

Cowell College Student Senate

Cowell Conference Room

September 29, 2016

Minutes by: Jose Cadenas

**Guests:** Kara Snider, Bryna Haugen, Nikki Santiago, Tyler Olsen, Gavin Shaw, Lauren (Lo) Vennes, Claudia Lee, Vincente Lovelace, Natan Lao, Brian Buckley, John Angeles, Emily Soth, Channdory San, Ryan Cormack, Oliver Mulcaly, Miguel Lepiz, Keshav Jumar, Sabrina Au, Dzhoan (JoJo) Koleva, Carolyn Golz, Brian Kim, Trevor O’Hickey, Steven Lee, Carl Jiang, Alan Christy, Rajvi Brahmhatt

**Selectpersons:** Sarah Adler, Nima Agah, Jose Cadenas, Bradley DeMoll, William Garvey, Madison Hatflied, Israel Lepiz, Alice Malmberg, Hannah Meyer, Meg Spalding, Rick Takeuchi

**Absent:** Isidro Naranjo

**Agenda:** Bryna motions to approve the agenda, Rick seconds the agenda. Motion passes by consensus. Nima motions to amend the agenda for the addition of CPC report, a discussion for the funding request. Hannah seconds the motion.

Hannah motions to approve the minutes, Bryna seconds the motion. Motion passes by consensus. Jose motions to amend the minutes, Bryna seconds the motion. Motion passes by consensus.

**Introductions:** Everyone in the room went around and introduced themselves. Name, position/or why they are attending meeting, and preferred gender pronouns.

**Announcements:**

- Men’s club soccer will be having a home game this Saturday against Fresno State at 12:00, go out and support your fellow Banana Slugs and our fellow Cowell Senator Bradley DeMoll.
- The Democratic Club in conjunction with SUA External Vice President office will be doing dorm storming events to encourage students to register to vote. Tonight, they are dorm storming Oakes College and will be cycling through the colleges every thursday 7-9. This does overlap with Senate, but you can help from 7-8 and then as a group come over to the Senate meeting.
- This Saturday there will be an event called Cake By the Ocean put on by the International Education Office (IEO) which is open to the every student.
- New patio furniture in Cowell courtyard. There is expected to be new outdoor furniture by the apartments and by the gallery.
- SUA internships are still available until October 4th, they are paid positions so apply.

**Funding Request:**

- a. **Students for Sensible Drug Policy:** UCSC chapter of an international organization runned by students that is dedicated to drug policy reform, harm reduction. Posters were distributed throughout the room, which consisted of did you know statements. Individuals were asked to

raise hands based on whether or not they knew the fact on the poster. At UCSC, there is one of the most active chapters in the organization, holding spot number 13, but consistently going up. The world's largest psychedelic research foundation in the city of Santa Cruz. On October 15th, there will be a regional conference held in the Stevenson Event Center from 11am-7pm free and open to the entire community. According to the campus police chief, UC Santa Cruz has the highest student overdoses in the UC System, all of which are preventable. Except the university thinks its politically dodgy to tell all students that they have immunity from possession charges if you're calling about an overdose.

*Hannah motions to add five minutes, Bryna seconds. Motion passes by consensus.*

There will be many speakers, talking about various topics regarding drugs and drug policy. The money will be used to help accommodate guest, who are traveling from far destinations, and assisting with paying for a tank a gas, or hotel room. Also, paying for the Stevenson Event Center. Heroin kits can be bought with UC SHIP for five dollars or you can get one at the addiction Center located at the Health Center. Requesting \$300 to help pay for gas, hotel rooms. There will be a donation jar out by the door so if people want to donate that is at there own leisure.

*Bryna motions to add five minutes, Rick seconds. Motion passes by consensus.*

Have ask other spaces for money and so far have received \$1000 from SUA and are trying to attend as many college senates as possible.

### **Discussion:**

Table at many events, such as 420, where they educate students on how much to take, what are proper dosage amounts and what they do to you. This group contributes a lot of support that the University cannot provide. Shocking when the statement was made that our campus, UC Santa Cruz had the most overdoses out of all the UCs. This organization does great work and the Senate should help fund since these issues directly impact our students. Especially after what happen last year, with the false information about the pot brownies and what happened with 420, its very important we have an event like this on campus. Post all of their events and programs on their facebook. Making a great contribution to the campus and the community of Santa Cruz.

Hannah motions to fund Students for Sensible Drug policy \$300 from General Assistance, Bradley seconds the motion. Motion passes 9-1-1.

### **Reports:**

- a. **SFAC:** Alice in the SFAC representative for Cowell College, she has held this position since last year, since it is a two-year long position. SFAC is the Student Fee Advisory Committee, which is a bridge between Colleges and the campus administration when determining student fees. A set amount of student fees goes toward programming for campus events and campus life. Student fees are split, so of that money goes to SUA, the College Senates, and a lot of it goes to a big pool which Executive Vice Chancellor Alison Galloway allocates, but to do that she consults SFAC. Also do a variety of things, such as office hours which are Thursdays from 7-8pm at the Stevenson Cafe. Alice is also the SFAC chair for this year, so if you would like to get information or would like to talk to her about certain items on campus, go to her office hours. TAPS will be holding forums this month to get feedback about the bus system on campus, as well as recommendations. This year OPERS is trying to get a ballot passed during the spring elections,

regarding NCAA sports. They will be holding a town meeting on Wednesday, October 19th from 5:30-7pm in the Cervantes and Velasquez conference room, above the BayTree Bookstore. Lastly, each UC campus has an SFAC and each quarter the chairs, vice chairs, and several members go to these meetings called Council of Student Fees. These are quarterly conferences with all the SFACs and UC Santa Cruz is up next in the rotation to hold the next meeting. Happening this October 22nd and 23rd.

- b. **CPC Report:** Cowell Programs Coordinator (CPC). Kara is available to all for questions or support. Trying to have office hours this year on Thursdays before Senate to ask final questions, but will email the Senate when hours are official. The Cowell Programs Office has a facebook page where they post programs, photos, or events happening around Cowell. Also, Slug Support is a resource on campus available through the Dean's Office to assist students in need of support. Whether being stresses, needing counseling, food, or other services for students in crisis. Very helpful in navigating the systems, whether being CAPS or financial aid. Cowell has there own internal alert system in the college, where someone can notify about someone they are worried about. If it can be managed within the college, they will do that, but anytime it touches any other areas of the university that's when they will make a referral to Slug Support. Great to know about this, but also good to pass this on to other students in your hall or friends. A follow up from last spring, about lighting for the Courtyard is lower on the list of projects to do and have not made an assessment yet and have not come out to assess the space and do a bid to have a contractor to do that. But still in the docket. Over the summer, there was a transition from the coffee houses being administered by the Colleges and paid for by the colleges, which has caused many years of deficits.

*Bryna motions to add five minutes, Rick seconds. Motion passes by consensus.*

Dining services now has taken control of the coffee shop, both Cowell and Stevenson. Stevenson faculty did submitted a report that was considered and there were a lot of components. Julie, SUA president or SUA never submitted an actual report to take over the coffee houses and run them. Faculty did submit a report, but some parts were incomplete. The faculty proposal did not address the long term means, really all it asked for was to not do anything for one more year. Which really kicks the can down the curve and sick's Cowell and Stevenson students and student fees with the continued deficit. So Sue Matthews said this was not feasible and outlined what the proposal needed to address and unfortunately it didn't. So continued over with transitioning to dining. There still is the Coffee Shop Advisory Committee which will continue to meet throughout the year. The committee has not had their first meeting yet, so is unsure if taking more people within the committee, but will consult with the committee to see if there is a need for more participation. The following are the individuals already in the committee: someone appointed by the Cowell Senate, someone appointed by the Stevenson council, one faculty and staff person (one from each college), Carolyn Golz, John Hadley (Coffee Shop manager) and Bill Prime from Dining Services. Cowell College's representative on the Coffee Shop Advisory Committee is Sarah Adler. Goal is hear feedback about the two spaces. If you have any questions or would like to give feedback contact please Sarah Adler, at [sasadler@ucsc.edu](mailto:sasadler@ucsc.edu). Currently at the moment only taking cash, credit, and flexis, not yet set up to take 55 meals.

- c. **Cowell Entertainment Co-Op:** The Cowell Entertainment Co-Op should be opening up soon and will be having a similar set-up at last year. Will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 5-7pm. If you are interested in volunteering please email Israel Lepiz at [ilepiz@ucsc.edu](mailto:ilepiz@ucsc.edu). Currently the Entertainment Co-Op has DVDs, video game consoles, auxiliary cables, outdoor rec, and more. Hours have not been decided and are tentative to change. If the Co-Op were to receive more volunteers than times would be need basis, but since there has not been a high demand time will remain the same. But, overall open to the idea of being opened more hours.

### Elections:

- a. **Secretary:**  
Keshav nominates Sabrina for secretary, Sarah seconds. Sabrina accepts nomination.  
Hannah motions to call the question, Sarah seconds. Motion passes 8-0-0  
**Sabrina was elected as secretary.**
- b. **Treasurer:**  
Rick nominates Sarah for treasurer, Bryna seconds. Sarah accepts nomination.  
Hannah motions to call the question, Rick seconds. Motion passes 7-1-0  
**Sarah was elected as treasurer.**
- c. **Publicity Chair:**  
Bryna nominates Madison, Sarah seconds. Madison accepts nomination.  
Hannah nominates Jojo, Will seconds. Jojo accepts nomination.  
Nikki nominates Alice, Rick seconds. Alice does not accept nomination.  
**Madison was elected as publicity chair.**
- d. **SUA Representatives:**  
Madison nominates Bryna, Will seconds. Bryna accepts nomination.  
Natan nominates Brian, Will seconds. Brian accepts nomination.  
Alice nominates Rick, Hannah seconds. Rick accepts nomination.  
Israel nominates himself, Hannah seconds. Israel accepts nomination..  
**Bryna and Rick were elected as SUA Representatives.**  
**Brian accepts his nomination as alternative.** Israel does not accept his nomination as SUA alternative.  
Vincente nominates Tyler as alternative. Tyler accepts. **Tyler is nominated as an alternative.**
- e. **SCOC Representative:**  
Rick nominates Lo, Hannah seconds. Lo accepts nomination.  
Sabrina nominates Keshav, Hannah seconds. Keshav accepts nomination.  
Alice nominates Nikki. Nikki does not accept nomination.  
**Keshav was elected as SCOC representative.**
- f. **Academic Senate Representative:**  
Natan nominates himself, Madison seconds. Natan accepts nomination.  
Tyler nominates himself, Hannah seconds. Tyler accepts nomination.  
Hannah nominates Lo, Alice seconds. Lo accepts nomination.  
Tyler and Lo withdrawal their nomination.  
Jose motions to call the question, Will seconds. 8-0-1

**Natan was elected as Academic Senate Representative.**

**g. CORE Representative:**

Jojo nominates herself, Madison seconds. Jojo accepts nomination.

Israel nominates Miguel, Meg seconds. Miguel accepts nomination.

Hannah nominates Ryan, Madison seconds. Ryan accepts nomination.

Rick nominates Brian, will seconds. Bryan does not accept nomination.

Bryna nominates Nikki. Nikki does not accept nomination.

*Hannah motion to add ten minutes to elections, Madison seconds. Motion passes by consensus.*

**Ryan is elected as our CORE Representative**

**h. Historians:**

Rick nominates Jojo, Hannah seconds. Jojo accepts nomination.

Trevor nominates Lo, Madison seconds. Lo accepts nomination.

Gavin nominates himself, Madison seconds. Gavin accepts nomination.

Sabrina nominates Carl, Hannah seconds. Carl accepts nomination.

John nominates himself, Madison seconds. John accepts nomination.

Israel nominates Meg, Madison seconds. Meg accepts nomination.

Natan nominates Miguel, Madison seconds. Miguel accepts nomination.

*Bryna motion to add ten minutes, Madison seconds. Motion passes by consensus.*

Jose motions to nominate all of the individuals, Madison seconds.

Bryna motions to call the question, Rick seconds. Motion passes by 7-0-1.

*Bryna motions to add ten minutes, Madison seconds. Motion passes by consensus. 7-0-1*

**Jojo, Lo, Gavin, Carl, John, Meg, and Miguel were all elected to be historians.**

**i. Parliamentarian:**

Madison nominates Hannah, Israel seconds. Hannah does not accept nomination.

Natan nominates himself, Madison seconds. Natan accepts nomination.

Hannah nominates Tyler, Madison seconds. Tyler accepts nomination.

Natan withdrawals nomination.

**Tyler is elected as Parliamentarian.**

**Final Business:**

- a. **Page Smith Renovation Committee:** The committee is seeking the community's help in filling out a survey about the renovation to the Page Smith Library. The purpose of the survey is to hear students concerns about Page Smith Library, what needs to be improved, what needs to be renovated, how we are going to renovate it, and how often. Ultimately, providing a better study space for Cowell students and students on this campus. The survey will be sent out on Monday, October 10th and will be opened to the community for two weeks. The survey will ask a variety of questions, such as: what are some ways the Page Smith Library can be better for the community, what type of study spaces (tables or individual cubicles) do you prefer, etc. For filling out the survey, participants will be entered into a raffle, where they can receive a \$25 dollar gift card.

**Adjournment:**

Hannah motions to adjourn, Madison seconds. Motion passes by consensus.