

SUA Minutes March 5, 2019

Assembly Members Present: Citlalli Aquino, Davon Thomas, Lauren Woo, Enrique Yarce, Bella Bullock, Cameron Elliott, Alexandrina Chavez, Claudia Paz Flores, Ce-Lai Fong, Rojina Bozorgnia, Joshua Anh Ta, Anna Romstad, Owen Sweeney, Chase Hayes, Jessica Zubia Calsada, Stephan Edgar, Aakriti Singh, Nate Hornbuckle, Zaire Pickett, Sharu Suriya, Azlan Jaher

Assembly Members Absent: Ayo Banjo, Natasha Bramer, Ryan Sparno (alternate- Eric Long), Alicia Freedman, Leighton Mair, Yonatan Tekla, Tommy Ramirez, Saúl Soto, Soma Badri, Sydney Eliot, Venkatesh Nagubandi, Amy Calderwood, Emma Cunningham, Moushmi Gazula, Zolt Brown-Dunn, Francisco Diaz (alternate- Taryn Damore), Michelle Moreno, Robert Parke, Kayla Beaman, Sunpreet Mahil, David Miller Shevelev

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

Vacant: College 10 appointed representative (1)

8:03PM: Call to order

8:04PM: Roll Call

8:11PM: Presentation on 2019 Campus Elections

Jean: Good evening folks, my names Jean Marie. I'm associate Vice Chancellor for Risk and Safety services. One of the areas I supervise and manage is transportation and parking services. This is Dan Henderson --our interim director, and Alison Johnson is our budget manager. How many of y'all were here last year when we did Measure 69? I want to tell you of where we were last year for Measure 69, and where you fast-forward

to things that have changed over the summer time, and where we're at now. We haven't had a fee referendum or fee increase for a transit program in over 11 years and that's really been challenging. Mostly, we either tried to attend to that with service reductions or do what's called [?]. Over 11 years that deficit grew to 2.7 million. Last spring, we had a fee referendum that would've included funding for that deficit. There was student feedback in concerns about the fee increase being too big. They weren't comfortable paying that deficit that grew over the past 11 years that they weren't really a part of. We did a couple of things: we got the EDC to approve paying off the deficit, TAPS transit doesn't have to pay that back, student fees don't have to pay that back. We also got the EDC office to commit to funding the disabled vans services program and that's about \$200,000 a year. Getting that money from the campus centrally, we've been able to balance the budget this year so going forward it's transparent and to keep services stabilized. That's why we're coming back now with a student referendum for this year because it includes the student aid, unlimited access to metro, sunset [?], and includes annual renewal with the student fee advisory committee. A few other things I want to mention on fee increase: without a student fee increase, we would have to mitigate salary benefits with continued service [?]. The budget is balanced for this year. The other thing is that increases will allow us to build [?] and reserve programs so we can move forward with implementing a new fleet of buses. And have electric buses and partner with our sustainability program. On a side note, to compliment the transit system we are looking to move forward with the jump bikes program. So again, complimenting the on campus program, metro bus program, also having jump bikes so that students can take advantage of that service. We've also seen an increase in the use of Lyft and Uber. The more folks we have taking buses, the fewer cars come on campus, the lesser the demand for parking, so less of a need for more parking. We do have advisors that work with us on this --[?], Sam Weinstein is the SUA rep, Alicia [?] is the GSA rep. Next steps, outreach to GSA next week, outreach to college government, confirm our sponsors, and [?]. If the referendum doesn't pay us [?] into the future we'll

just shave off services and focus more on the metro service and have few east/west and services available. Questions?

Davon: Thank you. I served on the metro board as a rep last year [?] I did my[?] for Measure 69, so thank you for answering all of them. I think having Marlene cover the deficits was one of the biggest concerns from last year. I think this is a huge improvement from last year. My only concern about the jump bikes is that do we have the capacity to have that on campus and where would the terminals be?

Jean: We are looking at places where we can install. We aren't going to go hog-wild. We already have students bringing them up from downtown. To have a charging space on campus is an intuitive thing that makes sense.

Davon: How much do you anticipate the fee from the metro increasing?

Jean: It's all factored into the fee. At this point we expect an increase in the range of about 3%.

Davon: Thank you so much!

Jean: Yeah. I'm glad you served on the board last year!

Stephan: Is there an ingrained power within this referendum that would let permit SFAC to either cancel or postpone the fee should there be some unscrupulous practice that students are against?

Jean: Um, unscrupulous? Allison, can you confirm what that language is?

Allison: It does have an allowance for it to be reviewed and they can put a recommendation for the Chancellor's approval to reduce it.

Jean: What we want to make sure is if we over-perform and have more capacity than we actually need, it would make sense that SFAC can weigh in and be able to make a recommendation or end the fee.

Allison: The language actually states: based on the annual review and compliance with the campus regulations the SFAC can recommend to the Chancellor a decrease in the fee for a specific interval.

Stephan: Awesome! Thank you. In terms of transparency for documentation, I know last year there were concerns with providing detailed budgets to the students so they will

have a better understanding of where all their money is going to. Is that going to be provided up front in advance of the election?

Jean: Yeah it's in the packets. There's a three year performa and a page that projects the dollar rate by quarter for ten years. We can actually come in and explain, but it'd be a 60 minute presentation.

Enrique: How are you advertising this information to the general student body?

Jean: Once we get [?] next week with GSA, then we'll start rolling out a marketing plan, outreaching, Q & As.

Enrique: Is it in a format that is accessible? Not too dense I would say?

Jean: Well it will be on the web pages. The referendum itself ss not very dense.

Enrique: So students will know pretty easily? Okay.

Jean: Usually the top sheet is what we have available and if students have questions then we can explain to them how it works. Anything else?

Enrique: Are you basically asking for our endorsement?

Jean: The way I understand it is that we come and present, you guys talk about it, and you make the decision if you are a sponsor or not and willing to support this. It benefits our students at nighttime, weekends, and during the day it really benefits the students that live off campus. So yes, I am asking for your sponsorship.

Enrique: And the price break-break-down is in the documents?

Jean: It's a three page document. The written language is the referendum. On the last page it has a schedule of fees and there's also an attachment. Where this comes from, what this means.

Enrique: So how much would it increase?

Jean: It's variable. The first year is \$10.34 per quarter. Second is \$14 per quarter, third year it's a 15, and then it starts going down. The last two years are \$4 per quarter. In ten years, the rate would be \$1.91 per quarter and that's for roughly three months of service. Currently, for three months of service its between \$1.95-\$1.91. Metro services in ten years is going to be much more expensive.

Zach: We are out of time on this agenda item and I don't see anymore questions. Thank you very much for coming!

Applause

8:27PM: Approval of the Agenda

Enrique: Motion to approve the agenda.

Claudia: Second.

Owen: Objection. Last week we motioned to have the resolution on student housing west. Can we get that on there sooner rather than later?

Zach: I've already confirmed this 8:50 time, can I put you at 9 pm?

Owen: Maybe after public comment?

Zach: Ummm, how many minutes?

Owen: Like ten?

Zach: I'm sorry, I'm gonna put you at 9 because already confirmed the time with these presenters. And what is the [?].

Owen: It's the Resolution on Student Housing West.

Zach: Thank you for your flexibility Owen. So we're supposed to move into a vote.

Enrique and Claudia, are you okay with this change? So if there's no further objections, we're just going to skip the whole bureaucratic process.

8:30PM: Approval of the Minutes

Davon: Motion to approve.

Enrique: Second.

Zach: Are there any objections? Seeing none we have approved last weeks minutes.

8:30PM: Announcements and Public Comments

Stephan: I just wanted to quickly mention, I have started working on a resolution regarding everything going on with Title IX recently for the SUA to consider. If anyone would like to join me in the drafting process please let me know. My email is sedgar@ucsc.edu

Owen: I wanted to announce that we didn't get a response from students regarding the resolution two weeks on Houseless students. I'm wondering if Citlalli got a response from Marlene?

Citlalli: We did not.

Owen: I think Citlalli's committee should follow up with that.

Citlalli: I can follow up with Marlene, but I don't have a committee.

Zach: Ideally, could y'all stop the cross-talk. However, I do think is an issue of public importance.

Citlalli: I was going to read the resolution to y'all it is kinda long. Basic summary is, this is why we have student housing west [?]. This is in regards to the snail[?] movement.

Zach: Are people wanting to hear the full text?

Davon: No.

Bella: Next week we are having Wellness Week. We will be having an essential oils day on Tuesday 10-12. We have oregano, lavender, peppermint, we are having a mediation circle, and diy scrub and face masks --everything is free. Wednesday we are having massage therapy. We are also asking for people to book their appointments through the google form. Thursday is going to be yoga. Last day, Friday will be Lauren and SAS's event. If Lauren wants to speak more on that. We'll send out more information in a flier so you can have all of the information. We'll send it before you meet with your senates so that you can bring it back to your space.

8:35 Student Success.

Hayley: My name is Hayley. I'm the [?] recovery coordinator and intern at the Cove. We are here to talk to you about student success fee.

Lupe: I'm Lupe, I'm [representative?] for the Cove. For those of you who don't know the cove it's a safe space for students dealing with recovery. That doesn't entail only substance abuse.

Hayley: It also applies to any students who just don't feel comfortable in their space, having family problems, we have a place people can nap. We offer places for people. We

are proposing to talk to you about the student Hub fee which we are hoping to get on this year's ballot. Basically this fee is a project that's been in the works for a number of years now. As most of you know, that Kresge is being remodeled, we are getting a new academic building. A couple of years ago the Cove along with Slug Support, and CAPS were offered an opportunity to take one of those existing buildings that's going to be retrofitted and make it their new home. We are representatives from the Cove, but this fee includes support from CAPS as well as Slug Support.

Lupe: A little bit of a background is that the Cove, Slug Support, and CAPS don't have a permanent home and that is essentially what we are trying to get for them for the UCSC community. This also kinda fixes the problem of not having enough sources on the West side of campus. We are trying to have more accessible resources by bringing these programs over here.

Hayley: It's called the student success Hub because it groups all of these support campers together. A couple of other support networks that are in that area include STARS, CARE, and HSI. They're already going to be there. Our fee covers the cove, slug support, and caps to be in one area. It would be a one stop shop for students.

Lupe: The fee is \$23.90 per quarter starting fall 2024. This does not entail us or anyone graduating in the next four years, but it will allow support for future classes to come.

Hayley: Those fees covers the facilities cost. Even if you aren't participating in the services, you are paying for those. Those are already covered. We're just paying to have the space. How the fee works, it starts the day we move in at \$23.90. After the thirty years it goes to \$8.20 per student, per quarter --that's for the upkeep of the building. This fee would be charged to undergraduate students and graduates. We can talk a little bit about how that fee is going to be distributed. The fee would be collected yearly, it's projected to be around 1.5 million dollars a year and that would be distributed to a Debt Service team and returned to aid fund --to help support financial aid and go back to the students. Operating expenses, and the projected debt service would be reserved for major improvement in the buildings. What that does is secure an actual permanent location and that these services are active on campus. That ensures that those programs

never leave. The way SHOP or some of the other things are considered. On our powerpoint it shows a little bit about the building specifications. The lack of privacy that the small spaces where students can't come in and feel like they're getting confidential support. That will consolidate a lot of the resources into one area.

So what happens if this fee doesn't pass? That's kind of a tricky question because we are including three different resources in one location. I can talk most widely about the Cove. It is currently located in mobile modulars, leftover from the Stevenson remodel. These are reaching their expiration point. When that happens, we don't have a plan b. This just gives us an insurance plan. Slug Support will do the best to keep up with the space they have. CAPS are already stretched passed their boundaries.

Lupe: It's important to note that these fees will not cover the programs but rather the facilities. But we are here asking you today for your guys' endorsement.

Hayley: We are asking for your approval to put this on the ballot. Our next quarter is full of campaigning so we have tons of resources to give you.

Zach: We are out of time on this agenda item, are there any motions regarding the time?

Davon: Motion to extend time by five minutes.

Venkatesh: Second.

Joshua: My big question is how would you make it accessible to students on the other side of campus like Merrill?

Hayley: Honestly this campus is geographically hard for any program and there isn't a good way to centralize anything besides SHOP which is basically the closest to the middle of campus as we can get. I don't have the best answer for that. We know from our data that the people that use our resources the most tend to come from Porter, Kresge, that western half of campus because there's a tendency for older students, transfer, and students of that kind of nature to use our resources. You're right, it's difficult to find a location that works for everyone. We actually started a podcast this year. We are trying different ways to reach out to the campus at large right now.

Davon: This doesn't go into salary for staff at all?

Hayley: Just the facility fee.

Davon: So you said for the pantry, the one at Cowell would be moved to this one [?].

Hayley: So Cowell pantry actually only has a five-year lease. It is moving over because they won't be able to use that space anymore.

Davon: The funding from this fee won't be to fund the services, but to fund the facility.

Hayley: Yes.

Venkatesh: My question got answered.

Zach: I had a few questions. HSI? Would you be able to de-[?] that?

Lupe: Yes. Hispanic Institution Initiative.

Zach: When would y'all need to hear back for an endorsement?

Hayley: I believe April 10th at 5pm, but if we can have it sooner than that.

Zach: Okay.

Chase: If the referendum doesn't pass, are the facilities still being built?

Hayley: The buildings already exist, they're just being retrofitted. All the plans are already done. We do have the chance next year to try to get on the ballot again. After that we don't really have a contingency plan. At this point we've just been told to try to get this on the ballot.

Zach: Seeing no further questions. Thank y'all very much for presenting.

Lupe & Hayley: Thank you guys!

8:51PM: College Government Fee Presentation

James: Hi my name is James. I'm the college programs coordinator for Porter college. The reason I'm here is representing all the college program coordinators. This is just the first slide that says where we are. The reason we are coming in to ask for a funding referendum is we are asking you to consider sponsorship for a referendum that asks "Shall the College Student Government Fee be increased from \$10 per undergraduate student per quarter to \$20 per undergraduate student over a 4 year period to be allocated by separate student governments at each college? Under the advisement of the College Program Coordinators, fee increase would go to support student events, student salaries, stipends for orientation staff, and funding allocations for student orgs. Effective

fall quarter 2019 with an increase of \$7, increasing \$1 each fall until the total fee is \$20.00”.

We as the college programs coordinators sit as advisors for all of our student governments. We are responsible to those student governments for the funds that operate our programs offices and to administer the student government funds that are held by the student government. Essentially, we become as institutional memory. Besides Crown College. In that role we tend to be able to see the trend happening with funding and funding availability. A little bit of background about the college student government fee. This fee was put in place when UCSC was founded in 1965 at \$8 as the college membership fee. It was increased in the campus election in 1982 to \$10. In 1989 an agreement was made that a portion of those funds would be taken from the student governments and to the committee for ethnic programing funding. That funding currently sits at \$10,985 per year. There’s a lack of clarity for documentation for how that funding [?] so we wanted to include that here. In 1995, the college membership was renamed in the elections that year from college membership to college student government fee. The text of that measure said, the intent of that measure is to establish that the separate college governments will determine the purposes for which these funds will be extended. These fees should be the principal sources of funds to carry out diverse programs and activities such as concerts, films, lectures, dances, college graduation

ceremonies. There have been no changes to this fee besides the name in 1965. It was raised to \$10 in 1982, and there has been no [?]change since then. Why does the student government fee need to be increased? Given the increased student population are no longer keeping pace with the programs and the support of programs. Those include funding student organizations that come to the college governments. More and more groups have come. Our pot of funding is shrinking, that's why we're coming here. The fee has not been increased for 47 years. When the fee was enacted the California minimum wage was \$3.35. By year 2022 the minimum wage is \$15. That student government fee funds the student staff in the programs offices. We are dealing with a shrinking funding source. In addition, there is inflation which has increased by 162% We are dealing with costs increasing and the number of orgs has gone up. The number and diversity of programs are increasing and coming to the colleges, but the funding is not increasing. Graduation commencement costs are a real pain, and we are still responsible to pay for a portion of that and those costs continue to go up as well. How much money would this fee increase generate? It would be \$355,992.00. That would be \$170,000 so the fee increase does include the return-to-aid. Ultimately, they would be used exactly how the fees are being used now. The college program coordinators are responsible to produce a budget for their office and the college government will decide 'yes/no' 'how much' can be allocated from that pot that they receive to the programs. The actual usage of the funding will not change besides one important difference A stipend for the orientation leaders that work with us each Fall. All the students that we have come in will volunteer for 1-3 weeks depending on the college to work with incoming students. We are finding it more and more difficult to find students to work for three weeks because they can't afford it; we are trying to put together a proposal in this format. That would be one definite new aspect of how the funding would be used. We would like to be able to provide a stipend for our orientation leaders. Finally, "questions?". Some questions you may have -- Who decides how the funds are used? The college student government.

Zach: Sorry, we are out of time on this agenda item.

Davon: Motion to extend time by five minutes.

Stephan: Second.

Zach: Are there any objections? Okay, thank you.

Bella: How will you project your funding caps for student organizations?

James: That is dependent by each college government.

Saul: I'm confused. You're saying that the stipend for fall orientation leaders would that be up to the colleges to approve that?

James: The staff employed by the programs office are covered by the college, but the programming staff are largely paid for through these funds. For example I would need x-number of hours per student per week. Which would include 2-5 student assistants. Does that make sense? In terms of a stipend, those are volunteers and right now they are paid a t-shirt, the privilege or moving in early, meals paid for, and pass to the boardwalk. That's a really tough call for people who want to give back to their college but can't afford it. We can't make full compensation, but we can try and fill in somewhat?

Davon: Regardless if it's going to the senate of CPCs. It says it's going into effect fall of 2019. What constitutes the fall? How do you get the funding for the orientation leaders?

James: If this gets passed this spring we would be given/told that we are expecting 1,100 affiliates per college, so we would know what the figure was.

Davon: How are you able to get that money allocated if it's not effective until Fall 2019?

James: We would be presenting our budget in spring quarter. Option 1: this doesn't pass, this is what we're looking at. Option 2: this does pass, this is what we're looking at. I can now allocate this much for the stipend and project for how much is going to remain in the student government [?].

Cameron: You answered the question for the most part. Stevenson at least has allocated money for the orientation/welcome-week leaders.

James: How the different colleges fund everything gets very very [?] because other colleges don't do that. Residential life and the college itself has different pots of fundings whether it be cultural and recreational funds. Depending on the specific college a

specific programs office may have greater or lesser access to funds. It's a little bit messy when it comes down to say all the college governments and program offices are the same. The function of these funds, the student government has jurisdiction of how they're used.

Zach: We are out of time again on this agenda item and I don't have anybody on stack. Thank you very much for presenting!

James: Thank you!

9:12 Student Housing West Discussion

Owen: Hey y'all, last week I mentioned writing a resolution regarding Student Housing West because it's being sent for final approval by the regents to UCLA. There are a lot of issues with it that many groups have mentioned to me. We need to take some kind of action. Essentially, the resolution I came up with is the most logical action we could take which is basically formally asking the regents to postpone their confirmation so that we can formulate a formal statement. The resolution is shared with everyone. It is long so I think maybe...is there a less bureaucratic way?

Zach: I can read it.

Davon: I was going to ask if we have to read it out loud, but apparently we do.

Owen: I can also answer any questions about that.

Zach: Resolution Regarding Delay of Student Housing West Regent Approval
Owen Sweeney, Kresge College

Whereas “the SUA is the most qualified body to formulate and communicate the undergraduate student position at UCSC on campus-wide, system-wide and nation-wide levels.”

Whereas “The SUA shall use that voice to serve the individual and collective needs of the undergraduate student body at UCSC.”

Whereas “The SUA shall promote activism, civic participation, discussion, debate, and awareness of public issues.”

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 The UC Santa Cruz Administration is seeking to develop Student Housing West, a Public Private Partnership which will add approximately 3000 undergraduate beds.

Whereas any new building on campus will have a large effect on the student body.

Whereas there are numerous concerns from the student body regarding Student Housing West.

Whereas it has been called to question whether the Student Advisory Committee has any real power.

Whereas the student body of UCSC is not fully informed about this project.

Whereas the 2020 Long Range Development Planning Committee has been forbidden from discussing Student Housing West.

Whereas over 80,000 alumni have expressed concerns for the project through a petition.

Whereas the Alumni Council has clearly expressed their concerns and suggestions.

Whereas the Alumni Council's concerns and suggestions were largely rebuked, in an untimely manner (six months after their initial letter), rather than implemented or considered.

Whereas Alumni are former students who have deep connections with the current student body and the University.

Whereas University Administration has cited the student body without a direct statement from the SUA.

Whereas there is no official SUA statement regarding Student Housing West yet.

Whereas there is an Ad-Hoc group of prominent donors, alumni, trustees, emeriti and current faculty including three former UC Regents has authored three letters with many signatures in opposition of Student Housing West.

Whereas the campus's Design Advisory Board has, in an unprecedented move, TWICE UNANIMOUSLY opposed the East Meadow site.

Whereas letters from Immediate Past EVC Alison Galloway and Immediate Past Campus Frank Zwart have been published with strong concerns regarding Student Housing West.

Let it be resolved that SUA calls on the UC Regents to delay the set approval of the Student housing west project scheduled for the March 13th 14th, 2019 Regents Meeting at UCLA by one meeting in order to develop an official SUA statement regarding the project.

Let it be resolved that SUA requests the Alumni Council to call on the UC Regents to delay the set approval of the Student housing west project scheduled for the March 13th 14th, 2019 Regents Meeting at UCLA by one meeting

Let it be resolved that SUA requests the UC Santa Cruz Foundation to call on the UC Regents to delay the set approval of the Student housing west project scheduled for the March 13th 14th, 2019 Regents Meeting at UCLA by one meeting

Let it be resolved that SUA demands Chancellor George Blumenthal ask the UC Regents to delay the set approval of the Student housing west project scheduled for the March 13th 14th, 2019 Regents Meeting at UCLA by one meeting

Let it be resolved that SUA demands Student Regent ask the UC Regents to delay the set approval of the Student housing west project scheduled for the March 13th 14th, 2019 Regents Meeting at UCLA by one meeting

Let it be resolved that SUA demands Student Regent Devon Graves and Student Regent Delegate Hayley Weddle ask the UC Regents to delay the set approval of the Student housing west project scheduled for the March 13th 14th, 2019 Regents Meeting at UCLA by one meeting

Let it be resolved that SUA demands that UC Regent and Chair of Regent Finance and Capital Strategies Hadi Makarechian delay the set approval of the Student Housing
Owen: I realized that I was repetitive...blah blah

Zach: West project scheduled for the March 13th-14th, 2019 Regents Meeting at UCLA by one meeting in order for the SUA to release an official statement.

Let it be resolved that SUA will have a formal representative present at the UC regents meeting where this is discussed.

Let it be resolved that SUA will have a representative at every subsequent student advisory committee meeting on Student Housing West.

Stephan: You have to read the enacting clause.

Zach: Okay, thank you for the clarification.

Owen: I realized that I was repetitive.

Zach: Comments?

Davon: There was a paragraph that said let it be resolved that SUA demand student regents...delegate. It's [?] not delegate. Just FYI but you're chillin'.

Cameron: Are we voting on this tonight?

Owen: Yes it would make more sense. Also I have a question for y'all about how you feel on the last two parts. Former representative at the meeting, if we have the funds to do that. Also sending a representative to the student advisory committee.

Eric: I feel like we do have SUA reps there because I know David is on the Student Housing West committee.

Citlali: I thought you said specifically the regents.

Owen: I think we can redact the part that says student advisory committee.

Citlalli: Yeah you should redact that part. They're not going to give us money. They're going to be like well if you want to put more people than you should pay for that.

Owen: Is that okay if I delete that clause?

Zach: We do have money for regents meeting travel.

*thumbs up *

Davon: With that last paragraph, Thomas from snail movement is going. It gives you a lot of back seen access to UC regents meeting. My chief of staff, we are either getting a bus or a van. He's working with WSSC and you'll have to ask him. I don't know how much money we have left in those line items.

Owen: Is there a possibility of there being a formal student representative

Davon: No, so what happens is you get put on public comment, two minutes to speak to UC regents, and then talk about whatever you want to talk about. If you want to figure out transportation I would suggest asking Vignesh when he comes in here.

Owen: I think I should take out that paragraph

Davon: Yeah you're going to have to.

Eric: I just want to add that the student advisory meetings are open. If any of you are interested, they can come they just won't be paid.

Zach: Something I wanted to add as well is that this part about "Whereas it has been called to question whether the student advising committee has any real power". I think that should be cited.

Owen: Which meetings?

Zach: The meeting from two weeks ago. I think you could just cite David.

Owen: What date was that?

Davon: The hyphen is supposed to be between regent investment, not student regent.

Zach: We are out of time on this agenda item. I don't know how this goes. We would suspend the bylaws to pass this if we didn't suspend the bylaws we could pass this on the 12th and that is the night before the regents meeting.

Owen: I would urge that we suspend the bylaws. This is just saying that we need time to make a formal statement.

Cameron: Motion to extend time by five minutes.

Venkatesh: Second.

Stephan: The bylaw that is relevant is section C11Ai.

Anna: I have it written down from previous meetings.

Stephan: That's the elections commission.

Anna: Oh, we've been saying the wrong thing.

Owen: Is someone going to suspend the bylaws so we can vote on this?

Cameron: Motion to suspend bylaw C11A i.

Citlalli: Whenever we suspend bylaws so we can vote on things for our night. The college government chairs do get really upset. I would just really appreciate if y'all can go back

to your spaces and say “hey, I was okay with this happening” Every time this happens, Ayo takes the fall for it. All of the resolutions we’ve passed lately have had the bylaws suspended.

Bella: Do we have quorum?

Ce-Lai: Regina just stepped out.

Zach: Yes. Even without Regina.

Zach: We are now out of time again.

Davon: Motion to extend time by five minutes.

Joshua: Second.

Zach: Is one meeting enough time?

Davon: The regents have meetings every other month. If it gets delayed the next meeting will be in May. We are not in session in July. It’s either push it back to May or then again in November because September meetings are right before school starts.

Zach: Thank you.

Davon: Can I respond to what she said?

Owen: Motion to adopt the resolution.

Eric: Second.

Zach: Are there any objections? I’m sorry looking at the thing it’s the 12th not the 19th can you repeat your motion Owen?

Owen: Okay, I’ll make that change. Motion to adopt the resolution regarding delay of student housing west regent approval.

Zach: I had a second by Eric. Are there any objections? Seeing none, we’ll be moving on to the next agenda item.

9:33PM: REACH Act Resolution

James: Hi, folks. My name’s James I’m the legislative director for Davon’s office. This REACH Act would make the hazing standards on campus more strict. The definition that most colleges are using to define hazing is largely based on only physical harm. What the REACH Act would do is widen the definitions of what hazing could be whether it is mental or degradation. It’s a pretty straightforward thing. There’s a pretty plain

English version if you just search it up online. It's having a federal level right now. It's basically something we can do the least advocacy on. This proposal is to show that our campus community support a climate where we can take on hazing in a more effective manner. Does anyone have any questions about it?

Zach: I just have to say that this doesn't count as presenting a resolution because you need to present the language.

James: Do we have that language anywhere?

Regina: I just shared it with you now.

Zach: Okay. I'll read it off right now.

Stephan: When do you think that this will be voted on next?

James: No idea. I haven't really heard much about it. I will give you the most up to date info about when it will be brought to the floor.

Zach: Alright, ummm. So. Stephan, I heard your comment earlier. I believe according to the bylaws that we need to [?] SUA specifically.

Stephan: It says enacted clause? It's okay, we can also discuss this later.

Zach: Thanks y'all for holding on real quick.

Stephan: It's in section C11.

Zach: Yes it does say that, thank you very much. As soon as I read this I'm going to put this on the shared folder.

A Resolution for the Student Union Assembly and the UC Student Association to Support the REACH Act

WHEREAS, the University of California is one of the largest and most productive university systems in the world, with over 200,000 students of its own, and therefore it carries significant influence in the issues it supports.

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is proposing H.R. 662, the Report and Educate About Campus Hazing Act (REACH) Act, which is designed to mandate reporting of hazing incidents to campus security or police authorities. The REACH Act has been sponsored by Marcia Fudge (D-OH-11), and has 52 total cosponsors, including three from California. It defines hazing as:

“...any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a student, or a former student, of an institution of higher education, whether individually or in concert with other persons, against another student, that—

- (I) was committed in connection with an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, any organization that is affiliated with such institution of higher education; and
- (II) contributes to a substantial risk of physical injury, mental harm, or degradation or causes physical injury, mental harm or personal degradation.

WHEREAS, the REACH Act also mandates that “The institution will provide students with an educational program on hazing... which shall include information on hazing awareness, hazing prevention, and institution’s policies on hazing.” This federal mandate is congruent with the University policy, since we have a hazing awareness training course here as well.

WHEREAS, the California state law defines hazing as “any method of initiation or pre initiation into a student organization or student body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury to any former, current, or prospective student of any school, community college, college, university, or other educational institution in the state. (California Penal Code §245.6)” The REACH Act also adds mental harm and degradation in addition to the physical harm category described in California state law.

WHEREAS, the University of California Santa Cruz policy on hazing is even more detailed than either the REACH Act or California state law, and our campus ought to promote all types of legislation that advocates for student safety and health, especially as it relates to hazing. Our values as a student body have always been consistent about empowering students to be able to achieve anything they set their minds to. Hazing presents a serious obstacle for students to enjoy both their academic and social life while they are in college. A federal standard on reporting hazing incidents is a standard that ought to be supported by the UC Santa Cruz student body and the UC Student Association.

WHEREAS, establishing a federal standard that could be applied to all universities to account for hazing incidents is necessary to protect the equal opportunity for students to enjoy their college education, which they pay high tuition costs to attend. No student should have to be afraid of getting hazed in order to participate at any university, in California or elsewhere. Finally, even though UC Santa Cruz already has a fairly rigorous process for anti-hazing, we must still voice our support for legislation that both represents and promotes values congruent with those of the University. This is because we have the power and support to fight for these issues where other students might not have the opportunity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the student body of UC Santa Cruz issue a letter of formal support for the REACH Act to the UC Office of the President, UC Government Relations, and the other UC Campuses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the student body of UC Santa Cruz calls on support from the UC Student Association to incorporate the REACH Act and other anti-hazing measures into their federal legislative priorities.

James: A lot of my work is based on the UC Students' Association. We are trying to create a collective voice to support this act. Even just as one school we have a really powerful role to play.

Zach: Any questions? Thank you very much for your presentation.

James: Thank y'all!

applause

9:39PM: Old Business: Funding Deliberations

Zach: We do have \$25,000 in Spring SOFA. We don't have anything left in Winter SOFA. We might have something left in Fall SOFA, but i'm not sure. I can step out and call Ayo and/or Raphael.

Cameron: Say that SOFA has leftover money next quarter what's going to happen to it?

Zach: If we do nothing with it I believe that it would be carried forward to next academic year, but we can edit the budget and move remaining SOFA money back into programming for the Spring. We have 35 requests this quarter. It's a balance we might get a lot less.

Alexandrina: So the treasurer we elected isn't here to guide us through this?

Zach: No he is not here apparently. Last week he let me know, but I don't about this week.

Joshua: I have a question about the treasurer is that okay to ask right now?

Zach: I feel a little uncomfortable discussing someone that isn't here.

Cameron: This is kind of general: I think we shouldn't worry about [?] programming this quarter. Are there funding requests next week by the way? I think we should spend

the rest of programming for this quarter and after SOFA maybe there will be leftover funding like there was this quarter.

Joshua: Motion for a 3 minute recess.

Lauren: Second.

Zach: Seeing none. Motion passed unanimously

****Recess to 9:49pm****

Davon: If you can hear my voice clap once.

claps

-Sigma Zeta Aepi (5 minutes) (show budget)

Owen: What's the historical...do we fund frats?

Zach: Yes frats are registered student orgs. I don't think there is anything that says we can't fund frats.

Cameron: I reserve my right to make a motion. I don't think we should fund this event. They said most of the money is going to charities which is great, but we can't just donate money to charity directly. My motion is to move onto Drag Ball and not fund Sigma Zeta Aepi's charity event.

Venkatesh: Second.

Zach: Are there any objections?

Bella: I know we are short on budget, but also it seems like that's pretty sad to not fund at all.

Venkatesh: We have a really tight budget and they seem fully set on what they need to put on this event. I feel like either way they're going to be able to hold their event and give back to charity. To me that is a little bit more pressing. I feel like we should save the money for an event that can't function without money.

Cameron: Motion to extend time by five minutes.

Saul: Second.

Davon: I mean...yeah I agree with previous speaker's point. I know the event staff are the people in that frat that are working. I think that should be funded --the labor.

Saul: I have a slight issue with a previous speakers comment about orgs not having outside funding, because there's a lot of accessible funding outside of SUA so I think we should consider it. I feel like a lot of the times that leads to misinformation...I think should have that as a consideration or funding.

Cameron: They're charging people to get into the event, so it's not free. It's not open to everyone.

Venkatesh: Point of information: How much would it cost to cover the labor? Are we still talking about the objection or can I make an amendment.

Zach: For the labor it would cost just under \$70.

Venkatesh: Can I amend the previous speaker's motion to fund \$67.50.

Aakriti: Second.

Cameron: Wait what was the motion. I object. I don't like that they're charging people to get in.

Zach: We now open a new line of stack.

Bella: I actually wanted to fund the \$67.50 because drinks are \$100. I would say we should also put in that they could not use the money for drinks. I'm okay with them paying for a PA system. I think that we should give them the \$67.50. I don't think that would put a whole dent in our budget.

Saul: I would like to remind the space that SUA has funded student organizations that are charity shows?

Venkatesh: \$67 isn't too much, but if you keep adding that. We won't be able to fund the things that everyone wants to fully support. We would be hindered to help other organizations. I don't like the mindset of funding it a little bit because eventually that will add up.

Davon: Motion to extend time by five minutes.

Saul: Second.

Chase: I think we should just move into a vote. Call to question.

Lauren: Second.

Bella: What are we calling to question?

Zach: Hold on...

Eric: Can we change the stipulation to just fund labor?

Zach: We can, except we have to go through this cause we can't have more than three motions at a time.

Bella: It's with stipulation -- no drinks.

Zach: Was that an objection to the call to question?

Bella: No it was just a parliamentary procedure.

Zach: Any objections to call to question? Which means we'll move directly into a vote.

Davon: Point of parliamentary procedure: so we are making the secondary motion the \$67.50 with stipulation of no drinks? Okay.

Zach: All those in favor of funding \$67.50 with stipulation of no drinks.

All those in favor: 17

All those opposed: 3

All those in favor of funding \$67.50 over not funding everything?

All those in favor: 9

All those opposed: 6.

The yays have it.

Now we are voting to have the stipulation to [?]

Venkatesh: Point of parliamentary procedure: if we want stipulation for labor then we turn this down?

Zach: Correct. All those in favor. 3 in favor....7 opposed. The nays have it.

Chase: Motion to fund \$67.50 with stipulation that it goes to labor.

Venkatesh: Second.

Zach: Any objections. Seeing none, the motion passes.

-Drag Ball (5 minutes)

Zach: They're asking for \$1,500. We now have \$2,476.04.

Cameron: How much is the amount the orgs are requesting next week? And can you say what org it is?

Zach: It's the African Student Union asking for \$5,125. The Student Ambassadors for Planetary Health are having a world health cafe and I don't have a number on them.

Cameron: Thank you.

Zach: If no one speaks we move on.

Cameron: I motion to fund \$1,300.

Zach: I really apologize, you already spoke on this agenda item. I messed up on who I called on. Sharu?

Sharu: Motion to fund \$1,300 to the Drag Ball out of programming.

Joshua: Second.

Zach: Are there any objections? Seeing none the motion passes, we'll be moving into our last agenda item of the night is the EVP Office Updates.

Stephan: Excuse you! The SUA Constitutional Amendments.

Zach: Oh! Excuse me. I really apologize on that.

Stephan: I can let them go first. I'm here to the end.

10:09PM: EVP Office Updates

Vignesh: Hey folks, How's it going? Not going to keep you here long, but it's really informative. Each individual point, I'm going to ask y'all if you need an expansion on things we talk about.

Zach: We don't have quorum just so that y'all are aware.

Vignesh: I'm Vignesh I'm the staff to Davon. We do have monthly board meetings that we attend so the UC students association board meetings since August 2018. We meet every month at a different UC. A lot of the campuses came together to vote on things and it was sort of a transitional meeting. EVP's in particular have been attending quarterly meetings with Janet Napolitano. We've also been actively sending students to the regents meetings. November, January, and next week we will be at UCLA as well. There were votes about housing projects. All of those things are next week, in fact student housing west is going to be voted on. We also advocated for the removal for the SAT/ACT requirement as a UC requirement. We've also had bimonthly trips to

Sacramento. We've also been doing in district meetings with our legislators. We are going again the day after tomorrow. We've also been taking students from Lobby Core and James will cover that. For the first time in a long time all three of the public higher ed student organizations come together --UCSA, CSSA, and SSCCC--and have been meeting and following up collective financial aid priorities. We have someone that is really poised to look at what financial aid covers. Do folks want me to expand on one of these things?

We've been trying to get a regent to be at every UCSA Board meeting. In October we had a chair from the board come in and that was sort of very haphazard. The suggestion from the Undocumented Student Coalition --we had regent Michael Cohen, not the Trump lawyer--there were also questions from undocumented students and questions about about racial justice. So that was really nice. We've also been doing STOCC--Students of Color Conference. It is a UC-Wide conference. Historically it's been very anti-Black. In smaller groups to see what they can do to better next week. Both of these have been in the works for the entirety of 2018.

There was also a lot of traction on holistic support. This is something I personally work on. Everyone cares about college affordability and access to [?]. Sustainable food systems on our campus and racial justice have been main priorities. Funding for outreach programs are very very limited. With UCOP and regents there's been a specific focus on particularly undocumented students on campus and give them legal support. We have an undocumented Student coalition representative, support for student parents, International Student Support. How many of y'all know that non-resident tuition was increased last year? Non-resident students are one specific identity. There are also international students. This will be raised up at next week's regents meeting. These are a lot of broad things that we've been working on. There are a lot of things that affect all of the UC's in different ways. Housing, food, transportation --those are non-tuition costs that financial aid doesn't cover anymore and those are conversations that we're having. How many of y'all have heard of the parking spots crisis[?] on campus. I've been working with the Snail Movement. Thomas is going to be

a [?] at the regents meeting so we're moving beyond Marlene Trump and beyond general UCSC administration and all that have been sort of useless in dealing with this situation.

James: Alright so, I just want to talk about the other facet ofrelated to what's happening on this campus Lobby Core...we have a few members in SUA. We do some really great work and I want to show y'all what we do to help out UCSC communities. Our lobby corps have been passionately working to inform....I believe we are the closest UC to him...last month we were able to successfully get into a meeting about his and clarify ...

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

Davon: Motion to extend time by 4 minutes.

Alexandrina: Second.

Zach:

James: Our lobby corps have been Our Lobby Corps has been passionately working to inform legislators about issues relevant to UCSC communities, in the hopes of bringing much-needed change to higher education; Advocating for A.B. 302, talking to Marc Berman; Public Comment session at Assembly Subcommittee hearings; endorsing S.B. 461. Which is the summer cal grant bill. It would extend Cal Grant into summer which is important because graduation rates are slower and slower and it's getting more expensive for a UC education.; Lastly, we've been preparing for Student Lobby Conference (SLC) It's a really great way to get involved in the advocacy process in Sacramento through a leadership role, taking place this March 23rd in Sacramento. Our legislative advocates have a paid position that allows folks to do that work that lobby core does in a real in-depth way. So we have three of them right now: one focuses on local affairs, one focuses on state affairs , one focuses on federal affairs. It allows our meetings to be really really productive. Even going beyond our campus and our advocacy efforts, we are also talking with Santa Cruz city leadership so we're in talks with Martine Watkins. We're also talking with City manager Martin Bernal to really understand the issues that are common with the community of Santa Cruz as a whole and make sure we are building sustainable communities. I really just want to sum all of

this up that by creating a space to have productive dialogue with elected officials, we have to be able to foster the mutual creation of a better UC for everyone. Any quick questions?

Alexandrina: I know that y'all sent out a google form. Have y'all reached out to the people that applied?

James: Yes. We did. The application closed on March 1st and I believe tonight the emails were sent out.

Vignesh: The reason that we are meeting with the mayor is to increase representation by creating student commissions to have a voice.

Zach: We are out of time again on this agenda item. Thank y'all very much!

James & Vignesh: Thank you.

applause

10:30 Open Discussion- SUA Constitutional Amendment (20 minutes)

Stephan: Over the weekend I sent out the constitution and a guiding document to all of those parties so I have 80 addresses. What I've been working on is everything has been finalized and worked on what we talked about last meeting. The version that has been sent is current. There's also a constitutional amendment guide. This serves to put some context and additional information regarding what is going on with these amendments, what's the scope of them and what's involved. I really appreciate all of the feedback I have received so far. Special shoutout to David, Emma, Davon, Citlalli, Anna, Bella and everybody who is planning on reaching out. This is a little bit of time for y'all to bring out. In addition, you can email me. I will be taking notes or comments, questions, concerns. Anybody? Alright, I will be asking for your sponsorship next week.

Davon: Thank you for your hard work for this. You are not paid for this and

10:33M: Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Zach: If anyone wants to see a hard copy of what the people from taps...

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 pm.

Alison Johnson

Dan Henderson

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