administration is not looking at it as logical transportation. They're looking at it as giving the city hush money basically because they've been sued on their expansion and they are paying them money to make sure that it reduces traffic, but it's not an efficient way to do it by any means. Residents of the city sued the university based on traffic, housing, and water I believe. One of the big things is traffic. If you're looking at transportation you're wondering why so much money is going there for the small amount of rides. They're paying the city transportation money to quiet the settlement. If you look at the 1.4 million costs for campus transit and 2.2 million rides, it's about 64 or 65 cents per ride. I'm not saying that you don't need an increase, maybe you do, maybe you need a decrease. What's important is to have the conversation. Last year I presented and Davon and Max and Noah were there. We had some good conversation. The vote came and it was almost a split vote, but there were not enough student voices and not enough voted. We love the students. Driving the bus is not the most rewarding job, but seeing the students and [?] it's really why I'm here. I'm an alumni like I said and I just wanna make sure that you're informed about what's going on. As far as Sara Latham the vice chancellor makes around \$290,000 annually and the head of [?] of UCOP makes around \$211,000. A lot of that is your money going to these salaries. One other thing, we now have solar panels going into the east remote. From sustainability point of view, it makes sense to have some sort of electric vehicles. Have them charge up between classes. That makes great sense to me. You guys decide what you do with your money and don't just give it to them to decide how it's spent. It's very inefficient the way that the gears work.

*Enrique:* I just want to say thank you for coming to share and talk with us about this. Do you have a google doc or something you can share with us so we can take to our spaces?

*Kevin:* I have some stuff that I printed out from last year. What I would like if anyone is interested in a working group that's interested in public transportation.

*Venkatesh:* So the beginning of the presentation you said something about the funds being mis-allocated? Where do you think most of the funds are being mis-allocated?

*Kevin:* When you see 4.5 million going to the metro for 2.5 million rides, I think that's disproportionate. Does that answer your question?

*Venkatesh:* A little bit.

*Kevin:* That's a good start.

*Davon:* 4.5 million is going to the metro for 2.5 million rides? So 2.5 times \$1.75, doesn't that equal to the 4.6 million that you're referring to? Is that the allocation that's supposed to go there or is that another 4 million?

*Kevin:* It's an annual contract with the metro. That brings up another point: the metro is already getting grants from the government based on the head count. They're also getting federal and state grants. It's almost like double-dipping. Why are they charging you after they're already getting subsidized for you?

*Venkatesh:* How much does it take in general for the metro to operate? Just in the university?

*Kevin:* We could only assume that they're charging what it costs. I'm not sure how to answer that one. I suspect that it's taking fuel, drivers, insurance, that's not looking at the quality of life. It's nice to have a bus service, but it's also quite a lot of traffic.

*Enrique:* In the interest of time of our agenda we should probably move on, but do you have contact information?

*Kevin:* Yeah sure. (Kevin Parks [kemparks@gmail.com](mailto:kemparks@gmail.com)) So was there anyone that would be interested in transportation and maybe a working group meeting with administration? Was it Owen?

*Owen:* I'll speak to you.

*Kevin:* Thank you for having me and I'm happy to answer any other questions and I appreciate your time very much!

*Enrique:* So it's not annoying every time students say thank you every time they get off the bus?

*Kevin:* No I love it! For us to get that constantly, we'll never get tired of that.

8:26PM: Call to Order

*Zach:* Now that we have quorum, let's go through the normal meeting stuff. Does anyone want to speak? If anyone comes in late you can come and talk to me after.

*Owen:* I would like to bring about the point that the agenda has been changed several times since the last time I looked at it and that's not okay. It's supposed to be posted 48 hours beforehand according to the constitution. I am asking why the discussion about the recording clerk isn't on here. I also ask that we move the Resolution for Houseless Students back to 9:00 pm where I originally saw it because people are coming and it's time sensitive. Also would like to propose that old business goes first because it's old business so we have to take care of that. I don't know if anyone else has feelings about that.

*Citlalli:* I'm fine with all those things except for the recording clerk stuff.

*Zach:* Can I respond directly? It is supposed to be posted 48 hours in advance, that's on me. I know this is the first time that it hasn't been 48 hours in advance so if y'all want to discuss further if you think I'm right for this position. I talked with Ayo about some steps that I can take in the future. I'm doing the best I can. In terms of the recording clerk --Ayo would you like to talk about that?

*Ayo:* Thank you for bringing up your concerns. I have had a discussion with Zach about sending agendas out in advance and on Sundays. It's normal for agendas to change normally if people don't present, etc. In terms of the recording clerk that was a more personal discussion and I talked with Nikayla. Nikayla if you want to put this on the agenda we could, but again that's a personal discussion.

*Owen:* I don't think it's a personal because the recording clerk is an employee of the SUA. I noticed the recording clerk was doing jobs that were not...

*Ayo:* I don't want to put Nikayla on the spot either.

*Zach:* I just want to remind y'all for all conversations to go through the parliamentarian. Nikayla, do you want to respond?

*Nikayla:* Ummm no, not right now. Sorry.

*Citlalli:* I just think that it's kind of ridiculous that y'all are bringing a problem of employment. First of all, she's not employed by the SUA, she's employed by Ayo. The fact that you're not bringing this problem to the employer and setting it as an entire agenda item and making it public which is incredibly embarrassing. She never once got to voice how she felt about things in this space. This is an entire conversation that's happening without her. If you have a problem with someone's employment status please bring it to the employer instead of making it an entire debacle. We are capable of talking to our interns. I hope y'all are capable about talking to us one on one rather than bringing it to this space. Since things have been solved between the people involved I don't think that we need to talk about it. Especially if we asked one of the people involved their opinion and they don't want to speak on it then we don't need to speak on it.

*Owen:* I apologize to the space, to Nikayla, Ayo, and Citlalli.

*Nikayla:* It's all good.

### **8:33PM: Approval of the Agenda**

*Zach:* Given the change in the agenda, is there any motions?

*Citlalli:* I motion to approve the agenda.

*Anna:* Second.

### **8:34PM: Approval of the Previous Two Meetings' Minutes**

*Zach:* Any motions regarding these minutes?

*Enrique:* Motion to approve both previous meeting minutes.

*Citlalli:* Second.

### **8:34PM: Announcements and Public Comments**

*Amy:* Random with a Purpose is putting on their annual show, this is the second weekend and last weekend you can go. The shows are on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and 7:30 pm, and Sunday at 3:00 pm. Tickets are free for undergrads if you make an account at [ucstickets.com](http://ucstickets.com) and there's instructions on there. The show's really good; I'm in it. I think y'all should come!

*Stephen:* Hi y'all. Last December I was one of the few students who attended the workshops that allows a student organization to put something on the ballot for Spring elections. When I went to that workshop I was under the impression that there was a deadline December 14th. So I just kind of dropped it after that and thought we had to wait another year to do that. This last weekend I got an email from the Dean of Students asking if I wanted to put something on the ballot since I went to the meeting. I worked about 5-6 hours on Sunday and started working on different language and I know that a lot of us have talked about changes to the constitution. Just regarding a lot of different possibilities for conducts, language, making the space more equitable and fair. I finished a draft that uses required formatting for the Dean of Students requests. I'm going to bring that to the SUA Vision Committee this upcoming Monday from 6:10-7:10 pm. If anybody is interested in attending that meeting or seeing the draft you can shoot me an email. If you're willing to distribute it that's fine too. I do just want to clarify that this is just coming from me as a graduate student. This does not have any sort of sponsorship with the SUA, but my end goal will be to ask SUA to sponsor it to put it on the ballot so that we can make some progress!

*Jessica:* Hello, so I am organizing this event that brings the directors and creators of this film documenting series called "..... This film series focuses on trans and queer performers in Mexico City. They vogue if anyone knows what that is. There's going to be a director's cut followed by a discussion. If you're interested in that I would suggest coming. There's going to be vegan donuts too. It's Thursday the 28th from 7-9 pm at Rachel Carson.

*Davon:* Motion to extend time by five minutes.

*Enrique:* Second. QTPOC Self Defense class is on Thursday and the time has moved up to 7. Please sign up on the google form I think Zach sent out the flier formally. Let people know about the event please. There's still room for about 15 students. Thank you.

*Davon:* The student lobbying conference application is out and it has yet to be sent out in a campus-wide email. I was dealing with family issues from last Wednesday to yesterday so if you emailed or texted me I do apologize for not getting back to you. The

application is due March 1st. You have the chance to go to Sacramento the first two days of Spring break and lobby with officials and be representatives. The transportation and hotel and food is paid for. It's a really great opportunity. You're literally showing up and doing the work. I recommend applying when the application gets sent out. Take it back to your spaces. The deadline is March 1st at 11:59 pm I believe. So please fill that out and please apply.

*Ayo:* Hey y'all --

*Taryn:* What are the dates again?

*Davon:* March 23rd-25th so the Saturday-Monday right after finals.

*Ayo:* Hey y'all, we are going to be relaunching state of the SUA which is time to really meet with the students directly --kind of like a town hall. At first I was just going to have it be something like everyone comes like a town hall and ask questions as we go. I thought it would be good for all of your spaces to attend and talk about what you're doing. I think it would be really great if we had one person from each college give like a five minute report back on something they've been working on. The tentative date is March 12th. That will most likely be in the Stevenson event center or maybe Merrill Cultural center. If you have any interest whatsoever please come talk to me. 6-7.

*Zach:* Any other announcements or public comments? Seeing none we will move onto Doctors Without Borders.

### **8:42PM: Doctors Without Borders (MSF) Funding Request**

*Ramtin:* My name is Ramtin, my pronouns are he/him/his. President of Doctors Without Borders. We are a very young organization, we just got approval from SOAR in December. We are trying to host a workshop for all of the pre-health students on campus. We are really lacking in opportunities for students to immerse themselves in medicine and explore that frontier. We are trying to bring an emergency room doctor with a lot of experience to show students how to suture which is basically stitching up wounds using these suturing kits we are planning on ordering. We're asking you guys for \$300 so we can put that money towards reusable suturing kits for this program. We're trying to do one suturing workshop for every month the academic year is in progress.

It's not going to be repetitive either. There's a lot you can learn like techniques for example. We are going to be doing nine workshops every single academic year. We are going to have a series that get more advanced. The students can gain some more experience in an immersive and fun way. One important thing to note is we are buying 20 suturing kits. They're normally about \$50 each. Every month we are going to be having 4 different sessions. We are going to be hosting 80 people every month. We talked with the vendors we are trying to get these kits from and they agreed to give us a 50% discount after a lot of negotiations to get the price down.

*Emma:* I was wondering if you're having the same emergency room doctor come back for each of the sessions? Also if you can't get that same person back, how do you plan to get additional people?

*Ramtin:* Very good question. So this emergency room doctor is retired and a personal friend of mine. He agreed to come and host this. We have a wide network of doctors because our organization operates directly through MSF doctors and I'm constantly in contact with all the doctors there and they give me resources. It would be through them because they have a vast network of individuals and I've done a lot of work with them.

*Tommy:* Do you have any ROTC affiliates in your group?

*Ramtin:* We have about four.

*Tommy:* We believe that if you are an ROTC affiliate that you don't have to pay to rent for the red room I don't think you need to pay a fee.

*Ramtin:* Thank you, that's a really good idea, I didn't know that. Any more questions?

[Idk who asked?]: What are you practicing?

*Ramtin:* Oh I forgot to mention what they are. So they're silicon pads that mimic skin, fat, muscle tissue. They are used by medical schools all around the world. They reduce the amount of waste. We are using silicon suturing kits.

[?]: Is it a certification workshop?

*Ramtin:* We can't do that. It's going to have informal certificates, but there's going to be a disclaimer at the bottom.

*Zach:* Any other questions? The budget is being passed around.

Emma: How much are you asking for from SUA?

Ramtin: \$300.

Taryn: How much funding have you [?].

Ramtin: We reached out to not all but a lot of the colleges. We received \$200 from Crowne and are waiting to hear back from everyone else. We reached out to Crowne, Stevenson...yeah. Anyone else have questions? No? Thank you guys!

### **8:45PM: Queer Fashion Show Funding Request**

We are apart of the organizing party for the Queer Fashion show. It is an annual fashion show hosted by Porter [?] to create space and resources for students who identify with LGBTQ+ to express creativity with community. UCSC's Queer fashion shows usually have drag, poetry, art, videos, and skits. This year's theme is fantasy, [?] dreaming, and opportunity for UCSC's queer community to combine context, history, and myth to actuality and imagined reality. It's hosted in Porter college dining hall. We are currently in the [?] and fundraising portion in our timeline. It's a benefit show so the proceeds will be donated to local organizations that work for social and/or environmental justice. This year we are fundraising for the Diversity Center. In the past we have donated over a thousand dollars to places like the Walnut Avenue Women's Center in Santa Cruz. QFS is a platform for students to express themselves and empower others to do the same. It focuses on topics like justice, struggle, joy, sexuality, gender, freedom, and community. This year QFS intends to create additional programming funds to acquire materials for workshops, movie nights, performances, and other relevant community building projects. We are asking for SUA for \$2,000. We need to spend that to pay tech crew for the event, rehearsals, \$650 for promotional materials like buttons, tickets, flyers, posters, \$1,500 for props and resources and give the queer people financial backing in their creativity, \$850 for programming to do movie nights and get that legitimized. As someone who has directed the show in the past, it's more than just a venue for queer creativity. In a time where queer people are afraid to even be visible and show up and express themselves in the public. It really empowers a lot of people in the community. It's one of the biggest reasons I came back to this school after taking a break. It's that

idea that wow I was part of this community; I was able to collaborate and work with my friends. This level of engagement is hard to come by when your community is put under so much pressure and minoritized. It's the lack of queer people being empowered and thinking they're able to do this and feel empowered and express themselves. We want to set a higher standard for the QFS this time around and we can keep elevating this and getting more people involved. It's for the whole community to be involved and celebrate the diversity in the community.

*Davon:* Have you emailed your budget to our parliamentarian?

QFS Rep: No, but I will.

*Venkatesh:* What's the total amount of money you need to host the show?

QFS Rep: \$4,500. Just the tech crew alone is \$2,000 for six days which is a large chunk of the budget

Taryn: What are the dates?

QFS Rep: May 10th and 11th; the time is flexible right now. We are going to the other student senates, [?], and reaching out to the CANTU center as well. Keep in mind that we are funding for the Diversity Center so whatever resources we have leftover will go directly to them.

Zach: They have an early meeting tomorrow with students and their spot on the agenda got pushed back. They would like to present as soon as possible.

Owen: Motion to have them present as soon as possible.

Sydney: Second.

Zach: Are there any objections? Reed is that alright with you? Seeing no objections we will have the Strategic Academic Plan presentation now.

### **8:57PM: Strategic Academic Plan Presentation**

*Representative:* Thank you all for having us here tonight and accommodating for us schedule wise. My name is Herby Lee[?]. I'm joined by Andrea Cohen and Cynthia Cejas. It's a focus on the academic side and figure out where we are going as a campus academically. It's to help us think about how we allocate our resources on campus. There's so much great stuff going on on the campus; great research and great students. We want to message that to the rest of the world. We are ranked fourth in the world for research, but we don't get a lot of other recognition. Having a stronger message can

be really helpful and get our exposure out there and known for what we are doing. The strategic academic plan has three main components. The academic priority areas, the design principles, and the barrier reduction project. They are earth [?]. Thinking about what life on earth will be like in years to come and what we can do to make sure that life is sustainable. What does justice mean as we deal with political change, climate change, digital interventions and how it impacts people and makes life better or worse. Design principles are about our values; who we are. There are five design principles: first is having research and creative work to transform our world, expanding experiential learning and research opportunities, supporting diversity, interdisciplinary research and teaching, and social justice and diversity. Thinking about what are some key goals and methods we can use. We are looking for feedback on that. The last thing we are doing is barrier reduction projects. What I think is most applicable for you folks are design principles two and three: about research and experiential learning opportunities and supporting a diverse student body. This is the second version we've put out it's at [sap.ucsc.edu](http://sap.ucsc.edu). I want to call your attention to design principles two and three which we think have the strongest impact for students. We appreciate your feedback, but especially on design principles. We are open to new ideas for initiatives around the design principles. We appreciate concrete and specific suggestions. We need the feedback by March 1st. We are taking into account lots of different community feedback, incorporate that and do one final revision, have a final draft and quick review in the spring. Questions?

*Owen:* Can you tell me a little bit about the history of the strategic academic plan?

*Representative:* There are different pieces so it's not really connected at all to the long range development plan. The last one we did was about five years ago --Envision UCSC-- and that's more at a broad level. This one is not really connected because it's much more about the academics. Where are we investing in terms of disciplinary areas and what are we doing to develop research opportunities.

*Owen:* This is every five years?

*Representative:* In theory we should, it's been about ten years since we had an academic plan.

*Davon:* It says on the design principles to engage a diverse faculty and staff student body. What does that mean? What do you think is your role to engage with that?

*Representative:* We are trying to engage large parts of campus and have specific initiatives. In terms of supporting the student body we are trying to make sure we have student success. One thing we are looking at is education equity gaps. We do have retention graduation gaps and are trying to reduce these graduation gaps.

*Davon:* I think it's very important to think about that is to reach out to ethnic orgs and to look into the SIOPs. Including DHE, [?], ASF. Number six was improve integration Silicon Valley. What exactly has the campus been used for?

*Representative:* Silicon Valley campus is very small right now. Our extension is continuing education. We have one and we're starting master's programs which is the focus right now. We are waiting for final approval on peer interaction That's what's happening in Silicon Valley and want to make sure that it's connected to the campus.

*Ayo:* In terms of When we talked about supporting a diverse student and faculty. What are examples of physical methods that you use to implement this and what you're trying to create. In terms of enriching the experiential learning opportunities does that include research for ethnic identity orgs for students or African American major? What does that look like?

*Representative:* We have a proposal which is in its final stages in humanities for a Black Studies major. That should be coming through for approval with faculty senate soon. The Dean has also asked for another hire for next year. It's less going to be me directly doing it. It will fall under Student Success. I'm not a full expert, we would be engaging with people whose job that is.

*Venkatesh:* Motion to extend time by seven minutes.

*Alexandrina:* Second.

*Enrique:* Can we do like five minutes?

*Representative:* We are also happy to engage individually we can meet one on one.

*Other Representative:* I was just going to add. You have really great questions. If you go to look at the design principles. If you have specific recommendations that you want us to take into consideration, that's what we're asking for feedback on. We can't guarantee that it's going to happen, but it gives us something to think about and bring to the table.

*Owen:* I was wondering who's on the committee? Are you all faculty yourselves?

*Representative:* I am faculty, in the department of statistics. We have the academic oversight committee that is primarily faculty. We have a lot of overlapping committees working on this. We did a really big community process last year where we had students, staff, and faculty and have been gathering a lot of input. This is under review with faculty senate and their committees are looking at it right now.

*Owen:* Did they express any disinterest with the expansion of Silicon Valley programs?

*Representative:* No, the barrier reductions are actually based on their ranking.

*Ayo:* I just feel that it's important that we ensure that we as a space know who we are working with and if we can trust that relationship. I do think it's important that we bring up the whole issue with the housing proposal because it is an issue that really make an impact with how SUA engages with this campus. How we ensure that we will continuously be met and that we are involved in the evaluation process. Not just an email away. I brought this up to the 2 million housing allocation. There are still unresolved issues so I would love to see how the Division of success can prove that it is credible enough to implement these diverse programs. I would be interested to seeing if you're open to creating a new process that we can partner with you and have a pipeline of communication.

*Representative:* Most of my areas are really faculty [?] and not as directive student [?]. In areas that there are connections I would be happy to have a direct connection with you.

*Zach:* I have nobody left on stack and we are out of time on this agenda item.

*Representative:* Thank you very much!

**9:15PM: BlaqOUT Funding Request**

*Reed:* Good evening folks, hello. My name is Reed he/him/his pronouns. Stevenson affiliate, academic intern at AARCC, peer educator at caps. One of my newest hats is a member of the BlaqOUT planning committee. This is our theme “Out in the Woods”. The first Blaqout conference was held in 2015 at UCR. The QTPOC conference was queer and trans people of color. Some of the Black people from the space were like hmmm we should have our own conference that’d be cool --so they did. The audience includes undergrads, grad students, community members and activists, folks from out of state, people affiliated with UCs, CSUs community colleges, etc. This year’s conference is happening at UCSC this year, very exciting. We are hosting the BlaqOUT conference Friday April 19th the Saturday April 20th. Not the most ideal weekend; it was one of the only weekends that could accommodate a conference in terms of facilities and such. It says 150; we are aiming for 200 participants. These are some of the programs and workshops that have happened in the past. People who attend send in a proposal for a workshop they want to host (academic based, community organizing, etc.). We have downtime for networking and dialogues. These are the objectives that we have for our blaqOUT conference this year: We want to have a transformative space for Black people who identify as queer or trans. We want folks to come engage, and contribute to organizing, activism within the Black community. This is what it looks like. We have an opening ceremony, a keynote speaker yet to be determined (there’s a final list), food (breakfast, lunch, and snacks for both days), t-shirts and schwag, badges for volunteers and people on the committee. \$9,620 is the total cost to host the conference. These are the sponsors we have confirmed. The AARCC has contributed \$2,500. Cantu Queer Center \$1,500. Dean of students \$1,100. All of these academic departments feminist studies, CRES, philosophy, literature, education \$250 each. Campus Sustainability [?] \$300. \$2,500 is what they are requesting from SUA out of the \$2,970 deficit. This would almost essentially fill the gap between what we have received so far and what we would need to host this conference. We have already sent out applications and proposals for workshops. The workshops will be determined on the 31st. If you have any questions, please let me know.

*Davon:* So the application is for presentation [?] or students on this campus. The application you're referring to is to host the workshop or attend the conference?

*Reed:* For both. It was sent only to the Queer centers on each campus. We did send it to other entities so they could send it to their people. March 1st is when the application is due.

*Ayo:* Thank you so much for coming and presenting. SUA last year allocated \$500 specifically for this conference. Would you be asking for \$500 on top of the \$2,500? Or inclusive of that \$500.

*Reed:* It would be inclusive of that \$500, not an additional.

*Venkatesh:* Have you gone to the student senates?

*Reed:* We've delegated who is presenting around campus. I personally am not presenting to the student senates. There are a couple folks that are going to a couple of different colleges and spaces on campus; I'm just not sure exactly which ones. I did list the confirmed ones.

*Zach:* Any motions regarding the time? In that case, thank you for coming!

*Reed:* Thank you!

### **9:26 PM: Resolution for Houseless Students**

*Owen:* Hey everyone I'm Owen. I'm presenting the resolution I mentioned last week. We need to do this now because SUA needs to represent all students. Silence is an action, and I would like to not be silent on this issue. I will be able to take feedback. I can also write down my email address later. I would like to give Thomas who is a houseless student the place to speak about it before reading the resolution.

*Thomas:* Hi, my name is Thomas, he/him/his pronouns. I moved into my van so that I can afford to study and live here. We've been trying to let them allow us to park on campus and not be harassed by police. We made a petition that you can sign on [change.org](https://change.org). Petition for Houseless students. Please sign and share with your friends. I would like your support in writing a letter in sending out a UC-wide email so that it reaches all universities. It is not just happening at UC Santa Cruz. I will also appreciate

your support to show up in the future which would be having a conversation with the administration and a public forum would be the goal. Thank you for having me.

## Resolution Expressing Solidarity and Taking Action with UCSC's houseless Student Population

Owen Sweeney, Kresge College

Whereas "The Student Union Assembly shall...serve the individual and collective needs of the undergraduate student body at UCSC."

Whereas "The Student Union Assembly shall not participate in or affiliate with any organization which discriminates (as discrimination is legally defined) on the basis of: race, color, national origin, creed, gender, religion, sex, disability, age, medical condition, gender identity, ancestry, ethnicity, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, military status, or socioeconomic status."

Whereas students without stable housing living in cars, tents, or by other means are unfairly harassed by UCSC Police (and Santa Cruz City Police due to their agreement with UCSC Police).

Whereas intimidation and pressure of these students stops them from getting adequate sleep, as well as jeopardizes their safety and their ability succeed as students.

Whereas students without stable housing are often from a minority background.

Whereas the UCSC community of houseless students has issued a joint statement calling for action "As UCSC students, Santa Cruz residents, and human beings, we are asking for the University to address...UCSC students, unable to afford rent...living in our vehicles without safe places to park...we are asking the University for three things. Allow

homeless students to sleep in their vehicles, to park for free overnight and to have access to a community space with kitchen and bathrooms.”

Whereas the administration of UCSC has cited University policy as well as ‘risk, safety, costs and policy reasons’ as reasons to not have a dialogue.

Whereas the students are what makes this University relevant.

Let It Be Resolved That The Student Union Assembly of UCSC stands with, and in full support of, the houseless student community while asking the University for open dialogue and action.

Let It Be Resolved that The Student Union Assembly will delegate the responsibility of further representation of this community to a committee.

Let It Be Resolved that The Student Union Assembly will continue to take action and use its power on behalf of this community’s needs through meetings with the UCSC Administration and other necessary action to be defined by the houseless community together with the designated Student Union Assembly Committee.

Let It Be Resolved that The Student Union Assembly will not tolerate the harassment of these or any students.

Let It Be Resolved That the Student Union Assembly calls for the Dean of Students to produce a statement of intent to redress previous lack of satisfactory action and to deliver an update to The Student Union Assembly two weeks from the adoption of this resolution and thereafter monthly until the issue is deemed resolved by the houseless student community together with the SUA Committee.

Let It Be Resolved That the Student Union Assembly calls for the Executive Vice Chancellor to produce a statement of intent to redress previous inaction and to deliver an update to The Student Union Assembly two weeks from the adoption of this resolution and thereafter monthly until the issue is deemed resolved by the houseless student community together with the SUA Committee.

*Owen:* Can we motion to vote on this?

*Zach:* We do need to suspend the bylaws

*Anna:* Your second footnote still says “ask [?] for [?]” just a technical thing.

*Cameron:* Fourth whereas you need to add ‘ability’.

*Venkatesh:* This is to make sure that people are not harassed for sleeping in their cars right?

*Owen:* And to make sure that we are representing them. We need a committee to delegate this to? If anyone has suggestions.

*Zach:* We are out of time on this agenda item.

*Emma:* Motion to extend time by two minutes. Motion to suspend bylaw C11D2.

*Owen:* Second.

*Ayo:* Point of information —one thing that people have been telling me is that in every SUA meeting in the past weeks we have suspended bylaws for so many things. I fully support this resolution, if anything I want to see if we can clean up language here and there and make sure that everyone has a chance to see this resolution before voting on it. I do fully support this resolution, but I want to bring this up. Thomas is there any limit on time?

*Thomas:* I’d prefer to not stall because its been months because there is always more momentum that can be regenerated.

*Ayo:* In other words I retract my last statement.

*Venkatesh:* I think getting more momentum on this issue is an important thing to take back to our spaces. Still take it back and have a conversation after voting on this.

*Citalli:* I understand that we motioned to suspend the bylaws and there was a second and nobody objected.

*Zach:* So we suspended the bylaws and now we talk about passing.

*Citalli:* It would be useful to have this resolution during upcoming negotiations that are happening soon with people that have the power to do this. The point is that there is going to be another meeting to negotiate about this soon. It would be really great to give the people who are there representing them the resolution on behalf of all the students. We already said that we're voting right now.

*Owen:* May I make a motion to adopt this resolution.

*Zach:* Motion to adopt the resolution.

*Venkatesh:* Second.

*Ayo:* I think cleaning up the words, I just want to make sure we clean it up as much as possible. Is it cool if we take two or three minutes to read over it.

*Citlalli:* Motion for a three minute recess

*Zach:* What y'all can do is vote down the motion and we can read it and then just leave the motion on the table.

*Bella:* Can we just read it and not take a recess so there doesn't have to be another motion?

Voting to adopt resolution 6 in favor.....11 opposed. Now we can read through it to review it. I do want to thank you for being here and for your patience Thomas.

*Ayo:* Point of inquiry --did you author this?

*Owen:* I did.

*Zach:* \*Reading through resolution\*

*Owen:* We're talking about a possible citation about [?].

*Zach:* Owen, could you add a little \* and explanation about how it's an informal spoken agreement? Between Santa Cruz police and UCSC police.

*Citalli:* I thought we were talking about a different piece.

*Owen:* It's not a specific law, but more a way that public universities are ran. Since we cannot have our own private police force. It's not written law per say, but a written agreement between the city and the university.

*Ayo:* Is there a source that we could link that to?

*Owen:* I will work on that.

*Citalli:* I don't think that's necessary.

*Ayo:* I think it is so we have the right sources and points and show people where we are getting this information from and it's going to look less credible. I want to make this as powerful as it can be.

*Zach:* We are out of time on this agenda item. We do have other presentations; I want to be respectful about your time too Thomas. Are there any motions?

*Owen:* Has everyone read through it?

*Citalli:* Motion to call to question.

*Bella:* Change where it says students "stops" to "prevents" from receiving and changing "getting" to "receiving". Maybe change the wording.

*Zach:* Do you have a citation for the one for UCSC administration?

*Owen:* It was a private email so the way I can discuss that is to bring that citation up if it's called to question, but we don't need to put that publicly on there.

*Bella:* Motion to call to question.

*Leighton:* Second.

*Ayo:* Objection. I want to add sources

*Citlalli:* I thought call to question was non-debatable.

*Zach:* It's not but he's stating his objection.

*Ayo:* If you could add more descriptions of the policy you mentioned.

*Owen:* I can tell you, but I think the point of not including that information is to present ourselves as non-hostile to the university.

*Zach:* All those in favor of calling to question: 14, all those opposed: 0.

*Cameron:* Motion to adopt the resolution.

*Enrique:* Second.

Zach: Thank you for being here Thomas. This is SUA adopting this resolution as our language and we are telling administration about this resolution.

**9:51 PM: UCSC Bone Marrow Committee Funding Request**

*Paige:* I have four different things I'm passing around about the budget, event, volunteer information, etc. Hi, My name is Paige. I'm here from the UCSC Bone Marrow committee. We are requesting \$800 for our upcoming UCSC Bone Marrow Drive which is taking place April 8-12 on campus. April 8-11 we will be tabling around campus. On Friday our main event which will be the 12th from 10:30-4:30 will be at the recreational lounge for College Nine/Ten. We are requesting \$800 out of our \$1,000 total budget. That money goes towards advertising for our event. Every three minutes someone is diagnosed with blood cancer like leukemia. Some people don't have a blood match within their family so they rely on the kindness of strangers to step up. We register people using a form to make sure they're eligible. The company we work with is non discriminating towards gender identity or sexual orientation. They perform a cheek swab when approved and a test called HLA is performed. This shows if you match with someone of the same ethnic descent. One of the papers I'm passing around list the disparities of why someone with European descent would have a 75% chance of finding a match, African American people would have 20%. Our organization is trying to alleviate that disparity through community outreach and education. What happens is once your HLA type has been sent in, you're placed into a database where doctors can see the matches they can contact for their patients. All costs are covered by DKMS [?]. The donation itself, 80% of the time is much like the process of giving blood. It goes through a machine that separates your stem cells from the rest of blood. A lot of people don't have many symptoms or may be tired for a few days. Bone marrow regenerates within two weeks. That takes 4-8 hours. If you have to take off work or school, it's all covered by DKMS. The other time it's done is under anesthesia. Someone would get a syringe to the back of their pelvic bone to take out liquid marrow which is usually done to the elderly and children. You don't really get to choose which one because it's based

on patient need. Someone can register and be called in three months or 50 years. If life circumstances change, that's totally understandable. I'm open for questions.

*Davon:* I did walk in late so sorry if you're repeating yourself. One thing I've noticed is that these drives are pretty anti-gay in a lot of ways. I know in high school until now, they would not allow queer men to have that taken from them. Is this open to all students because there are some folks that do not take queer students at all.

*Paige:* Ya so I did mention that DKMS is nondiscriminatory. The way that the eligibility questions are asked are non-discriminatory. The way the questions are asked for eligibility are you are unable to donate if you have HIV, that's it. It is open to all gender identity and sexual orientations.

*Davon:* Thank you.

*Owen:* Can you briefly tell us about the history. It seems like there has only been like four matches over the years.

*Paige:* We've registered over 2,500 people. We've had 80 people as of 2016 that have been matches for people and had over 12 go on to actually donate. That may seem like a low number, but that's twelve separate lives saved. It's a lot of people because there's no way to predict that you'll have a match.

*Cameron:* Your budget is \$1,000, how much are you asking SUA for?

*Paige:* \$800. We received \$200 --\$100 from Kresge and \$100 from Cowell. If you have questions about the planning process and whether to register.

*Davon:* Did you go to other college senates?

*Paige:* We went to the other college senates and are working on presenting to a few more colleges.

Zach: Thank you very much for coming.

Paige: Thank you!

### **9:30PM: Sigma Zeta Aepi Funding Request**

\*NO SHOW\*

### **10:02 PM: Office of Student Life Funding Request**

*Bella:* Can everybody stretch their hands for me, so I know you're alive? Yeaah! Today I am requesting funding for the student life office. Right now we currently have \$2,192.75 which is programming and our staffing expenses mixed together. If you want to see a breakdown of our budget you can always go to the SUA student life page for last quarter and this quarter. We currently have allocated funds for the Wellness ambassadors. We just hired three of them this week. They're in charge of helping students in crisis whether it be emotionally, physically, really anything. They are peer helpers and people to support you. The wellness ambassadors are there as someone who if someone doesn't want to go to Slug Support they can go to the Wellness Ambassadors. They're helping students on a case to case basis. Right now we have \$1,324.75 for Wellness ambassadors. As their stipend they only get \$33 a week which is \$66 every two weeks. They are doing a whole lot of work and I don't believe they are getting enough. They are getting paid \$13/hour. I did decrease it from 15/hr to \$13. They will not be working finals week so weeks 8,9, 10 and the ten weeks for next quarter. That would be \$78 per week for a stipend of \$156 for two weeks, multiplied by three, and in total since we are subtracting what we have from our budget. We are requesting \$1,718. We also got a yoga instructor and they're a student. They're not from OPERS I know getting instructors from there is expensive. She's pretty awesome and we wanted her to do three yoga sessions and it's \$45 per session so she would be taking up \$135. Programming will be only \$200 that we're asking for because the staff will be doing most of the work. The reason why I'm asking for a little bit more for programming is because each year, my office ends up putting a lot of that money into the SUA food pantry or for Thanksgiving events. Since the dining halls close Thanksgiving week that leaves the Dean of Students and my office responsible to make sure that we can feed students during that course of time. Additionally, for the concert I had to pay a lot of staffing for pizza to feed them, staffing. The pantry staffing is very different, but sometimes I need extra help since the funding for food pantry is low. That's it. I don't have anything else. Do you have any questions?

*Emma:* Do you know how many people your wellness ambassadors are working with every week?

*Bella:* I'm going to do a google form. I honestly don't know, but it sounds like there are a lot of students that want to use the program. They also won't just be working with students; it's very spread out. They are also going to be getting statistics of the stress levels of students. What their stress levels are throughout the school year and how they are physically and mentally. You can also view their job description on the website.

*Emma:* So my worry about *this* being increased is because this sounds like a fairly new program? —am I correct in thinking that? Just I mean, I don't know if six hours a week is not a lot? I'm not sure. I guess my feeling is that if we don't know expected hours if we should give those six hours a week. I would like to have some data to back that up. Something I notice in SUA is that we start programs and this cycle of not having consistency. It could, but it might but could never take off and we are just throwing money at things we don't know are going to work.

*Bella:* We actually have an RA as a Wellness ambassador. Sorry.

*Emma:* Is there a way that we can know this will be successful before throwing money at it?

*Bella:* That's definitely a good point. There is not a lot of statistical information. I know that programming doesn't take just an hour. I know that if I gave them a full event to plan, I need to know that they have enough hours and are getting paid for those hours. We are going to be training them in programming so they can incorporate their experience in wellness areas. I know programming does take a lot more time and that's why I'm adding six hours so they can split the hours helping students and programming.

*Zach:* We are exactly at quorum right now if anyone wants to motion to move up old business.

*Emma:* Motion to move the entire old business chunk to in front of the funding proposals for undergraduate.

*Owen:* I thought we already did that at the beginning of the meeting.

*Enrique:* Is someone still presenting though?

Zach: We voted to move Ayo's things till after.

**10:14 PM: Old Business (Funding Requests)**

*Zach:* For documentation reasons, all this funding stuff should be in the folder from two weeks ago. Let's start with BLS, they're asking for \$600. Do you want a quick rundown on each one? Basically BLS was a group called --did you want to talk about it?

*Stephen:* I was going to ask if we had the current financial amounts for each line items written? If we could do a two minute recess?

*Zach:* Raphael do you have those numbers? The current line item amounts?

*Anna:* Motion for a two minute recess?

*Enrique:* Second.

**-Basic Life Support/Bleeding Control for UCSC Students (5 minutes)**

Zach: Hi everybody, the numbers about what people are requesting should be on that board- if anyone can't read it, I'll read it out. Raphael's writing our current total right now. Can you read it out?

Raphael: In a minute

Zach: anyone have any jokes?

Cameron: SUA

Zach: [stegosaurus joke]

Davon: and the award for the worst joke goes to...

Ayo: I like that joke, Zach

Zach: so it looks like we have 14,500-ish, 14,443. That being said, does anyone have anything they want to say about BLS. They are requesting \$6800

Stephan: I know the suggestions that were made last meeting were very much on the low end of what they are requesting and I do respect that because we have a lot of people coming asking for money and there is no way that we can possibly fund them all in full. That being said BLS, this is a pretty big deal, potentially lifesaving. I've seen this organization from this company b/c of personal interest. I think it's worth funding at least half. Everyone should keep that in mind. This can save lives

Zach: any motions?

Alexandrina: Concerned with how much we have left for the school year, be mindful about spring quarter and all the funding requests that we will have. I also agree with the previous speaker's sentiment.

Cameron: motion to fund \$3400

Zach: motion for 3400 by Cameron, second by Stephan, objections?

Alexandrina: a little too high

Zach: debatable motion, anyone wants to speak?

Enrique: motion to fund 1500.

Zach: motion by Enrique to fund 1500, Nikayla needed to leave, so I'm recording on my phone, can everyone speak up, second?, second by Davon, you all are saying to make this the main motion, objections?

Cameron: too low

Zach: anyone want to talk on it, if not we will move on?

Bella: how much fund in past

Zach: I believe fund 6500 last year, we had more money in general last year, you are voting on 1500 right now, to make main motion that you could technically disagree with later. All those in favor of changing 3400 to 1500, requires a simple majority, 11 in favor, opposed? 5 opposed, we don't count abstentions, yays have it, now voting on final decision of 1500

Cameron: would like to amend? Can I

Zach: um sure

Cameron: motion for 2200

Zach: motion for 2200 by Cameron, second by Rojina, any objections?

Alexandrina: high, maybe 1800

Zach: anyone wants to speak, no one speaks we move into a vote

Davon: looking at 4 we still have to vote on and additional 4 today, unfortunate, but reality nonetheless, but I do agree with 1800

Zach: ok. So that's an objection? This is to change 1800 to 2200 which we would then face off with 1500. We have 1500, 2200, 1800, at 1800 and trying to move one up. Does that make sense? 1800? People want to speak on it?

Rojina: this is the most important cause on that board, why are we being so stingy, if we're stingy with this, I hope that we are equally stingy with everything else

Emma: While this is important, I don't necessarily agree that this is most important thing b/c the population of students that need this is relatively small compared to the entire population on campus, while this is really important, we need to remember that we support all students and not all students require this, don't necessarily agree that this is most important thing also extremely expensive, I understand getting into medical field is very hard and very expensive and challenging, don't think SUA is required to fund this in its entirety, in the current situation, I would rather fund a representative org

Cameron: train you in this when get a job in the medical field, last week, was mentioned (trigger warning) that a student died in Porter they said, we got to keep in mind accessibility, not everyone can pay for these classes or have access to a job

Zach:: outta time

Davon: motion to extend time by 10 minutes

Zach: motion by Davon for 10 minutes, second by Bella (no objections)

Ayo: I do agree that I want to prioritize organizations that have less access, I am not saying this has more necessarily, I think that it would be good for us to maybe fund this a little less, be able to fund more orgs, this money is for the rest of the year, we shouldn't fund more than 500, classes for this do exist, I would love to work with this group and academic affairs and academic senate to register funds and their funds can start to fund these things and they can get money from them who have more ability to fund, connect with them, we can start to connect funding sources

Bella: [spoke on classes, classes and jobs, other things to consider as a pre-med student]

Zach: all those in favor of 1800 over 2200, 16 in favor, 3 opposed. Now 1800 over 1500, all in favor? 10 in favor, how many opposed? 9 opposed, wait sorry, actually 9 opposed

Ayo: Citlalli voted

Zach: Citlalli, did you vote 1800 over 1500?

Ayo: oh, I'm sorry

Citlalli: no

Zach: no just voting to adopt 1800, I have 12 in favor- how many opposed? 2 opposed

Lauren: point of inquiry- does that mean we are funding them 18

Zach: it does mean we are funding them 18

Ayo: point of atmospheric check- is everyone following what's happening

### **-West Fest (5 minutes)**

[Alexandrina makes a point]

[Taryn makes a point]

Emma: not adding to the budget, just topping off the budget, maybe we can fund them a little bit just to get them to a place where, we are nitpicking over small amounts and topping off their budget may not be the most important thing, and it's also a recreational event, which is great, but there are other events that aren't recreational, are educational,

for students that are more underrepresented and that that's important, I don't have a number

Cameron: motion to fund 200

Zach: motion by Cameron to fund 200, second by Lauren

Taryn: Oakes is one of the colleges that has more diverse students, may be more of an educational event, but its still going to those students

Zach: more debate?

Owen: is this Saturday, is kind of the 11th hour

Taryn: (asked if budget is updated) is updated to the best of my knowledge, didn't really tough on it in our last senate meeting

Bella: [making a point about how Oakes is keeping their own money for their food pantry], I think we should fund 600

Zach: is that a motion

Bella: yeah

Zach: motion to fund 600 by Bella, second by Lauren, objections?

Cameron: if they want to save money for their food pantry, they should not give money to this event

Zach: if no further points we will be moving into a vote

Davon: what is the vote

Bella: can I clarify my point?

Zach: to change 600 to 200

Zach: we have a motion on the table

Bella: extend by one minute (no objections) one minute?

Zach: ok

Bella: [stuff about email and Oakes food pantry] something they should have, but now have to make up for it

Zach: anyone else? Now voting to replace 200 with 600 If no, all in favor of 600 over 200? Requires simple majority, 11 in favor, 7 opposed, passes, now adopting 600, all in favor of adopting 600? 12 in favor, 7 opposed, 600 is our number for West Fest

**-Third World Liberation Front CRES Event (5 minutes)**

[updating new total Programming number]

Zach: we have about 1200, no, sorry 12000, TWL is asking for 1522

Cameron: point of information, what is the date of their event?

Zach: umm, it is, sometime around now, I forget, the deal with them though is that a lot of it is honorariums

**-Indian Student Association Holi Festival (5 minutes)**

**-Black Muslim Panel Event Funding Request (5 minutes)**

**10:40PM: Tabled Agenda Items:**

**-Charter Ratification Resolution (10 minutes)**

**-Student Housing West SUA Representative (10 minutes)**

**9:40PM: Funding Proposals for Undergraduate Education and Student Success \*postponed [?]\***

**11:00PM: Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

