# SUA Meeting 10/20/2015

**Assembly Members Present:** Imari Reynolds (Cowell), Tyler Papp (Cowell), **Alternate** Rick (Cowell), Daniel Bernstein (Stevenson), **Alternate** Maxwell (Stevenson), Kyra Brandt (Stevenson), August Valera (Crown), Tias Webster (Crown), Jane Loughboro (Crown), Lara Loesel (Merrill), Morgan Smith (Merrill), Bianca Moncada-Martin (Merrill), Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Amanda Kazden (Porter), Eli Guzman-Martin (Porter), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Tara Parcella (Kresge), Tamra Owens (Oakes),  **Alternate** Ursula (Oakes), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Wayne Ledgister (Eight), Simba Khadder (Eight), Kaimana Carney (Eight), Rohit Dhar (Nine), **Alternate** Dante (Nine), Anthony Gonzales (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Danny Milla (Ten), Louis Wang (Ten), Theresa Atanoa (APISA), Vanessa Sadsad (QSU), Oscar Montiel (MEChA), Erica Green (SANAI), Art Motta (Organizing Director), Seamus Howard (Vice President of Academic Affairs), Sauli Colio (Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion), Jabari Brown (Vice President of Internal Affairs), Julie Foster (President).

**Assembly Members Absent:** Bryna Haugen (Cowell), Gema Rodriguez (Stevenson), Suini Torres (Oakes), Katherine Le (Nine), Lisa Washington (A/BSA), Lina Abdelsalam (A/BSA), Jonathan Morales-Rocha (MEChA), Guillermo Rogel (Vice President of External Affairs)

## Approval of the Agenda:

Julie: **Motion to add 10 minute sunder new business to go over the edits of the constitution.**

Rick: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Vanesa: **Motion to move old business before new business.**

Julie: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Kiana: **Motion to approve.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

## Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes:

Rohit: **Motion to approve.**

Ramneet: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

**Announcements and Public Comment:**

Theresa: Tomorrow night at 7-8, APISA will be having their first meeting and in that meeting we will be going over the missions of APISA, if you are interested, we will be on top of the bookstore.

Art: This weekend is the Student Labor Organizing Conference at UCSB, if you are interested in attending, please talk to me afterwards or send me an email. We will be sending students there.

Rohit: This Saturday will be Practical Activism, we will be going over social justice issues, I would encourage anyone to come to this.

**Presentations:**

Beach Flats Community Garden:

I'm with students who are mobilizing student son this and other campuses to be in solidarity with the Beach Flats Community Garden, which is a Latino community. It has been there for two decades and initially it was a lot and the residents there tried to preserve what is now a beautiful garden space. That garden has been a source of many important things, it is a source of healthy and organic food for the community members and that is really important given that many there are low income. It is a great space for people to come together and build community through their unique experiences. Finally, this garden has been an amazing source of cultural knowledge, a lot of the crops are native to the countries of the gardeners and it has been a learning space for those who live and who don't live in the community. The seaside community which owns 50% of the community and the boardwalk, but their plan is to evict the people there on the 13th of Nov and turn the garden into a parking lot. We are here today to ask for a resolution to be passed to be in solidarity with us. In upcoming events, we would love to have people to be there at the city council meeting so we can be in solidarity with this community.

Imari: What is the date of the meeting?

City council starts at Oct 27th. 7 PM at city hall.

Julie: If students want to come to the garden, when can they visit?

I'll send a list of upcoming events.

**Old Business:**

SOCC Deliberation:

Ray: Funding request is for $3557.04

Kiana: Last time we talked about how in spring quarter of last year that if there was more money that we would restore the original budget for the SOCC.

Julie: It won't be the full amount that is needed, so technically yes, we would bring up the funding for that to $12000.

Wayne: We brought this back to c8 senate and we believed that this was an important event, but we suggested $2500.

Bianca: Bringing this back from Merrill, we agreed that we should fund, but a lower amount.

Vanessa: Reserve my right to make a motion, continuing out stipulation from the previous budget to restore funding to the conferences, **motion to replenish funds to SOCC to $12000.**

Simba: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Imari: **Motion to fund SOCC $2557.04 on top of the $12000.**

Simba: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

**New Business**

Julie: The column on the far right is my proposal with the additional money in the carryforward. The second far right column is the budget as it was approved in spring. The revenue we have is $7/student/quarter. They had originally estimated that to be on a student body of 15000, our total student body is around 16000. We have more money than they estimated. Our total budget is $448,703 for the year. The first thing we have to talk about is the SUA advisor salary, which was approved to $75000, and what they agreed on was $77000. Benefits were underestimated so that's why there is $77000. The only thing I changed was the elections commissioner, which was restored to $1000 and the associate Elections Commissioner was $500. The next thing is office and supplies which I proposed to put +1500 to buy additional supplies for the office. We also need adapters so that computers can work with the projector. I'm recommending that we allocate $2000 just to play it safe. We were also charged for moving, so I recommended to allocate $800 for that. Membership costs and travel, I was recommending that we fully fund the SOCC and the Student Lobby Conference, I increased that by $3000. For dues for USSA, they underestimated the student body, so the new number is $8314.50. I didn't change RSO funding, and I thought that we could put more funding into officer programming and SUA programming funds can be used by the assembly. Each number that has an asterisk has an annotation on the second page.

Vanessa: Can we can make motions to oblige amendments next week right? I wanted to know if we can have the list of what was stipulated in the budget to be replenished.

Simba: I was wondering about the office supplies, I thought that $1500 seemed a bit much, and also sponsorship funding remaining at $0. These are from non-RSOs.

August: Since we just motioned the movement of $12000 to the SOCC. Where did that money come from?

Julie: Stipulations of what would be altered will be emailed out, but to give you all an idea, we had stipulated to increase SOCC to $12000, increase Student Lobby Conference to $9000, which was done last year, and restore RSO funding, which we already did, and to restore officer programming to $2000. The projector was the largest cost for the office supply budget and I estimated that to be $600-700, and between markers and printer paper, and I don't think we'll use the full $2000 I was just playing it safe. The money that was restored to SOCC was from the underestimation of money.

Vanessa: There was a concern about mail and if it was just useful to continue mail services.

Seamus: To respond to that, that is something to look into but we don't get a lot, but we do get some.

Julie: I don't think we need mail service since we share a mail stop for SOAR. I think they are double charging us and I do have the SUA advisor looking into that.

Simba: For officer programming, that would go back to $2000, what was it last year?

Seamus: It was $2000, and with the budget cuts, we cut it to around $1866.

Art: To add more context to that, in spring session there were many cuts and stipulations, we talked about the SOCC which was returned, the print and copy was cut by $1000 and EC and AEC were both cut, office supplies were cut and mail was cut. There was a standing rule that if there were enough money in the budget, all the line items should be restored. In regards to RSO, there was a motion to open RSOs to non-RSO students as well. However, the line item didn't change its name. Can we confirm if all these cuts were restored?

Kiana: What is SUA programming?

Julie: Any SUA voting member can submit a request to ask money from that line item. According to that constitution, we do hold events so that is the fund for that.

Vanessa: Reserve my right to make a motion. **Move to ensure that the budget reads the stipulations per the standing rules of the previous budget approvals.**

B: **Second.**

Simba: **Objection.** The only reason is I have a question, would that change anything, like is this the actual budget?

Julie: The item on the left is what the budget was approved for in the spring time. Technically speaking that is the budget right now.

Bi: **Call to question.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Julie: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: **19** | Opposed: **3** | Abstentions: **15, call to question passes.**

Vote on main motion:

In favor: **3** | Opposed: **4** | Abstentions: **30**, **motion fails.**

Art: Standing rules that are set by the assembly have to be followed whether or not you agree with them.

Seamus: I do recommend that the assembly does follow the standing rules from the previous assembly. It seems that the standing rules from earlier are kind of ambiguous, so maybe we need to resolve that first with the assembly.

Vanessa: **Motion to extend time by 5 minutes.**

B: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Vanessa: reserve my right to make a motion, because we have yet to approve this year's budget according to this proposal, what we would be doing from this standing rule is updating this approved in spring column, and this would be a stipulation that was standing permanent that was approved by the previous assembly, so we would be updating the left column and we would have the opportunity to amend that next week with the right column and we could go line by line to approve the line items.

Sauli: Because of these standing rules, our budget that was approved in spring is not accurate, so in order to make the most informed decision we need to have the most accurate budget.

Simba: Reserve my right to make a motion, we are talking about this standing rule, and we still haven't stated exactly what we want to do, and I **motion to table this.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Julie: **Objection.** I don't feel like that would be effective.

Bi: Is it possible to pull up the budget from last year?

Seamus: **Call to question on table motion.**

Kyra: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **call to question passes.**

Vote on table:

In favor: 20 | Opposed: **14** | Abstentions: **3**, **tabling passes.**

Constitutional Edits:

Julie: The SUA constitution was voted on in the springtime, and there are errors there that are mostly grammatical. I'll summarize them and email them out to the assembly. I changed all his/her to reflect accurate grammar, and I also changed spelling errors and articles that weren't relevant anymore. I changed formatting errors, and I also changed the titles throughout the constitution to reflect the new officer titles. Other than that it is mostly grammar and spelling. According to our constitution, the SUA is allowed to change grammar mistakes.

Bi: Reserve my right to make a motion, **I motion to table this and allow our presenter to present on microaggressions.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Campus microaggressions:

I'm here to talk to you about a project that we are doing in the psychology department. Dr. Byrd has a lab studying school racial climate. This is something that people haven't really been studying for a while. I'm here because you all care a lot about this school and your community. Naturally you are the type of people who would be receptive to a project like ours and to bring it back to your communities. What is microaggressions study? A microaggression is unintentional discrimination against a person's identity. You generally don't realize that you do it. We want to learn how often they happen and we want to know where they are saying them and we want to educate our community as well. If you hear a microaggresion or you witness a microaggression, you report it on the app, which goes to our database and we learn more about the microaggressions, and each person can scroll through and see the microaggressions, so this is another way of education. We care about respecting every identity of anyone. We got last spring, 40 people to sign up, and those who felt like they made a difference. There are 17000 students here and we are not doing a great job with only 40 people. The researchers from our lab have been trying to recruit people and right now we are pushing 100. The more people, the better.

Simba: If someone posts a microaggression, is there a filter?

Michael: We have a training and people who filter through the database.

Bi: Is there any form of compensation?

Michael: we will pay you up to $75 for compensation. Because we are collecting data from students, it would be unethical to not pay people for their time. Throughout the year you can get paid up to $75.

Art: So is this to validate microaggressions or just to keep track of them?

Michael: Both, there is very little research on this. Same with school racial climate. We'll e able you can compare one thing to another, and we could compare different schools' microaggressions together. An app like this could help people learn more about school racial climate and microaggressions.

Constitutional Edits:

Julie: I'll send this out to y'all so you can send it out to your senates.

**Resolution:**

Beach Flats Community Garden Resolution:

Julie: They did have a request that we write a resolution to support them and stand in solidarity with them. [Reads Resolution].

Tias: When you say commercial use, do we know what that would be?

Julie: I left it as commercial use because it is owned by the seaside. The original proposal was a parking lot and the other thing is the tear it down to replace it with a garden to be the entrance to the boardwalk.

Tamra: So this company owns this land?

Julie: Yes they own the property as well at 50% of the beach flats community. They have yielded the ownership for that last 20 years.

The Lecturer's Union Resolution

Julie: I'm sure you all have heard about the University Council-American Federation of Teachers, and they are having a rally on Thursday this week. [Reads resolution].

Vanessa: Reserve my right to make a motion, due to the sensitive urgency with this issue on this campus, recognizing that we have a lot of students with a range of labor and organizing. **Motion to amend the 8th whereas clause to add "because faculty working conditions are student learning conditions" , to change on the last therefore, "formally supports" to "formally endorse" and the third therefore to add commas.**

Theresa: **Second.**

Seamus: **Objection.**

Simba: **Motion to split the question.**

Wayne: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes and question is split.**

*Discussion of first motion: Motion to amend the 8th whereas clause to add "because faculty working conditions are student learning conditions"*

Theresa: **Second.**

Simba: **Objection.**

Lara: **Motion to amend to change that position of that line to after the first therefore let It be resolved.**

Theresa: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **amendment passes.**

Wayne: **Call to question.**

B: **Second.**

Vote on main motion:

In favor: **34** | Opposed: **0** | Abstentions: **4**, **motion passes.**

*Discussion of second motion: add commas after every therefore and add "let it be"*

Sauli: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes**.

*Discussion of third motion: change supports to endorse in the last therefore clause*

Rick: **Second.**

August: **Objection.** Can we have some reasoning for these motions?

Vanessa: I wanted to show that SUA is taking a stance to *endorse* this resolution and I believe that "endorse has a lot more weight than "supports".

Tias: **Motion to amend "endorse" to endorses"**.

B: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes**

Wayne: **Call to question.**

Rohit: **Second.**

In favor: **35** | Opposed: **0** | Abstentions: **3**, motion passes.

Julie: This wasn't the resolution that I thought I sent out, so **motion to "reaching" into "reached" in the 8th whereas clause.**

Wayne: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes**

Art: There is a rally happening this Thursday at 1:15 at the quarry plaza. At 2 PM the buses will leave for rally off campus on Schaffer road. That's where their main offices are.

Vanessa: Reserve my right to make a motion, I **motion to suspend the bylaws to approve this resolution** so that we have an endorsement for this week's action along with next week's contract expiring.

Lara: **Second.**

Daniel: **Objection.** I think we should be able to give this back to our spaces and stick to the bylaw as written.

Eli: I think it is pertinent for us to do this today and I get that it is important for us to bring this back to our spaces, but this affects students too throughout the UCs.

Simba: I think in this case we should bring it back to the senates, and it would be great for endorsement to pass this and I don't think it would radically change the events on this Thursday. I think we should keep this as a habit to wait a week.

Julie: Reserve my right to make a motion, this does have a bit of an impact tonight because if we pass it tonight then I can't represent SUA to the admin this Thursday. In addition, there is no bylaw that says we have to take it back, but there is a bylaw for funding requests, but nothing for resolutions. **Call to question.**

Lara: **Second**.

Seamus: We did find a bylaw that states that this has to be considered next week.

Simba: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: **28** | Opposed: **5** | Abstentions: **3, call to question passes.**

Vote on suspension of bylaws: (require 2/3rds majority)

In favor: **23** | Opposed: **8** | Abstentions: **4, suspension of bylaws passes.**

Simba: I don't like how we are changing laws to conform to the needs of the lack of time that we have as an assembly.

Vanessa: **Motion to add five minutes.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes**

Daniel: **Move to table until next week.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Sauli: **Objection.** When unions unionize or do any bargaining or organize, for them to be able to do anything they need to keep things confidential because there are legal repercussions that the university can take. They need to keep that confidentiality.  I think this is very urgent.

Imari: I think its interesting that this is more controversial in my opinion, I don't see why anyone would disagree that lecturers should be paid more. I don't see why we can't pass this now.

Tamra: Reserve my right to make a motion, and I understand what Simba was saying about last minute things, and this is an urgent matter, and as Julie said, she can't speak on our behalf unless we make a decision. **Call to question.**

Tyler: **Second.**

August: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: **33** | Opposed: **3** | Abstentions: **0, call to question passes.**

Vote to table:

In favor: **1** | Opposed: **30** | Abstentions: **6, tabling fails.**

Julie: I'd like to speak on the background on how this resolution came to be, there was an announcement last Tuesday, and that's when I thought I should write a resolution for this. I

referenced the contract expiration date and I met with the union yesterday on what to present. So yes it is a bit rushed but I didn't think we'd be voting on this.

B: **Motion to extend 10 minutes.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Simba: I think this resolution is great, but I just wanted us to make sure that we saw the bylaws as not super fluid and that we should avoid suspending the bylaws in the future.

Danny: **Motion to pass the resolution.**

Sauli: **Second.**

August: **Objection.** I still think that we should go back to the senates.

Wayne: Suspension of bylaws should not be fluid and I think that the issue at hand should not be considered a major issue. I think we should also be able to talk about it in this space.

Tamra: **Call to question.**

Tyler: **Second.**

August: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: **31** | Opposed: **2** | Abstentions: **2**, **call to question passes.**

Vote to adopt resolution:

In favor: **32** | Opposed: **2** | Abstentions: **2**, **adopted resolution**

Budget Presentation

Vanessa: Reserve my right to make a motion, **I would like to motion to allocate funds per the standing rule to return funds that were cut in the spring to reflect the left column of the budget.**

Ray: Are there any seconds? Seeing none, **motion dies.**

Imari: Reserve my right to make a motion, I think that the confusion was that there was no concise theme about the standing rule and there was no clarification of where the funds were going to go back to. **I motion to strike the last year's standing rule and go forward with the new budget.**

Rohit: **Second**

Vanessa: **Objection.** I don't think you can just make a motion to disregard a standing rule, and you'd have to amend the constitution or the bylaws.

[3 minute recess] – found that standing rule can be removed via simple majority by a new assembly.

Vanessa: There is confusion on what the standing rule is right now, so I think that it would be best to not repeal a standing rule until everyone has a good understanding of what the current standing rule is. In the event that there was a carryforward, we would reinstate the funds to the line items that were cut. We are only updating the first column to the standing rule to rebalance the budget from what we cut last year.

Tamra: **Motion to extend time by 5 minutes.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes**

Imari: I initially made my motion that when Julie said that she was going over the standing rule to distinguish between things that were already cut and what was already restored. I think the standing rule is extra confusion since the funds in Julie's proposal have already been added to the line items.

Simba: Reserve my right to make a motion, I get that we are still confused about what is happening but I think that the standing rule is a lot of hand waving. **Call to question.**

Rohit: **Second.**

Vanessa: **Objection.**

Vote to vote:

In favor: **30** | Opposed: **3** | Abstentions: **4**, **call to question passes.**

Vote to strike the standing rule:

In favor: **21** | Opposed: **4** | Abstentions: **12**, **standing rule will be removed.**

Seamus: **Motion to adjourn.**

Danny: **Second.**

Ray: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes**.