

**SUA 2.21.17**

**Assembly Members Present:** Tias Webster (President) , Grace Shefcik (VP of Internal Affairs), Judith Gutierrez (VP of External Affairs), Hector Navarro (VP of Diversity and Inclusion), Tamra Owens (VP of Student Life), Vicente Lovelace (Cowell), Keshav (Cowell Alternate), Andrew Szkolnik (Stevenson), Katie Keeshen (Stevenson), Nicki Thompson (Crown), Michiko Soto (Crown), Samantha Stringer (Crown), Morgan Smith (Merrill), Jared Semana (Merrill), Lily Green (Merrill), Jacob Jones (Porter), Mamie Yang (Porter), Ted Jaich (Porter), Ian (Kresge Alternate), Tara Parcella (Kresge), Quinn (Kresge Alternate), Jonas Hernando (Oakes), Burcu Birol (Oakes), Brook Dalton (Oakes), Thomas Ramirez (Rachel Carson), Lauryn Wilson (Rachel Carson), Matthew Forman (Rachel Carson), Kiryl Karpiuk (College 9), Katherine Le (College 9), Samantha Sanchez (College 9), Tama Semo (College 10), Libby Pearman (College 10), Socorro Ramirez-Gamino (MEchA), Imari Reynolds (AB/SA), Jemerson (FSA Alternate), Cibyl Engel (PRISM), Alejandro Navarro (MESH)

**Assembly Members Absent:** Jessica Xu (VP of Academic Affairs), Bryna Haugen (Cowell), Kaia Partlow (Stevenson), Monse Villarreal (College 10), Lolo Fuka (APISA), Erica Green (SANAI), Eli Guzman-Martin (QTPOCC)

Meeting Called to Order at: **8:04PM**

Roll Call: Chloe at **8:05PM**

**Approval of Agenda: 8:07PM**

Katherine: Motion to Approve Agenda

Jonas: Second

Hector: Objection, Motion to reduce funding request to 10 minutes, and Motion to add discussion for Stand Diversity for 5 minutes

Jonas: Second

No Objections

Katherine: Remotion to approve agenda

Samantha: Second

**Approval of Minutes: 8:09PM**

Burcu: Motion to approve minutes

Lily: Second

Vicente: Objection Point of Information, Were the typos changed?

No Objection

**Announcements and Public Comment: 8:10PM**

Tara: equestrian team afternoon event regionals at stanford two riders competing

Jonas: West Fest this friday 4-8 PM at RCC Lawns, if it rains on Friday location would be moved to here at OLC

Tias: Just want to ask, I will be meeting with the president this Friday. if you want a report for that it would be a one hour discussion if people are interesting in what we talk about.

Nicki: UCSC Ice hockey team hosting a game on March 17 and Feb 24 we will be selling tickets at quarry from 10AM to 3PM selling tickets to students for 5 dollars and it will get you to both games

Michiko: Crown Merrill semi formal this saturday from 9PM -12Am buy tickets in Dining hall for the rest of the week between 2-3 dollars depending on what college, on friday and saturday tickets will be 5 dollars.

**New Business:8:13PM**

Funding Request: NCAA Athletics (10 minutes)

- Helping sustain funding for NCAA Athletics
- Regarding support for referendum is to bring attention to athletics as a whole. Create banners to hang around campus.
- 5 Posters for outdoor use
- Will be on the table next week for funding on these posters

Judith: Where is this coming from?

Hector: From the SUA Program Funding, posters will be in high traffic areas. For example one poster for each sister college

Alejandro: Will these posters be up for all Quarter long?

Hector: I am planning to have this up for the rest of the year.

Tias: Is this promotional for the rest of the referendum. Why is this not funded by athletics?

Hector: Not really sure, but this is what we thought of. I made the initial funding request, but in the future we will be sharing the cost.

Athletics Guest: The reason why we are not funding is because we don't have extra funding from Athletics

Tara: What body is this requesting from? Is this from your office?

Hector: This is general funding from SUA.

Katherine: Is SUA going to be recognized

Hector: Yes posters will have SUA recognized

Nicki: Will the referendum be promoted on the poster?

Hector: No It will be just the Athletics teams

Judith: I think there just a reason to sponsor, would you be willing to pay out of your own office if SUA does not fund

Ted: I would be wearing putting sponsored by SUA on a referendum item

Hector: Sure.

Tamra: Is the body trying to pass this referendum? Isn't it coming from the body?

Hector: Giving recommendation to administration, but referendum is being hosted by OPERS.

Tamra: I understand, I think it's just weird to fund this if it's part of a committee that has nothing to do with SUA.

Judith: I support it regardless but I think we should be tactical about how we handle this.

### **Police Student Forum Discussion (10 minutes)**

- Been in contact with the chief about holding open dialogue with police and students.
- Regarding undocumented students on campus
- Putting on event where the police can inform us on our rights as students and undocumented students
- Students can ask staff on situations happening on campus that we don't have much knowledge on

- Events planned on April 10, 11, 12th
- What are some things you would like to see? Who you want to see? What info?

Lily: I think addressing the needs and rights of undocumented students are important. It might be nice to have police give a review on what rights you have while protesting.

Judith: Definitely following up on the sanctuary status on campus and how we can collaborate with the city to protect students.

Hector: I also want feedback on inviting representative from the actual police department from the city not our campus chief. Students might uncomfortable on strong police presence but what are your feedbacks

Tommy: I think that is a good idea.

Guest Tonantzin: I think it's good for collaboration since there is a heightened fear of police presence on campus.

Hector: Thinking of inviting EOP Provider

Socorro: I would be cautious and maybe bring a non profit from our community (CLRA nonprofit) that can help targeted families. Someone who is bilingual to have a more comforted setting. Would be more intimate on a personal level on such touchy subjects.

Cibyl: If there are multiple events, we should have one day where police are not involved, even if it's just EOP people are one day. It might be more comforting

Guest Tonantzin: It would have better suggestions from undocumented students without the presence of police.

Hector: What are some times that will be the best.

Jonas: Point of clarification where is this held?

Hector: At the Cervantes Room

Burcu: Anything in the evening would be better?

Hector: Perhap alternating them

Imari: The conversation about police on 4/20 how it affects students of color.

Tommy: Topic to bring up why do we have so much police officers on campus if they are worried about safety shouldn't we have more medics and the fire department.

**Funding Request: Food Pantry (10 minutes)**

- Allocated 15,000 at the beginning of the quarter but asking this goes to 14,000 for safety
- Dry storage, the special furniture that will hold food. I need to find something that will lock instead of open shelving. It should be glass doors so you can look at the doors. Specifications mentioned by food safety officers.
- Wanting to cut cost by going to surplus store.

Tara: How much are you requesting

Tamra: 14000 for basic furniture

Alejandro: When do you need this

Tamra: by first or second week of spring quarter. Hoping to start ordering the stuff as soon as possible so we have it by spring quarter

Kiryl: If money is already allocated why are we revisiting

Tamra: Just for more information and in case. Doing things step by step focus on getting shipments. Opers set up everything I already have baseline of volunteers. I will be sending out a google sheet through Dean of Students to get more volunteers.

Judith: Does this cover all the furniture you need

Tamra: Yes and we are trying to go under budget

Lily: If you did go under budget what would happen to the money you don't use

Tamra: It will go back to general fund or programming. We have on the ballot a constitutional amendment that will free up 20 grand a year from USSA. We won't need 20 grand for entire year. Hopefully next year we can allocate money to buy food. We can't take donations because we are working with orgs and there are restrictions to what we can and cannot do.

Ian: Is OPERS involved in any other way

Tamra: they are allowing us to use the space for free and providing volunteers

Alice: Will volunteers move with you to new location next year off campus

Hector: This food sound cheap. IS the quality of the food something students are interested in.

Tamra: there are a lot of produce. They supply the pantry and also they supply food for family student housing pantry open twice a month.

Athletic guest: can we go back to floor plan. Is everything boxed including in spreadsheet

Tamra: yes. It is not to scale, the cabinets at the 12 there are five. There isn't a picture for everything there are only numbers for quantity. The Diagram shows chairs and couches, I am looking at the surplus store since it's already available.

#### STEM Diversity Discussion (5 Minutes)

- Program designed to help students go into graduate programs for STEM
- Offered a lot of opportunities and I have seen results
- People get into top notch UC and Ivy League schools.
- Stem Diversity can only fund documented students, if undocumented then they can't fund these students. These undocumented students don't get the same opportunities.
- Giving Day project, making videos to create a fund for undocumented students. These will be private donations and the undocumented students can use the resources.
- Will be on March 8th.
- Provide matching funds that the SUA would be able to provide through programming fund. It doesn't have to be 100% but the more the better. Want to show these students support. I think they deserve the support and will propose again next week.

Jane: Will you be proposing for a funding request?

Hector: I am not proposing a budget. I am proposing a certain matching percentage. Based on that number I was wondering how much we are willing to match?

Kiryl: What is giving day?

Hector: One day event where organizations can online fund different orgs. It will all be online and people can donate to different orgs online. Last year they raised 300,000 dollars. Hoping this year there will be more donations.

Tama: My understanding is that we are going to match dollars. What would be the limit?

Hector: That is something we should discuss? What is the limit

Jay: After we discuss maybe give us a max amount. Bring maybe next week a range.

Alejandro: Funding that is being collected through giving and our matching, that is going to students participation for the program?

Hector: Yes it is for undergraduates going to graduate programs. Being paid to work in research labs and go through workshops writing personal statements etc.

Cibyl: We are agreeing to match funds but why can't we make a blanket donation. If we are not allowed to give money directly why is this okay?

Hector: Restrictions come from federal government and we can't really change it here. Making concrete donation, this is just a thought and can motivate others to donate.

Tamra: Motion to add 5 minutes

Tama: Second

No Objections

Katie: In terms of how to do it, instead of x percentage, maybe having a cap and matching donations up to certain amount. Don't want to complicate things.

Tama: Would you have some time of material regarding this item that you are giving to assembly? Maybe also a visual representation

Hector: I can provide this next week.

Grace: What unit is this coming from?

Hector: Not under any department, they are their own entity funding all STEM.

Tamra: Is everyone comfortable for a 5 grand limit for general funding. We have 12 grand so I think this is a good limit since its like half

Nicki: Just to clarify, is it actually a 1:1 ration up to certain limit.

Hector: this is just something we do on our own.

Alejandro: Don't we have more in programming budget?

Tamra: There is programming and general fund. This doesn't really count as program. I mean unless you want to go over 12 grand, using from general is more appropriate.

## **Old Business: 8:51PM**

### **Funding Deliberation: SUA Concert featuring Khalid (\$19,000) (10 minutes)**

Jonas: Motion to approve funding request

Katherine: Second

Alejandro: How much is left in budget?

Tamra: A little over 67,000

No Objections: Funding approved.

### **Revisiting SVSH (10 minutes)**

- Conference purpose to let students to know that faculty truly condemn sexual violence
- No formal resolution given
- 3 stated goals: Update student body on new policies (changes in title 9), describe new mechanism that can be implemented, and listen to student feedback + informal discussion
- They don't know much about specific events happening in this space. It will be in the Oaks Learning Center, not clear if it is reserved but they are trying to piggyback on our reservation. No response yet given.
- Graduate student association has approved, it will be happening whether we approve or not

Grace: What does the endorsement mean? Does it just mean that we support or are we committed to going? Why are they asking for our endorsement.

Tias: Essentially they just want this to be an event as a partnership between SUA and GSA. I don't want to give approval without motion.

Grace: Who are you communicating with?

Tias: It is an inactive task force that has been inactivated dedicated to move this conversation beyond title 9 to actual mechanism providing for student safety.

Alejandro: Which administrations will be coming?

Tias: Definitely Kimberly Lau, Maybe title 9 representative. No formal decisions have been made yet.

Ted: While I am happy about the organization doing something like this. I to an extent feel like it's weird to ask SUA for endorsements and GSA. If they are doing it anyway, I feel like they are doing it to seem like better people and that they handle things well even

when they didn't. I don't think they deserve recognition from SUA. Although I do think this is a good idea. I don't know why they want our endorsement when it's not necessary

Jane: I would like to comment from procedural perspective. This is actually unofficial since endorsement is for resolution. This is something that Tias wrote. Even if we endorse this it's not from the actual organization. I am also confused by request.

Jay: It seems like they are trying to ask for support even though it doesn't matter.

Tias: This page is in quotes from the email that I copied. There is a desire to lump administration into one unit but it's. I have no opinion I am only trying to present fact. These are not the same people that made the poor decision

Lily: Obviously this is an important conversation. One concern is that it seems really unorganized at the moment. Especially since we don't have a resolution to endorse. I can't control this but is there anyway to get a more official response before anything is done. I don't think there is anything to endorse right now.

Grace: Martin and Kim are tasked with this in response to recent mishandlings. It is not two people that mishandled the case. This is specific to them responding. The task force has made progress in changing procedure. Meeting to change faculty procedures this Thursday. Open to student feedback. There is system and campus level. We can't be less strict only more strict. These are people who want to change procedure and seeking student input.

Kiryl: This is happening regardless is this because GSA approved?

Tias: My understanding of it is that they want to do this in collaboration with students. You can interpret however you want but they want students to be half of the equation. Want this focus to be undergraduate. Our endorsement is whether we want to be apart of this event.

Jay: Given Tias' context of the event I am liking this endorsement.

Tias: In the email thread, every other email was can you give us some official language. The essential response is no.

Katie: I get the discomfort with the unofficial way of doing this. But it's important that undergraduates are included in this conversation so it's important for us to work with them. If we agree then we can have future opportunities to come up with official things.

Mamie: For something as serious as this event, I think it's important to do things formally to set a precedent for further important discussions. I feel uncomfortable endorsing this since it's not official.

Jane: Parliamentary suggestion. Someone can motion to support and it would be unofficial but not endorsing.

Lily: I know that I said we should have more information but the conference is next tuesday. There is no more time.

Tias: We are not endorsing the language from the email, we are endorsing the event that is happening. They made indication that we can take all the shots if we did endorse/support it. If we want to postpone it they would postpone it for us.

Grace: I was little confused regarding the last point on the time slot. They will not use the OLC if we don't endorse them?

Tias: If we don't support it it won't be accessible to graduate student so they would not have it here. But if we do they want to be more accessible to us.

Lily: Has this been advertised to the general student body?

Tias: I don't think so.

Tama: Motion to add 5 Minutes

Lily: Second

No objections

Thomas: I move to support this program

Lauren: Second.

Tama: Objection, question this is support and not endorse. If we support then it won't be held here since there is a difference between support and endorse.

Tias: The main question is that do we want to be included in this event. Endorse is more for resolutions since it's saying all 17,000 students support this. Support is just SUA. It is a silly parliamentarian thing.

Tama: Rescind Objection

Do we know how the graduate student association how they supported or endorsed on this?

Tias: They have “endorsed” it. They have done the equivalent to what we are doing now. They are on board.

Ted: I Object to supporting it, at this point my issue is that this is more accessible to the student population. It’s silly that it's not even accessible to us since it's not that formal. I would postpone for more involvement.

Move to Vote: 21 Support, 4 Opposed. SUA Supports this language. We don’t count abstentions.

Katie: I know Tias mentioned the possibility that if we support can we work on moving this to a further date and maybe having more support from student body. Maybe not next week.

Tias: Okay!

**Closing Remarks and Adjournment: 9:16PM**

Jane: Remember if there is an alternate make sure you tell the SUA Parliamentarian ahead of hand.

Tamra: We are having open event tomorrow at SUA office. There will be food and more info on positions and internship from 6:30-8PM

Jane: If everyone can help put chairs away.

Tias: Wait no. Cliffhanger, I just recieved an email, the event has been delayed to administrative assistance.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:17 PM**