

Cowell Senate Meeting Minutes
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Cowell Conference Room
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Guests: Bryna Haugen, Brian Bradley, Natan Lao, John Angeles, Miguel Lepiz, Lauren Vennes, Trevor O’Hickey, Derek King, Emmanuel Thomas, Aiden Hopgood, Charles Randall, Ryan Cormack, Oliver Mulcahy, Ava Kristy, Emily Soth, Dzhan Koleva, Gavin Shaw, Keshav Kumar, Tyler Olson, Kara Snider, Sabrina Au, Nikki Santiago

Selectpersons: Nima Agah, Jose Cadenas, Sarah Adler, Alice Malmberg, Madison Spaulding, Israel Lepiz, William Garvey, Hannah Meyer, Rick Takeuchi, Brady deMoll

I. Introductions

II. Review and Vote on Agenda

- A. Madison motions to approve the agenda, Rick seconds. Motion passes by general consensus.
- B. Hannah motions to approve the minutes, Madison seconds. Motion passes by general consensus.

III. Treasury Report

- A. \$1500 for senate programing and \$17000 for general assistance

IV. Announcements

- A. Page Smith Committee- Rick: Page Smith Committee meets next Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Brina: I created a survey about student’s basic feelings about furniture, lighting, etc. In the committee, we discussed how we would get funding, and priorities.
- B. Retreat - Madison: We were thinking of doing more activities that are not just the retreat sort of like bonding. We were thinking of doing a bonfire at Sea Bright. It’ll be very laid back and super chill. Raise your hand if that’s something you’re interested in.

V. Presentations

- A. Student Academic Senate - Tias: I run Office of Academic Affairs. I am here to get a Cowell to send a student representative from Senate. It’s very important to us that we have a representative from every college so the decision we make is okay with everyone. We’re happy to take on anyone as a rep. Alice: Could this be a job for our Academic Senate Rep? Tias: They can be, but not recommended because they will be taking on a lot.
- B. Whole Street Catalog - Derek: Whole Street Catalog is a newsprint organization on campus focused on student media. We have about a staff team of 16. I brought an example, we did it over the summer. The first half is going to be worldwide culture, and the second half is UC Santa Cruz culture. It’s a platform that enables students to succeed. Gavin: How do you plan on getting the word

out on to students, local artists? Keshav: Motion to add five minutes. Madison seconds. Motion passed by general consensus. Derek: We tabled at OPERS and the next day we got about 70 emails about submissions from artists and their portfolios. Then the staff goes through and we decide what goes on. We'll go to the cafe and then the first 200 people who show up, we'll buy them lunch. We have a ton of friends who cut hair. Hannah: Is this magazine environmentally-sustainable? And if so, how so? Derek: Yes, we are going to print at a local shop. They gave me the whole run down of how it's printed. It's recyclable, according to Dave. Brad: How many issues will you have? Derek: We are aiming for 2500 copies, publishing twice a quarter. Batan: What's your long term funding plan? Derek: Yeah. We are going to eventually incorporate ads but we have to wait a year because the whole application process takes a year. We don't want to compromise our integrity for money. Keshav motions to add 5 minutes, Rick seconds. Motion passes by general consensus. Sarah: Do you guys have your funding request form? Derek: I have another question. It says the limit is \$300 for Cowell activities. Does that apply to us? Hannah: The rule is we don't fund anybody outside of senate more than \$300. Gavin: When you have a lot of readers, are you interested in starting some type of subscription program to make some type of revenue? Otherwise, you'd have to go to us and every senate to get funding which isn't very efficient. Derek: We're planning on starting fundraisers, we have a couple of ideas.

VI. Discussion & Votes

- A. Student Academic Representation: Alice: I think it's really valuable to have student input. The Student Academic Senate does more hands on stuff. Rick: It's usually the staff who talk. It's very rare for the students to talk, which is the main reason it was created. Hannah: Is anyone interested in being the Student Academic Senate rep? Alice motions to add agenda item under final business to elect Student Academic Senate rep, Rick seconds. Motion passes: 9-0-1.
- B. Whole Street Catalog: Jojo: I liked how the magazine was laid out. Batan: Their presence online is pretty bare. They only have one site and it's pretty empty. The magazine seemed nice-ish. My main concern is that given they're solely relying on senate funding. Jose: For their funding request, they're requesting \$600 which is \$300 over the limit. If we do fund them, we have to overturn them. I think it's a good group. One thing that troubled me was how they're advertising to students who want to be in the magazine. Trevor: I like their magazine, I like what they're bringing to Santa Cruz but I don't think they do a good job of being proactive or doing good job of getting students involved. Madison: They seem pretty green, but I think that's almost hurting them at this point. The magazine was nice, but if you looked closely, you could see the flaws. If we fund them now, it might be a little premature. Maybe if they come back next year and put a little bit more time in it and making it more of a brand for themselves. I don't feel comfortable funding them any money at this point. Hannah motions add 3 minutes, Madison seconds. Motion passes by general consensus. Keshav: They said they had 5

people this summer and now they're up to 16. That scares me a little. Flipping through the magazine, the smallest section was on UCSC. I don't think they're doing a good job on incorporating UCSC. Gavin: They don't have a solid plan, I think they need to set forward that motion before we consider funding them. I agree with Madison that maybe this isn't the time to fund them. Hannah motions to fund Whole Street Catalog \$300 of general assistance, Rick seconds. Alice: I reserve my right to amend a motion. Madison motions to add 5 minutes, Rick seconds. Motion passes by general consensus. Alice: I think it's good to fund them because it's hard to get off the ground without funding. Alice motions to amend Hannah's motion to \$100. Bryna: I was generally unimpressed with their magazine, I saw some copyrighted photos. I don't think it's appropriate to put Switzerland photos in a magazine that is supposed to focus on UCSC students. I don't think we should fund them anything. Sarah: I think \$100 is great, but I think we should spend \$100 on something else. Bradley: They mentioned from the beginning that their first half of the magazine is focused on international culture. We can't expect a lot from their first month of publication. Batan: If they're solely relying on senate funding, I can only imagine that every other senate has had this exact discussion. Jose: I reserve my right to make a motion. Madison motions to add 3 minutes, Jose seconds. Motion passes with 5-4 votes. Jose: I call to question, Hannah seconds. Motion passes with 9-0-1 votes. Amending the funding of Whole Street Catalog, motion passes with 7-0-2 votes. Motion passes to fund Whole Street Catalog \$100, 5-4-1 votes.

- C. Treasury Report: Sarah: We want to keep our funding to about \$200 a meeting, perhaps a little less. Cowell usually funds way more than other senates. Generally, we find the full amount while Stevenson funds less. Bryna: It's ok to turn them down. They can come back with a banging presentation and we will fund them. Hannah motions to add 5 minutes, Madison seconds. Motion does not pass.

VII. Reports

- A. CPC: Kara: We have the Student Union over by the Quarry Plaza. It's a nice hang-out spot. You will be electing someone to represent Cowell to govern that space. Friday night is Cowell-Stevenson Casino night, 9 to 11PM. It's free and you can play for prizes. The next day, is Venetta. Next Tuesday, there is a recreation rug show. They're bringing a rock climbing wall and camping gear. They'll be raffling off a ticket every half hour. Next Wednesday, there is a Poetry Slam at the Fireside Lounge. We have our first Executive Committee meeting today. We have two sweatshirts left from last year. We plan on doing a raffle next week for who can buy them for \$10. Alice: Is there going to be an effort to make a new sweatshirt? Kara: Yes, there will be a committee.
- B. SBAC: Alice: On Monday, we went to a TAPS forum. They had information on how TAPS is going to change. They want student feedback for possible solutions. They don't do parking enforcement, that's the university police. Rick motions to add 5 more minutes, Brady seconds. Motion is passed by general

consensus. There is no Owl Service on weekdays, even for Halloween. There's an app where you can call a Uber-style ride from TAPS. It hasn't been implemented yet. They go around all of the colleges. Rick motions to add 5 more minutes, Brady seconds. Motion passes by 6-4-1 votes. Nicky: I went to the meeting right before, they're very receptive to any feedback. You could email them at taps@ucsc.edu. Gavin: I just got a job that requires me to use Night Core. It'd be very inconvenient if they cut it. Alice: OPERS will be finding a way to fund athletics other than charging students.

- C. SUA: Rick: There is a Halloween Dance at Oakes. The Student of Color Conference application is due, it will be at UC Irvine. If you have any questions, contact the vice president, Hector Navaro. Currently, in SUA, they are making changes. They are changing it to a committee centered SUA, creating 6 committees, 4 of them are joinable by non-SUA members. All senate members need to join at least one committee.
- D. SCOC: Keshav: I had my orientation yesterday. It is my job to see what positions in different committees that suit you guys. We are doing a sister event with Stevenson to get word about the committees you can serve on. If there are spots open on the big four committees and I think that you are a good position, I'll tell you to apply and we'll go through the applications.
- E. Council of Chair: We spoke about getting the student governments together and on the same page. Through that presentation, we heard about TAPS as well, SOFA will no longer be meeting in typical SUA time. We have a few questions for the decisions the administration make. Jeffrey Stoll and I talked about the Stevenson Cafe. We've had one of our fellow colleges have their fundings tapped into by the administration. We want to discuss what type of remedies we have, and it doesn't seem like we have many options. Stevenson decided to pass their vote of no confidence. We have thought of making a Student Bill of Rights. Sarah motions to add 3 more minutes, Hannah seconds. Motion passes by general consensus. We talked about the postal protest, which didn't happen. It was in response to either housing or tuition discontent. Cowell Senate had problems with the inefficiency of that. Keshav motions to add 3 minutes, Hannah seconds. Motion passes with 5-2 votes. Jose: Can we use this vote of no confidence on other things as well? Brina motions to add 10 minutes. Madison motions to add 2 minutes, Rick seconds.
- F. Entertainment Co-op: More progress in the opening of the co-op. We have about 6-8 committed members. We're going to be open 3 days a week, 5-7PM.

VIII. Final Business

- A. Nima: We have room 135 open for us senate officers to use, you will have keys to it. Our entertainment co-op will be located there. We want to start a Room 135 committee who will be in charge of that. You'll be able to put a handprint on the wall. Kara: If you want a tour, stick around after the meeting. Nima: Next meeting, if it's your fourth meeting, you will become a voting member. Make sure you bring a poem! Bryna nominates herself, Sarah seconds, Bryna accepts. Bryna

nominates Bradley, Sarah seconds. Keshav nominates Rick, Hannah seconds, Rick accepts. Hannah calls the question, motions passes 8-0-1. Bradley wins and is new SAS rep.

IX. Adjournment

- A. Hannah motions to adjourn, Madison seconds. Motion passes with general consensus.