

## SUA 5.23.17

**Assembly Members Present:** Tias Webster (President), Grace Shefcik (VP of Internal Affairs), Hector Navarro (VP of Diversity and Inclusion), Vicente Lovelace (Cowell), Bryna Haugen (Cowell), Rick Takeuchi (Cowell), Andrew Szkolnik (Stevenson), Katie Keeshen (Stevenson), Kaia Partlow (Stevenson), Nicki Thompson (Crown), Samantha Stringer (Crown), Hannah Brown (Merrill), Lily Green (Merrill), Jacob Jones (Porter), Ted Jaich (Porter), Hana King (Kresge), Celinda Montoya (Kresge), Ian Gregorio (Kresge), Imelda Mercado (Oakes), Burcu Birol (Oakes), Brooke Dalton (Oakes), Thomas Ramirez (Rachel Carson), Matthew Forman (Rachel Carson), Katherine Le (College 9), Samantha Sanchez (College 9), Tama Semo (College 10), Libby Pearman (College 10), Monse Villarreal (College 10), Cibyl Engel (PRISM)

**Assembly Members Absent:** Judith Gutierrez (VP of External Affairs), Jessica Xu (VP of Academic Affairs), Tamra Owens (VP of Student Life), Michiko Soto (Crown), Ire Gomez Chavez (Merrill), Angelica D'eqidio (Porter), Kiryl Karpiuk (College 9), Lolo Fuka (APISA), Erica Green (SANAI), Socorro Ramirez-Gamino (MEchA), Imari Reynolds (AB/SA), Arleah Aguilar (FSA), Alejandro Navarro (MESH), Eli Guzman-Martin (QTPOCC)

Meeting Called to Order at: **8:02PM**

Roll Call: Chloe at **8:02PM**

### **Approval of Agenda: 8:04PM**

Katherine: Motion to approve the agenda

Guest: GSA would be late

Hector: Motion to add GSA Letter after Old Business

Lily: Second

No Objections

### **Approval of Minutes: 8:06PM**

Lily: Motion to approve previous meetings minutes

Katherine: Second

No Objection

## Announcements and Public Comment: 8:06PM

Tias: The SUA Vision Committee will be meeting again next week at Kresge

Ted: Two weekends ago the university hosted its first Model UN conference and it was huge success. It was a good time and was not possible without the support of SOFA and SUA. The second thing is the S/E library there are flyers put up the FITC room at McHenry there will be a town hall meeting to discuss where the plan for construction is going. If you want to discuss the resolution be sure to go to that tomorrow. It will be from 5-6PM

Hannah: CARE is putting on a workshop on emotional well being and its on Thursday at the Porter Lounge

Katherine: Asian Pacific Islander Heritage is putting on a show and food will be provided by Ponos, etc. It will be on June 2nd 6-8:30PM at the C9/10 Multipurpose room.

Tama: If you are interested in volunteering for the ceremony you can contact me and volunteer

Brooke: Oakes is hosting a training for ICE watch and get trained on becoming a legal observer from 6-9PM

## New Business 8:10PM

Funding Request: Voices in Transit (10 minutes)

- Highlighting people of color to express narratives
- Submission artistically based ex: poetry, film, art
- **Requesting \$510**, we are trying to refund one of our members for flyers and also to feature artworks and a session for micro talks.

Katherine: When will the first edition be out?

The deadline is now the end of May or early June and we want to publicize at the end of that week so we can give it to the people by the end of the year.

Lily: How are you distributing?

We are distributing through resource centers and places students pass. We will also go to activities offices at each college and leave some there.

Grace: Who is printing them? Is it the university or an outside source?

We do have an outside source but I am not in that committee and \$800 was the cheapest price we could find. I can get back to you though.

### **Old Business 8:14PM**

Funding Deliberation: Delta Sigma Theta National Convention (10 minutes)

Tommy: How much is being requested?

Cibyl: \$3180

Hector: How much is in programming?

Jane: I believe 20K but I am not sure.

Hector: Motion to fully fund.

Cibyl: Second

Tommy: Object amendment for funding to come from programming

Bucu: Second

No Objections

Move to a vote: Motion Passes

Tias: The TAPS people who presented last week did ask to put up their literature on the board to ask for a plan. I told them we didn't have time for that but we do have time for that. Motion to talk about TAPs Parking Plan for an indefinite amount of time until GSA Letter shows up.

Katherine: Second

No Objections

TAPS

A: Maintain existing system but charge for staff events

B: Require permit daily until 8:30 except base of campus

C: Require permits to 8:30 except 3 remote lots

D: Require permits daily until 8:30

Monse: I would suggest them to hold a townhall meeting since we are a small assembly and to have it more campus wide.

Hannah: The police officers can't keep track of the lots and this will affect those who are in the lower income bracket. I don't think disadvantaging students who don't have money to pay for parking permits is a good option.

Brooke: I think they are trying to make the college lots daily? I'm not sure.

Ted: I think maintaining system is the way to go. The only time is that parents and friends come up on weekends to visit and it also affect students who are disabled.

Tias: I should have said before, I did have that conversation before and we talked about these plans. The way he framed it was the administration has already told the city that they are going to have events in the amphitheatre. It leaves Hahn, OPERS, and East remote. It wasn't his decision to have more cars and this is his way of managing it. He's asking where is the best place to put them to bug students the least.

Hector: For clarification of option A, does the charging apply to those who have permits at East Remotes?

Tias: I believe so but I am not 100% sure on that.

Hector: It seems A is the one that has least impact. I would only support any of this if students with permits are exempt from having to pay additional cost. If you can give them that feedback.

Bryna: I have two comments. The first one from experience with DRC medical permits are relatively easy to get a medical permit and students can be helped. But if you have an unseen disability there can be an issue. I have concerns also about safety for students. Without any input, the amphitheater would be a place for concerts. We are not a public park and this is a place where people live. Students are vulnerable to foot traffic and it's good that the students are separated from the city below. But being able to have students be able to label themselves as students with some sign, we can keep the system. But they are only free for students during the weekends. Or some idea like this. I really don't like the idea of daily paying because that is a huge thing that families come during

weekends so they don't have to pay for hours worth of parking. Also students who have to get to libraries they need to have parking after 8PM. I don't like it I wish we had an input your own option because none of these sound ideal.

Jane: The GSA has arrived and I hope someone can lay this on the table so we can talk about it later.

Hector: Motion to lay this discussion on the table

Lily: Second

No Objections.

### **Other Business 8:29PM**

GSA Letter re: Graffiti and Leaflets (25 minutes)

- Academic boycott on this on the professor and not use any of his public work
- This has been an email exchanged among the humanities department
- It condemns graffiti on bathrooms saying this professor has a history of sexual abuse.
- GSA wrote a letter of response saying it's important to look at these as anonymous acts and not criminalize the acts which is what the email is saying but to see it that these students were taking these non official channels because they didn't see title 9 as being capable of dealing with this.
- Concern that faculty is so outspoken about condemning students taking action because it implies that faculty are more concerned with going through the transition.
- Some more points to add is that in the email thread the faculty was concerned with going through due process but it is well known that the title 9 office has been unable to handle this issue. Like the case earlier this year and there was a massive settlement because UC failed to address the situation and knew he was a sexual predator.
- The GSA was making sure to equate anonymity. The reason students are using anonymous front is because they don't feel safe in the environment to speak out. because of academic fear or social fear.
- Also there was a witch hunt about vigilante justice and it makes students feel unsafe. Its important for undergraduate students to talk about how they feel unsafe from an unsupportive

- Also the chancellor's email was echoing the faculty in this response about due process and it is important for us that we are echoing things that GSA has said and including undergraduate perspective.

Bryna: I know what this is about because I think I have seen some of this graffiti. Having worked in sexual assault recovering I can say pretty strongly that I am horrified by some of the things said on the email chain. It was the same arguments that were brought forward to even when people were not anonymous when people said that their reports were false. The fact that there was this response from faculty that we trust to report it is horrific. Anything that I can do to assist in this whether you would like us to pass a resolution I would be in strong support of. Sexual assault is the survivors that are demonized and anything is possible should be done to stay away from that.

Grace: Thank you for coming. I want to comment on something I received from language study department that summarized everything and it was very disturbing. They are unsubstantiated allegations and it was assuming that the student was not seeking title 9 service but we didn't know. It was disturbing to see this and the response. I sent a response to title 9 and the response I received was that I need to report it to the UCPD and have order to have graffiti to be removed and not talk to other to protect the safety. I was disturbed by this lack of transparency and they said graffiti serves up fear. I was frustrated and I wanted to add some information.

Hannah: Does this faculty member still work at the University

Yes, but we are refraining from saying the name. I am personally afraid to be open about but also we don't want it to be just about this one faculty member. It is more about how the university handle the case.

Tias: Personally after looking at this after ideas swirling about I understand this action was taken after the system failed the person and this was the only way this person can claim agency. It wasn't really reprehensible and I think the person has gone through the proper channels. I will now make a comment completely counter intuitive after looking farther into the issue ( and I say this as president not myself) there are many people on opposite side and it is in my belief that if we write a resolution we would be misrepresenting a large population of students that says I still support the resolution but do keep in mind as a representative body we probably can't decide.

Bryna: So I guess I have two things to say. I have an image of the graffiti that I took a picture of. I did this months ago to title 9 and if that was the response I would have jumped on this sooner. My other thing is that if we felt uncomfortable commenting on an individual which I personally do not feel uncomfortable about. False reporting does not happen to any degree that people say it does. If we do not feel comfortable talking about the subject we can talk about the response on how this was ignored and erased instead being talked about or investigated. To me it seems clear that if someone was writing then there must be a reason for that and I think investigating it in the chance that person was innocent it would be the best way instead of ignoring and erasing the graffiti. I would like to draft a resolution that anonymity doesn't equate to evil and to condemn the erasing of graffiti. I love the letter written by the GSA and I don't know if it would be productive to share the graffiti or the name in an official space but I do have images.

Katherine: I'd like to say I also saw the graffiti and this was concerning hearing about the email thread. I have a question and then a statement. My question is do you know of any folks in the humanities department who are against this or are they all for this.

I definitely think some of the faculty in the feminist department

Tias: There was an eloquent speech by the feminist department condemning the email thread.

Katherine: My statement is that I think it is important to take the idea of a resolution back to our spaces before we make statements saying that we are condemning that it is dangerous. It is important to hear from college senates before we move forward with the resolution. I condemn this thread.

Jane: I'd like to clarify the resolution as it stands isn't our resolution. Tess actually asked we write our own and that would be something to consider. Form a committee about?

Sam: I just want to know having someone from here write it who don't have experience of what's going on might misrepresent it. Maybe we can get it from GSA and we endorse it.

I think it would be good from a student perspective and drawing from GSA. I can help write it if people here would like to collaborate.

Brooke: I have a question if we did write a resolution for next week does that mean we are deliberating the week after that when is our last meeting.

Jane: That week.

How do resolution works?

Jane: According to our governing documents a resolution has to be presented to this space one week in advance. We can vote on it the following week or we can go the Bylaw suspension route not that I endorse that.

Bryna: To summarize I think that if people were interested in drafting a resolution prior to next tuesday I think it would be good to bring it back to our spaces prior to endorsing it. It would be good to have time to fix it and potentially vote on it. I would be interested in writing this resolution and collaborating. We can form a committee or we can unofficially collaborate which is roughly the same thing.

Lily: Motion to form ad hoc committee to talk about the GSA resolution and discussion

No Objections

Bryna: I motion to make myself the chair of the committee

Burcu: Second

No Objections

Contact: [bshaugen@ucsc.edu](mailto:bshaugen@ucsc.edu), to join.

Burcu: Just to clarify the resolution will be presented next week and it will be deliberated after.

Jane: Yes unless you want to suspend the bylaws again which I do not endorse.

Bryna: If you make a strong statement we should think about it and go through the channels. It is time sensitive but it's not the most immediately and we need to give students time to think about it.

Hector: Motion to end this topic and talk about TAPS.

Sam: Second

No Objections

TAPS

Burcu: I want clarification, BCD seems like a massive structural change but A seem very one time. Why is that the case?

Hector: The purpose is on the email.

Brooke: So they said last time the police department find it confusing since all the lots are different so they want to simplify all the parking lots especially since there will be concerts.

Katie: So I get when they are at the meeting last week and needing to have events so that outside folks can maintain and let students cost be cheaper. I think the option is A is the best than making it unfair for students all the time. No one knows how many times it will be so it feels weird to have x number of events so we need it so students have to pay for parking every single weekend. A or any system is the best way to go. It's not fair to change the policy across the board.

Ted: Katie brought up really great points. Speaking on that yeah if they are having events you can reserve lots like the lot by the recital hall or reserve permits for lots as well to then be distributed to certain people. Let's say there is an event on a saturday you don't have to close parking to students for the entire weekend. It doesn't make sense for other options. I have a point of information, Bryna what I meant earlier for relatives who are visiting and need medical permits, I was wondering if they would have the ability to attain A permits on weekends if upper lots are closed.

Bryna: I have a good friend who's good friend is wheelchair bound. He is unable to get to campus several times because he didn't have a disability spots. I don't know if you have to buy a ticket partially because this campus is terrible with accommodating people. Also it's hard to find parking with the amount of space needed. You need an amount of space around spot to get out if you have a disability of wheelchair. I don't think there are many spots that have the ticketed or parking meters to even have the disability spot. That would make it infinitely harder.

Ted: That being said motion to end stack

Sam: Second

Tias: Objection, I'm not clear what people want me to respond

Jane: There are the minutes.

Lily: Objection, what decision are we coming to and I want to know

Chloe: Well there has been no direct decision made

Move into Vote: In favor: 15 Opposed: 5 Motion passes.

Jane: Closing stacks means I don't take any more

Hector: These goals are B.S. They are simplifying it by making it inaccessible to anyone and making it universal. Why is this a concern for cars shopping in the Quarry. Can we go back down to the four options. I think A is the only one we support but Bryna made a good point that it should stay the same. Students should be distinguished from general public ex. Sticker. If everyone agrees to that so that the parking situation does not change at all. That is the feedback I would like Tias to send back.

Bryna: Point of information it says that I always welcome creative suggestion. I think we were suppose to give feedback by 12 noon today. My question was how are you all doing?

Tias: I was going to say all that but I also want to say I asked Larry about temporary handicap and he gave the same response Bryna said. I don't think people are going to have a parking pass for those to come to the events. A means students get parking most of the time but even when they still have a permit they might not get parking on some nights. The rest mean that all permits get parking but those don't will not.

### **Closing Remarks and Adjournment: 9:06PM**

Katherine: Forgot to make an announcement but this week is disability awareness week. The DRC have a cool table of pins and it is happening until May 25th it will be from 9AM to 1:30PM every day at the Quarry. All you have to do is sign a pledge that talks about not using ableless language and there is an online pledge too. It is a public event. If you get the button they give you this cool paper that you bring to them on thursday and they will give you pizza.

Burcu: Out of curiosity does college senates or spaces know if they are done yet, no? Because that is strange since Oakes are done and we have no one to report back to.

Bryna: Also an email about later tonight about the resolution. Or come talk to me so it's easier on myself instead of gazillion emails.

Tias: The vision committee is going to be tomorrow from 7:10-9:10 at Kresge. Tomorrow we will categorize problems and link them out. If you like bashing the SUA what's a better place to go.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:10PM**