



Student Union Assembly Meeting Agenda

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General Meeting of the Student Union Assembly

Fall Quarter 2021, Meeting of November 16th, 2021

7:30pm via Zoom Teleconference Services

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Current Roster of the SUA Voting Members

Effective November 16th, 2021

Officers of the Student Union Assembly

President of the Student Union Assembly

SUA Vice President of Internal Affairs

SUA Vice President of External Affairs

SUA Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion

SUA Vice President of Academic Affairs

SUA Vice President of Student Life

Shivika Sivakumar (P)

Kayla Gomez (P)

Rojina Bozorgina (P)

Maria Dolores Castillo (P)

Dora Rasch

Jimmy Gomez (P)

Elected Representatives of the Student Union Assembly

Cowell College Elected Representative

Stevenson College Elected Representative

Crown College Elected Representative

Merrill College Elected Representative

Porter College Elected Representative

Kresge College Elected Representative

Oakes College Elected Representative

Alejandra Vaca (A)

Ciara McDavis (A)

Daniel Halpern-DeVries (P)

Mitra Zarinebaf (P)

Vacant

Brent Insua (P)

Jose Marquez Cuevas (A)

Rachel Carson College Elected Representative
College Nine Elected Representative
College Ten Elected Representative

Vacant
Cody Haugh (A)
Cheru Robinson (P)

Appointed Representatives of the Big Five Student Organizations

None Appointed

Appointed Representatives of the Five Selected Student Organizations

Slug Model United Nations (SlugMUN)
Jewish Student Union
Student-Parent Organization (SPO)

Vacant
Louis Adler (A)
Erika Jackson (P)

Appointed Representatives of the College Student Governments

Cowell Senate Appointed Representatives
Stevenson Council Appointed Representatives
Crown Senate Appointed Representatives
Merrill Government Appointed Representatives
Porter Senate Appointed Representatives
Kresge Parliament Appointed Representatives
Oakes Senate Appointed Representatives
RCC Council Appointed Representatives
C9 Senate Appointed Representatives
C10 Senate Appointed Representatives

Andrew Kato (P) and Bradley Grace (A)
Margaret Rice (P) and Anton Hayden (P)
Caty Otero (P) and Michael Zhou (A)
Theresa Bostic (P) and Henry Sadler (A)
Vacant
Jesus Najera (A), Vacant
Jose Gomez (A) and Miguel Salcedo (A)
Piper Vernon-Clay (A), Vacant
Douglas Kim (P), Vacant
Ray Diaz (P), Vacant

Calculation of Quorum for Meetings of the Student Union Assembly

In accordance with the SUA Constitution, Article II, Section D.1-2, quorum is established as the minimum number of representatives who are required to be physically present at the start of the meeting in order for business to be conducted. Quorum is defined as ‘half plus one’ of the voting membership.

For this meeting, the threshold for a quorum is set as follows:

Current Members: 29
Half (Rounded Up): 15
Plus One: 16
Quorum Threshold: 16

The SUA Parliamentarian shall assess if a quorum is present before calling the meeting to order.

Order of the Meeting

7:30PM Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 7:32

7:30- 7:40 Roll Call of the Voting Members

7:40 - 7:43 Approval of This Week's Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda: Brent
Second: Jimmy

Motion passes unanimously

7:43 - 7:45 Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes

- The SUA is in the process of hiring a Recording Clerk for the 2021-2022 academic year.

7:45 - 8:00 Announcements and Public Comments

Note: You should now send your announcements in advance to suaparli@ucsc.edu so that they can be included in this agenda. (Compliance w/ SUA Bylaws C.8.A.II)

- **Rojina:** Are you a Pell Grant recipient? Share your experience & help us advocate for #DoubleThePell, a campaign aimed at increasing financial aid and reducing student loan debt! <https://tinyurl.com/UCSA-DoublePell>

Rojina: If you are a federal Pell Grant recipient which you can check to see if you are in your financial aid offer I would really appreciate it if you could go ahead and fill out this form which is kind of just a testimonial collection we're using to strengthen our advocacy so we can convince our federal legislators and the Department of Education to work with us to increase federal Pell Grant which will significantly reduce the burden of student loans by giving students more financial aid.

Please go ahead and share that as widely as possible so we can get as many voices as possible from UC Santa Cruz on that collection fund. That would be super helpful in strengthening our system wide advocacy for reducing student debt.

- **Jimmy:** The Student Advocate Office is hiring [Caseworkers](#) for the remainder of the academic year! If you are interested in holistic peer consultation and advocacy, we

encourage you to apply under the Divisions of Financial Aid/Basic Needs or Conducts/Academics. This position is from January to July; and pays \$150 bi-weekly. The [ER application](#) number is: 16988. Please complete the supplemental application: bit.ly/SAOCaseworkers. Thank you for your consideration.

Jimmy: This is really a great opportunity for students who just want to learn more and be a student leader on our campus and just dive into policy reform. I have attached the ER application as well as its associated number and please remember to complete the supplemental application to be considered.

- **Anna:** Interested in facilitating free and fair campus elections! Consider becoming the Elections Commissioner or Associate Elections Commissioner for our Campus Elections this Spring! Check out the application form for full job descriptions: bit.ly/EC-AEC-22. Applications are open through Nov 22nd.
- **Rosa Plaza, Director of Orientation:** the Orientation Office is hiring Orientation Leaders for summer 2022. This position is from February to September. We are reviewing applications in December. Apply using ER # 1442. Position pays \$16 per hour. Find the job at the [UCSC ER system](#). Job Title: Orientation Leader. ER #: 1442. [View and share the Orientation Leader Flyer](#). When applying, fully answer the required questions noted in the "Special Comments" section; provide your answers in the "Additional Information" section. We interview and fill positions on a first-come, first-served basis so apply today! Thank you in advance!
- **Rojina:** Student Parents: Please see attached [flyer](#) for opportunity to participate in a systemwide research project & share with your community!

Rojina: If you are interested in participating in a system wide research project that I believe is originating from UCLA. If you wouldn't mind sharing it with your relevant parties that would be awesome. We are trying to get as many student parents to participate in that system wide research project as possible.

- **Rojina:** Changes are being made to the systemwide Sexual Violence Sexual Harassment policy. Your Title IX representative is Rojina, please reach out if you have any questions about the changes being made. Read about the policy and send any feedback to me or make public comment <https://sexualviolence.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

Rojina: Outside of being EVP I serve as your representative to the UC office of the president Title 9 student Advisory Board. So, I am one of nine undergraduate representatives on the board one for each campus and it is my job to represent our campus in any oppositions or

opinions that they may have. Do any changes made to systemwide Title 9 and SH policy and there are changes being proposed coming from the state level so if you have any thoughts on that or if you'd like someone to clarify those changes and what they mean for you is to do that please feel free to reach out to me.

- **Rojina:** If you are interested in giving public comment at the upcoming UC Board of Regents meeting Nov 17-18 please reach out to Rojina at suavpe@ucsc.edu to get your name on the list! UC Board of Regents are the official governing body of the UC and make some of the most important decisions regarding the university including housing, tuition, and more. Reach out to Rojina with any questions

Rojina: UC Board of Regents makes really important decisions for our university and for our system as a whole and they are the official governing body of VST and they decisions on housing tuition the recent long range development plan which I'm sure a lot of students have thoughts on was passed through the supportive regions so very important decisions like that are made at level so if you haven't rested and being involved are giving comment please reach out to me by tonight at the latest so I can put your name on breakfast thank you so much thank you Regina just three quick ones at the bottom if you haven't yet go ahead and fill out that fall roster form life you haven't yet please join the S voice lack and finally we still have those turn organization

- **Anna:** Please fill out the [Fall Roster Form](#)! Firstly, thank you for your patience while I rolled this out. Secondly, if your committee appointed a chair for this academic year, please let me know. Lastly, if you have any questions, please reach out to me!
- **Anna:** Please join [SUA Slack](#)! This is a fast and easy way to get announcements, and to contact your fellow SUA members.
- **Anna:** Do you know any Student Organizations whose voice should be heard in SUA? Encourage them to [apply for voting membership](#)! We have 2 student organization voting seats currently open.

7:55 - 8:30 Presentation: Consultation regarding Support for Free Speech and Lawful Protest

Allocated Time: 35 minutes

Primary Speaker(s): Jennifer Baszile, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Success

Supplement: [Background Info](#)

Jennifer: I'm here to talk to you tonight and to seek consultation and feedback about a really important issue for the entirety of our campus. This has been a proposal that has been

under development through listening engagement and dialogue through many different channels and this represents a stage of development for the campus that we really are seeking feedback and your perspectives on one of the things that I do want to say about the what about the information that I'll be sharing with you this evening is that it is not a fully fleshed out deeply granular there are there specifics but it's not deeply granular because we thought that it was important to come at a stage of significant development but also to leave room for the substance of the proposal to fully develop.

One of the things that is critical to note here is the broad desire for consultation across lots of different stakeholder groups. Academic Senate, campus safety, community Advisory Board, the committee on campus engagement, graduate student association, academic leaders, administrative leaders, council, Provost, Dean of students, Dean of student affairs and success. Lots of different stakeholder groups are being engaged for direct consultation but even more importantly than that in some ways is the broad invitation for consultation and comment in the form of a feedback that can be offered literally by anyone. The link that is being provided and offered for those modes of feedback and engagement so it's not just that this is a organization by organization or leadership group by leadership group. The other part of the goal is to allow for insights to be shared, feedback to be shared, as well by anyone on the campus who is part of the community.

The Emergency Management policy group, this is a standing policy group that convenes to address any campus emergency. Regarding protest it's only activated for protest scenarios if there is a sufficiently large or disruptive event and I want to say here clearly that large events are not necessarily disruptive events, but it really is a group that sometimes gets activated to work through many dimensions of significant events that happen on the campus, and it is convened by the vice chancellor for business and administrative services. The demonstration operations team this is a multi-office team. They meet weekly to prepare to support students and the campus and that group focuses on logistics management, engagement with protesters, alerts to appropriate offices.

There are really four goals that hope to be achieved by the proposed changes. If we're thinking about it before and after the after state that we are hoping to achieve is for broader campus engagement and specific opportunities for students and faculty to engage in support.

This really has to do with the ongoing commitment and concern about mechanisms for listening and engagement particularly on this matter of protest events. We want people students to have a very clear sense of who is doing what and who is responsible for what in the context of protest activities and 1st amendment activities on campus.

The First Amendment Support Team is an independent body whose main occupation is to listen and reflect. They have a neutral position and have members who train and meet regularly. The members include both staff members and graduate and undergraduate students. The Protest Support team is a team that is designed to support student safety and wellness during protest. This support includes anything from support from organizations to in person and remote support during the process of protests. The Protests Logistics Team primary goal is both operational and logistical. The overall goal is to switch campus engagement with protests and first amendment activities is based on emergency response, however we are proposing to transition to a support-based response. Its changing structures to be more responsive to feedback that the campus is given but also to holistically support students in their protests and exercise of first amendment rights. Feedback and responses will also be noted during the meeting.

Rojina: I wanted to know if the campus safety committee under the chancellor's office has been consulted in this process as well alongside with UCPD? I also wanted to ask about the involvement in of CARE alongside CAPS because I know that our CARE resources are stretched thin. We have a decently small office in comparison to other campuses and our office is in desperate need of resources, so I wanted to know how that has been approached.

Jennifer: Part of the way that protest support will work in this envisioned new model it's not that all units always will be engaged but specially for CARE there are protesting First Amendment activities where the specialized knowledge of the CARE team is particularly important in order to support student and students and processing their activism. So that's a primary way in which we think about CARES roll in the support function but also to speak a little bit to the concerns about resources for CARE apart from protest response and 1st amendment, we are not just thinking about but we're looking very closely at the resources that are available for CARE in terms of staffing and other kinds of resources. So, I hope that we will be able to offer some additional information about the ways in which we can increase support for care. The campus safety committee has been consulted I would say in a pretty continuous way about this process, and I know that the police chief actually has a role in listening in the cab but there has been consultation I can't speak to exactly the nature of that consultation, but I know that that has been part of the process.

Jennifer: We are still in a period of transition so the current formation of the current structure of MPG and DOT will be used for the current activities and the reason is because until there is consultation, and all the consultation has been received it's not really possible to fully implement or appoint folks to the new structures.

In the current state the Police Department reports to the AVC of risk and safety services and that is a totally vast function so in the current state all the campus response is emerging from business and administrative services. They convene the MPG and they also lead DOT. In the proposed state the campus response moves from an emergency rooted model to a community support and care model that has more transparency more input and different and more robust mechanisms for listening and engagement with students. So what I would say is by definition then the function of the police at campus protest would be different in which they would operate in protest by shifting from a an emergency model to a student support model would mean that, I would just say that there is a different approach.

Student comments and suggestions noted by Lucy Rojas

8:30 - 9:30 Presentation: Introduction to the UC Student Association

Allocated Time: 1 hour

Primary Speaker(s): [Rojina](#)

Supplement: [Presentation](#)

Rojina: I serve as the external vice president to this lovely assembly and I'm here today to talk a little bit about the UC student's association of which I am a member as the external vice president. Fun fact without the USSA my position would not exist so shut up and that's right for doing your job but I kind of wanted to present this to you all because there's generally a bit of confusion sometimes, I've noticed in past years about what the UCSA does exactly and how it functions and how it's structured as an organization.

So, the UCSA staff mirrors the board structure of UCSA as well as the strategy. They work for us and not the UC. So, the board members are the employers of the UCSA staff, and this is student run and student led.

In 1968 Governor Reagan proposed those fees during the time of antiwar protests because he thought that if students were forced to pay for their classes, then they would spend less time protesting and more time in the classroom. So, we're the only system body at the time the council of presidents which is comprised of 9 undergraduate presidents in the 10 graduate presidents they later came together with us to fight these student fees that were proposed by Governor Reagan, but you know limitations such as campus authorities and capacity issues led to us losing that fight to keep the UC tuition free.

These days is comprised of three different committees that kind of work together as a whole that is the campus action committee the university affairs committee and government relations committee so

transaction committee is comprised of organizing directors from online music campuses university affairs is comprised of the external vice presidents and government relations is comprised of the legislative directors so our strategy is to use an equally value the three different tactics and committees or tactic committees and filling our mission to advocate for affordable accessible and quality education.

So little bit about the structure, the executive committee does a lot of important issues. I served as chief financial officer last year, so I was able to sit on executive committee and we kind of deal with a lot of internal workings of the university. But most important of the but most importantly we are part of personnel committee so we set the pay for our professional staff as well as vacation days and things like that we go through the extensive like hiring processes whenever we need new professional staff members so it's like you given personal committees are kind of in charge of those internal workings of the CSA it's also worth noting that the council of presidents and the council of student fees chairs so shrink it's actually the chair of the council presidents which is really awesome so she is a member of the UCSA and so is the chair of the council student fees and the student Regent and the student Regent designate are also members of the board of directors and campaign coordinators are not board members but they're very important part as well.

9:30 - 10:00 SUA Budget

Allocated Time: 30 minutes

Primary Speaker(s): Shivika

Supplement: [Budget](#)

Anna: OK so with that we'll be moving into further discussion of the budget that was introduced last week. This is the same budget that we looked at last week and we are in discussion about whether to approve it. Before we get started, I just want to ask if there aren't any further questions for Shivika based on the discussions that y'all had with your spaces OK if there are no questions, we can jump into a discussion does anyone have comments on the budget?

Anna: OK if there are no questions we could jump into the discussion. Does anyone have comments on the budget? Are there any parts that you need shown again?

Motion to Approve: Rojina

Second: Maria

Motion passed unanimously

10:00 PM Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Anna: Next week we're planning on a longer meeting because the candidates for the parliamentarian position will be coming in to speak with us so, please be prepared for that.

Esme: Just a quick thing from CalPIRG this quarter we just finished our pledge drive. We worked harder the last two weeks and signed up over 1000 new dues paying members on our campuses and student voice in politics we signed up over 10,000 across the state this quarter and have 20,000 new members. So, if you pledge to CalPIRG thank you so much for your support.

Shivika: Just a heads-up as well as a call to support our lecturers. There's going to be a strike happening tomorrow as well as the day after. Please show up as well as respect the picket line if you need more information, I know Rojina's office worked on a resolution. We have lots of Flyers going around on social media as well but please support.

Maria: My office and the OP office are collaborating tomorrow in hosting an Instagram live and we're going to be talking about wildfire prevention and just like some safety tips. So it's [suavpd.ucsc](https://www.instagram.com/suavpd.ucsc)

Meeting adjourned at 9:07