

**Cowell Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**November 3, 2016 8:05PM**  
**Cowell Conference Room**  
**Minutes prepared by Sabrina Au**

Guests: Kara Snider, William Walker, Cynthia Matthews, Jim Brown

Selectpersons:

**I. Introductions**

- A. Bryna motions to approve the agenda; Rick seconds; motion passes by general consensus.
- B. Nima motions to amend the agenda to remove equality from final business for 10 minutes and add Senate Social under presentation and discussion. Jose seconds. Motion passes with vote of (17-0-2).
- C. Bryna motions to approve minutes, Rick seconds; motion passes by general consensus.

**II. Treasury Report**

- A. Prior: \$17000
- B. Senate Programming: \$1387.26
- C. General Assistance: \$4545

**III. Announcements**

- A. November 15 @ SHOP, pleasure. Couples, sexual health. 7:30-9:30 pm student health center.
- B. CAPS is having a 3 week Embrace Your Life workshop. Starts Tuesday, November 8th from 10:30 to 11:30AM.
- C. Select people need to turn in headshots for Madison's flyers by tomorrow.
- D. Forum about UCSC's budget on November 10th at Kresge Town Hall at 11:30. Alice Galloway will be there.
- E. November 15th is the next college night. There will be performances and breakfast for dinner.
- F. Historian committee will be sent another doodle poll. Make sure to look at it and fill it out to get meeting going for next week, important.

**IV. Funding Requests/Presentations**

- A. J.M. Brown: J.M. Brown is a member of Parks and Recreation Commission. Brown left journalism and decided to do something for the public. He decided to work for city council. Cynthia Mayer, the current mayor of Santa Cruz, comes in and talks about the city and campus connections. They're responsible for taking care of the streets, providing water, public safety, parks and rec program, planning what the city does. Santa Cruz is impacted in the summer by tourists; there's a lot going on. The University is not under the city's control; it makes decisions on their own. This year, UCSC took 650 more students which takes an

effect on off campus housing as well. Brown wants to build smaller units in the future. Smaller units in places where it'd encourage active transportation, such as in downtown. Bryna motions to add 5 minutes; Rick seconds; motion passes by general consensus. The influx of students has an influence on campus and on the community. Bryna motions to add 2 minutes, Madison seconds, motion passes by general consensus.

- B. Banana Slugs for Animals: Representatives did not show up.
- C. Senate Mixer: From 7-9 PM at Oakes Learning Center on November 17th on Thursday. Each college is asking for \$50 from their Senate to pitch in for food. Topic of discussion is student bill of rights, what is this campus not giving us? There will be meetings and any student can come and join the discussion. Bryna motions to add 5 minutes, Gavin seconds, motions passes by vote (11-5-7). A select person endorses and thinks it's a good way to network, meet others from other senates, etc.  
Requesting \$50 for food/catering.
- D. Cowell Fall Mixer: There is going to be food, and alumni will be attending. Great way for Cowell and Stevenson students to network. Get to know your alumni, your provost, and fellow students. On November 5, from 4 to 6PM at the Cowell Provost House. There is a Facebook event, sent email to all Cowell students, including off-campus students.
- E. Senate Social: Next Friday, Veteran's day, November 11, in Cowell Apartment Community Room. There will be board games, trivia night, potential prize or karaoke.  
Requesting \$125 for pizza.

## **V. Discussion**

- A. Senate Mixer: Great idea, will introduce us to other Senate members. Taste of the world outside of Cowell. Select person believes it should come out of general assistance, since it is a mixer for every Senate.  
Sarah motions to fund \$50 out of general assistance, Bradley seconds, motion passes (18-0-3)
- B. Senate Meeting: Nicky motions to cancel, Tyler seconds, motion passes (17-0-3). Meeting is canceled on November 17th.
- C. Senate Social: Jose motions to fund \$125 out of Senate Programming, Gavin seconds, motion passes (18-0-4).

## **VI. Reports**

- A. CPC: The next college night is on November 15th. The themes are selected by the colleges. There will be a meeting on Nov. 22nd, from 10am to 10:30am, open invite to anyone who'd like to join. To historians, consider being a potential volunteer photographer and talk to Madison. Advising is doing academic advising in the dining hall. El Centro is doing their Dia de Los muertos celebration on November 4th, open to community to participate in. The last sweatshirts will be raffled off. Keshav and William win the sweatshirts. On Tuesday, November 8th,

is election day. Alice motions to add 2 minutes, Miguel seconds, motion fails to pass by general consensus.

- B. SFAC: Dean of students reconstruction. Office hours, 7-8PM at Stevenson Coffee Shop. At the Monday meeting, SBAC formed subcommittees. SBAC gave \$6.5 million to Quarry out of the 8 million they needed. The money will be for an improved sound system, and the necessary things for it to reopen. Hoping to build it into a venue for student performances. The sentiment is to keep the environment natural. It was closed because it fell into disrepair and not enough funds to repair it.
- C. SUA: No SUA meeting, only meeting every other week. Brainstorming events at next meeting and Tamra Owens will be leading. Contact Bryna if you have any suggestions and ideas. Student life committee on tuesdays 8-9 pm. Committee located in the room above bookstore, open to students. Contact Rick if you have any suggestions and ideas for Student Union Working Group. Student Union Working Group committee on tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm. Committee located in Redwood Building across from bookstore.
- D. SCOC: Discussed the bylaws, approved the budget and sister college events. In communication with SCOC rep from Stevenson, . Share feedback and ideas with Keshav.
- E. SUGB: Will see report next week.
- F. Entertainment Co-op: The co-op is now open. Might come up with a Room 135 committee. Foot traffic has increased recently, usually less than 5 people per two hours during operation time.

## **VII. Final Business**

- A. Handprints: Room is currently back into shape. Nima will send out an email to see when people want to come in and do the handprint.
- B. Sweatshirts: Until December 1, anyone can submit a design for the Senate sweatshirt. Preferably design on some website where it is viewable. On December 1, we will vote on a design at last meeting. Be wary of copyright.
- C. John is natural.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

- A. Sarah motions to adjourn; Rick seconds; motion passes by general consensus.