

Cowell Senate Agenda 3/9/17 8:09PM

Cowell Conference Room

Minutes Recorded by Hailey Nava

Senate Select Persons: William Garrey, Tyer Olson, Bradley deMoll, Aliec Malmberg, Liorah Goldsmith, Ava Mills, Miguel Lepiz, William Walker, Madison Hatfield, Hailey Nava, Sarah Alder, Nima Agah, Vicente Lovelace, Jose Cadenas (8:21), Bryna Haugen(8:28), Keshav Kumar (9:12), Natan Lao(9:58), Nicki Santiago(10:19)

Guests, Presenters, Prospective Members: Evon Lake, Briena Pole-Perez, Selan Gebremedin, Garret Winter, Raymond Aldridge, Rizal Aliga, Samir Kailar, Desmond Clancy

I. Introductions

II. Approval

- a. Agenda: Madison motions to approve agenda; Will seconds; passes by consensus. Nima motions to amend agenda passes 12-0-3
- b. Minutes: Will motions to approve last week's minutes; Sarah seconds; passes by consensus

III. Announcements

- a. Sarah reports that gusher group s offering spring internships
- Kara reports that Cowell is officially hiring welcome leaders for the upcoming school year

IV. Treasury Report

- a. senate programming \$1244.02
- b. prior \$16,385
- c. general assistance \$1,356

V. Presentations

- a. Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery: Alan Christy reports that the Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery, an art gallery in Cowell, is lacking funding. He wants to start fundraising in order to save the gallery's artistic manner and to hire a curator. Wants to start a serious campaign that will ensure that the Cowell College values and vibes are preserved. \$2 million+ needed for all desired changes to the Cowell campus.
- b. he also reported on the desired revisions to the Cowell Core courses: they would like to switch the course to be more focused on reading rather than writing.
- c. He'd like to soon create a task force to take actions towards the vision of an improved Cowell College campus. He'd like to have a team consisting of students, alumni, and other fellow residents in order to make the most of this project.
- d. NSBE Convention: Kansas City, MO; National Society of Black Engineers and Scientists: the convention, held from 3/29-4/2/17, is a good event for students to attend on workshops in different fields, taught by professionals and PhD degree holders. This event is a good opportunity for black students to broaden their horizons and come across new academic and career opportunities. They'd like to take 25 people to the

convention this year, which will cost about ten thousand dollars. They are asking for \$500. Jose motions to add 2 mins Bryna seconds, passes by consensus.

- e. Emergency Resource Fund Ballot Measure: representative not present.
- f. Solstice Music Festival: Ray and Riz report that "Rdge of Eden" was a music festival that has been held on campus in the past, but was not held again due to over fifty-thousand dollars lost due to lack of success. They are planning an event with many vendors. Currently have a 30 person committee, trying to plan a properly ran event. Alice motions to add 2 minutes Liorah seconds passes by consensus. Asking for 'as much funding as possible'. Also planning a small tune-up event to be held on campus. Jose motions to add 5 mins Alice seconds. Want to plan tune-up in May and festival in the next spring quarter. No official sponsorship yet. Liorah motions to add 2 mins, Jose seconds. Majority passes. Considering bands such as Sublime and student on-campus bands to perform. Want to spread word about upcoming tune-up by social media, word of mouth, etc.
- g. ICE response resolution: Vicente and Nima report that due to the recent illegal ICE arrests made in Santa Cruz, a project is being initiated in order to resolve the tension towards the status of undocumented students on campus. This project is aimed at creating trust in this situation rather than the legality. Bryna motions to add 10 minutes. Tyler seconds. Motion passes 7-6-5.

VI. Discussion

- a. NSBE Convention: Bryna suggests fully funding this event due to the great opportunities presented to students at these conventions. Straw poll held for feedback from senate on funding options due to low general assistance balance. Bryna motions to overturn standing rule in order to fund \$350. Madison objects and amends payment to full amount asked for. Bryna seconds. Bryna rescinds her motion. Bryna motions to overturn the standing rule and fully fund this event out of general assistance. Madison seconds. Bryna motions to add 5 mins. Jose seconds. Passes by consensus. Deliberation on whether or not spending money from Prior account is reasonable. Bryna mentions that this is a life-changing event that is worth fully-funding. Vote held for overturning standing rule in order to fund over \$300. Passes 16-0-1. Vote held for fully funding NSBE passes 16-0-3
- b. Solstice music festival: Madison and Bryna mention that since there is lack of organizational background for this event, we shouldn't fund this event; our spring budget plans are unclear and more finite details should be presented to us when time is appropriate. Jose motions to table this discussion until more information can be obtained. Will seconds. Vote held to table discussion until further notice. Passes 14-1-3.
- c. ICE response resolution: It is agreed that this is a well thought out plan and that further discussion is desired due to good nurture of the project in whole.

VII. Internal Senate

- a. Retreat: Nima & Kara report that plans have been made for the senate to explore Downtown Santa Cruz for first Friday after spring break, participate in a scavenger hunt, and then get dessert together. Tyler motions to add 2 mins Liorah seconds passes by

consensus. Straw poll held for ice cream destination choice. Marinie's (sp?) wins with 9 votes. Retreat to be held on April 7th.

- b. Apparel Funding Request: 23 responses to google form, and a few extra will be ordered just in case. \$1115.80, subsidies to be determined later. Nima motions to add 2 min, Tyler seconds. Unsure consensus agreement. Vote held to approve funding request. Passes 16-0-3

VIII. Reports

- a. CPC: Welcome leader applications are being sent out. This position is a good opportunity for students to broaden their leadership skills and help out new students. No courtyard lighting information. Quotes for library improvements coming soon.
- b. SFAC funding proposals being reviewed. New College 10 rep appointed. New Merrill rep search soon. Decided to abstain from OPERs referenda.
- c. SOFA/SUA:
 - Food for Finals event on Tues & Thurs 2-4pm and in front of mchenry
 - Student life office holding trivia event Friday 3/10
 - Hispanic & Latino student classes being added/modified
 - sponsorship request for SUA fee referendum. Fee jump is a result of fee adjustments over the years
 - External affairs office is going to be taking 7 students to Washington DC to lobby and discuss student issues (DACA students, public ed. Bills, pell grants. Etc)
 - 2 funding requests: Holi Festival (\$6400) and ISA Culture show (\$2000)
 - ABSA looking to purchase property at base of campus in order to fund low cost housing for African-American students, regardless of college affiliation.
 - Bryna motions to add 10 mins; Alice seconds; passes by consensus
 - funded cleanup event (previously discusses in senate)
 - Straw poll: SUA fee referendum to be on the ballot in the spring.
 - Straw poll to give DC students well wishes
 - straw poll for opinions of SUA finding Holi Fest
 - Tyler motions to add 5 mins; Bryna seconds
 - Straw poll for opinions on funding ISA festival
 - Tyler motions to add another 5mins Bryna seconds passes by consensus
 - opinion poll held for recommending TS Webster writes a letter of support for student being affected by immigration policies.
- d. SCOC: sister college event postponed due to rain last weekend, planned for spring quarter.
 - committee created to determine what will happen to empty houses on campus
- e. Academic Senate: Will reports that he filled in for Natan at the meeting.
 - April 13 title IX meeting
 - Title IX relief gathering held
 - New Dean of Social Sciences hired
 - funding goals met on Giving Day
 - anonymous \$1m donation
 - \$1m donation for one of the science departments

- Faculty honors & awards: \$3m for MCD bio
- task force for graduate student growth, target ratios for enrollment
- ITS services moved to Scotts Valley
- 1st yr curriculum adjustments: \$300,000 proposed budget for new curriculum to be achieved by fall 2017
 - Bryna motions to add 10 mins, Natan seconds, motion falls. Natan motions to add 4 mins; Alice seconds; Vote passes 7-6-4.
- Discussion with Chancellor over library books removed from location.
- Athletics Referendum: recommended that Academic Senate goes forth with alterations proposed
- revisions to Science & Engineering Library
- f. E-Co-Op: power point presentation on co-op overview, possible improvements, etc. Ava and Izzy talk about possible improvements and rearrangement plans for the co-op. Will motions to add 5 mins Madison seconds passes by consensus. Ava motions to add 2 mins Bryna seconds motion passes by consensus
- g. Coffee Shop Advisory Committee: systems were down at Cowell Coffee for a week, money lost, further communication going through with dining services. Stevenson rep changed.

Nicki motions to adjourn meeting, Madison seconds. Meeting adjourned 10:58.