

Cowell College Student Senate

Cowell Conference Room

October 20, 2016

Minutes by: Jose Cadenas

**Guests:** Kara Snider, JSA Representative, Kaiena Conlon, Francis Cyr, William Walker,

**Selectpersons:** Sarah Adler, Nima Agah, Jose Cadenas, William Garvey, Madison Hatflied, Alice Malmberg, Hannah Meyer, Isidro Naranjo, Rick Takeuchi, Bryna Haugen, Nikki Santiago, Tyler Olsen, Gavin Shaw, Lauren (Lo) Vennes, Vincente Lovelace, John Angeles, Keshav Jumar, Miguel Lepiz, Natan Lao, Ryan Cormack, Oliver Mulcaly, Trevor O'Hickey

**Absent:** Bradley DeMoll, Israel Lepiz, Meg Spalding, Sabrina Au

**Agenda:** Isidro motions to approve the agenda, Rick seconds the motion to approve the agenda. Agenda passes by consensus. Nima motions to amend the agenda to add Publicity Chair under reports, Madison seconds. Motion passes 14-0-3. Jose motions to amend the agenda to add Vice Chair under reports, Isidro seconds. Motion passes 10-0-4.

**Minutes:** Rick motions to approve the minutes, Isidro seconds. Motion passes by consensus.

**Introductions:** Everyone in the conference room introduce themselves, why there were attending and said their preferred gender pronouns.

**Announcements:** Announcements is a time dedicated in the Cowell Senate meeting for any individual in the room to make any announcement related to the campus, community, or any other item relevant to the space.

- Next Wednesday, on October 26th, the SUA office from 7-9pm will have a town hall for committees. Committees with the exception of one or two that are free to the general public. Anybody can become a member of these committees. All the SUA committees are included and even if you are not one of the College SUA representatives you can still be involved with the SUA. Also meet SUA officers and make decisions that will be brought to the SUA. So get involved if you are interested.
- On Monday, October 24th, from 6-8pm there will Kresge Town Hall about the future of Kresge and other big changes in the renovation struction. For those of you who are first years or are unaware Kresge is going to get torn down in the near future and will be rebuild since the old one is rotten and terrible. Have to RSVP, pizza included, talk to Bryna for the email. Her email is bshaugen@ucsc.edu. Also part of a new long-range renovation development committee plan for Kresge, which will be included in the Town hall. Also included blueprints for the new development and what they are planning to change most extensively about Kresge plans is for Kresge to be centralized, having alleys leading up to the dorms. More details about Kresge at the Town Hall.

- On Saturday and Sunday, October 22nd and 23rd, there is a two day horse show in Watsonville for the Equestrian Club. So if any of you are randomly in Watsonville this weekend, check this it.
- There will be Night Owl buses running on the Night of Halloween.
- In SUA there are volunteer events. October 24th is the deadline for voter registration. Voting is very important to express how you feel about government, regardless if your candidate/prop wins or loses. Voter registration volunteer events: Friday, October 21st and Monday October 24th there will be events where students can sign up. There will also be events to sign up for tabling. Tabling is important because students make mistakes with leaving home addresses instead of changing them to school address, leading them to believe their ballots never came.
- If anyone ever has a question about their status as a select person, contact the Vice Chair since they will have an updated roster with everyone's status. If you do lose your select person status within the year, the individual will as well lose their position, if they have one. As well, the Senate, as written in the Constitution, holds the right to impeach anyone of their position, if duties are not being met.

**Treasury Report:** About \$17,000 left in prior. In General Assistance (GA): have \$5,085/yr and about \$1285 for the quarter. In Senate Programming (SP): \$1387 for the year. Welcome week we spent \$37 on tabling supplies and about \$76 on pizza, that is where senate programming money came out from. \$200 is a general recommendation to stay on budget, but the Senate can spend however much they feel like spending. If the budget was broken down by the three quarters three quarters and then further split within the ten weeks, it would generally come out to \$200 per meeting, but again don't have to stick to that. Just a budgeting schedule, can fund whatever we want. \$200 is not a limit, but if we were to spend the exact same amount in each meeting, it would come out to that amount. To clarify, we don't have a set rule in the Senate about how much we can or cannot spend, beyond the ones in our Standing Rules related to how much to fund groups outside of Cowell.

#### **Presentations:**

- **Japanese Student Association (JSA):** JSA is here today to ask the Cowell Senate for funding. Asking for \$40 for their Onigiri fundraiser they are having next week on October 24th, 25th and 26th. The reason for the Onigiri fundraiser is because the Onigiri is a huge tradition and part of a huge tradition in the Japanese cultural. The \$40 will be going to ingredients to make the Onigiri very simple to make just rice, seaweed, and whatever filling you have. Very special because its part of has a lot of the tradition to it. Will be making the Onigiri at the Village kitchen and will be selling at the Quarry Plaza. Send out posters to all dining hall. And will be mentioning the Cowell Senate if they are funded.

*Isidro motions to add two minutes, Gavin seconds. Motion passes by 13-7-3.*

- **Cowell Climate:** One of Cowell's program assistant Nikki came to talk to the Senate about an event she is putting on in Winter Quarter. She asked the Cowell Senate for a raise of hands if they knew what a microaggression was. A microaggression is a casual, subtle, degradation or disrespect of a marginalized group. Common examples, which SHOULD NOT be said, "Wow, you look so exocit, or you Speak english really well." Microaggressions are subtle and happen all the time and over the past couple of years, a faculty member did a study of microaggressions on

this campus, her name is Dr. Byrd. Last year, they did a study where they ask students to come into their lab and talk about their experiences with microaggressions. The results are in and to no surprise microaggressions are occurring in Cowell, because they are occurring all over this campus. There actually isn't a place where microaggressions are happening more than another, but are happening everywhere. For this reason, Nikki wants to do an event to address this in Cowell, since has current stereotypes. Will be inviting Dr. Byrd to talk about her results of her study, have some of the participants of the study read microaggressions that occurred in Cowell. Some of the goals of the events are to acknowledge there is a climate problem in Cowell, microaggression aren't just a theatrical, are a real thing that happens here and happen in college. Another goal is to use this to brainstorm tangible efforts and projects to be more action based. Program will be happening in winter Quarter around the Week 2, either on the January 18th or 19th. Will be dependent on Nikki's schedule and Dr. Byrd teaching schedule. Asking senate for two different things: 1) co-sponsorship, meaning putting your name and the Cowell Senate thinks this is important for the Cowell community and we support it, 2) if Cowell Senate would cancel their meeting on the 19th to attend this program. Will not know final date of program until enrollment for classes is down, later in November. Want to get the ball rolling on this event since they do want to advertise this event to Core classes, during Fall. Event will last 90 minutes to 120 minutes (1hr and half to 2 hrs). If this program was earlier in the day, it would conflict with classes, restricting the amount of students able to attend the event.

*Natan motions to add 2 minutes, Alice seconds. Motion fails by consensus.*

#### **Discussion:**

- **Japanese Student Association (JSA):** These types of funding events are very important to cultural associations to be able to put on bigger events, later on in the year. Given the amount requested, \$40, is very reasonable. Its \$40 and looks like low input, high output kind of deal and supports cultural outreach to the community. Appreciation for the organization not just asking for money, but materials to fundraise their own money, shows effort. Senator recommends even giving more money, \$50, because its important to spread cultural awareness.

*Hannah motions to fund \$40 from General Assistance, Oliver seconds. 19-0-3*

- **Cowell Climate:** *Gavin motions to co-sponsor and cancel the Senate meeting on January 19th, 2017, Hannah seconds.* Senators suggest to separate the motion into two different motions or possibly changing the language of the motion to reflect it say will cancel the meeting if the 19th is chosen for the date of the event. Conflicts since Winter Quarter will also have the MLK Convocation, which is also on a Thursday and will possibly have to cancel another meeting since this is also a great opportunity for Senate members. The Cowell Senate itself provides a very valuable function and by cancelling a meeting, we are depriving this group and other groups who are seeking funding from having their cases heard. Rather than canceling, either having the meeting the same and having the event at a different time or reschedule Cowell Senate for a later time, if the Senate is willing to do that. Don't think its a great idea to cancel a meeting, since we are a necessary function and need to respect that. Both this event, Microaggression Workshop, and the MLK Convocation are really awesome leadership development opportunities which will fit in line with what the role is in the college. Yes, there will be a disadvantage by cancelling

meetings, but as leaders attending these events will enhance your ability to lead in these communities. Valuable for leadership.

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

To address the fact about cancelling a meeting, for those who were not here last year or don't know this, but last year we cancelled two meetings to have programs that the Council of Chairs did with all the Senates. Basically a giant Senate social, one was a leadership development seminar and the other was having a city council members coming to speak to us. If we can cancel meeting for these programs, we should be able to cancel meetings to attend an event that will offer us similar opportunities for leadership development. It's just one meeting and early within Winter Quarter and we will have the rest of the quarter and all of Spring Quarter to have Senate. If a meeting were to be cancelled for this event and for some reason doesn't go through then the Senate can always add the cancelled meeting back.

*Gavin withdraws his motion.*

*Hannah motions to co-sponsor the event, Tyler seconds. Motion passes by 19-1-1*

In terms of how we do our meetings, we can vote to not have a meeting, there isn't a formal requirement as to when we have to do that by. Meetings can suspend when we are approving our agenda, but really up to the body. Agree with cancelling meeting and the Senate also cancels their last meeting of the year to have an end of the year banquet.

*Jose motions to table this discussion, until Nikki has an understanding of how her schedule will look like, so pushing this discussion to the eighth or ninth week Natan seconds.*

If understanding correctly, Nikki wants to know if the Senate is interested in attending the workshop and that's why we would cancel a meeting. Its would contribute to our leadership skills and it is one meeting, which we can reschedule if it doesn't become an issue, but if we have this conversation later when we find out what the date is, its going to have the same outcome. So we might as well vote on this know.

*Hannah motions to add five minutes, Gavin seconds. Motion fails 9-10-4*

There is a motion on the table, so the Senate has to move to a vote.

*Motion to table this discussion to one of the last meetings of the quarter passes 16-0-5.*

## **Reports:**

### **CPC Report:**

- Next Wednesday, October 24th, there will be a volunteer fair in the Quarry Plaza from 11-1pm. Check it out if you are interested in getting involved more and learning about all volunteer opportunities on campus and in the Santa Cruz community.
- This Friday, October 21st, there will be the Rocktober concert, three bands will be playing. Will be happening at the Stevenson Event Center, CRE Hailey is putting on the event.
- Practical Activism is happening this Saturday, October 22nd, starting at 10:30am. This is a free conference for all students happening till 5:00 at College 9 and 10 Multipurpose Room.
- Next Thursday, October 25th, Cowell will be having their first College Night of the year. College Nights are a special meal and program in the dining hall. Dining halls close at 2pm when there are College Nights, as some might have experienced since Stevenson just had one. Anyone who is a Cowell student or Cowell resident, even if affiliated with different college can attend. Off campus students, Cowell Senate subsidizes your ticket and you only have to pay \$2. The theme is Singing

up a Storm and have hired a professional acappella group, The House Jacks. These events you want to come on time since everyone eats together and then enjoy the program so come for the full hour and a half. If you want a quick bit, then it would be better to go to another dining hall or coffee shop. Acquire will also be there and performing.

- After Collge Night, although does conflict with Cowell Senate's next meeting, there will a workshop in the Fireside Lounge for acappella.
- CARE Office is the Campus Advocacy Resources and Education specifically focused bringing awareness to and activism on preventing sexual assault, dating violence, sexual harassment, and more. They are the ones who put on the Slugs Care program the frosh had to attend during Welcome Week. They are doing an educator training, so if you are interested in this as a topic and becoming more aware or becoming a peer-educator on Nov. 6 they will have a program on this.
- Halloween is on a monday and there will many events happening all weekend long, such as the Stranger Things Dance, here at Cowell there will be a costume and mask making workshop, and on Halloween, there will be Scaryoke, happening on campus. Downtown has a lot of positives and negatives, just be aware that there are triple fine areas. Not the safest place to be and there are a lot of people down there video taping, so be aware of that. Most creative costumes are downtown. People have gotten hurt in past years, so if you do go downtown please be careful. Use your judgement.
- Cove is a part of shop.

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

Cove is an amazing resource for students, a support for alcohol and other drug use and managing how alcohol affects you and your friends lives. Basically, a big support center for individuals using or have use alcohol and other drugs. Student support run. Have packs that are anti-heroin overdose packs, if applied will keep the person alive and stop an overdose. Stop by 10-4, hours could have changed, so checkout website.

- People of Student Success will be housed in the second trailer located by the Cowell Provost House.

### **SFAC Report:**

- On Mondays meeting Alison Galloway, the Executive Vice Chancellor came to give a little talk and Q and A. Those who don't know who Alison Galloway is, she in charge of all the day to day operations of UCSC and only second to the Chancellor. A pretty powerful person and is the individual that SFAC advises on making funding calls, she has final say on student fee money and its distribution. She will be stepping down from her position at the end of this quarter and are currently doing searches to do meet and greets and presentations for the new Executive Vice Chancellor position. Open to the students and there are two left, Monday and Thursday at 10:30am at the Stevenson Event Center.
- She also said for next year we are only accepting 200 additional students, on top of the all the students accepted this year, compared to the 400 extra students we accept this year. Admin has made it clear to the Regents that we cannot take more students, which is why we don't have to accept that many.
- Hopefully the lounges will eventually come back, she didn't say a date. The third floor of Science and Engineering doesn't have any more books and has extra couches and furniture. They are

exploring creating temporary housing units, to house students. She pitched this idea to the Regents and they said they don't think this will happen. The only way to build higher is to contract with a private business which will allow for taller buildings and the prevention of using more space, such as the porter meadows. But if the university chooses to go that way, but be aware that if the university does go this way then housing costs might go up, since it will be partially privatized.

- The question regarding if students who disagree with administrators and what actions they can take, was Alice Galloway did not give a good response to that question. She wanted to know what exactly the issue is and the response was said in general. She said for academics, academic senate, for housing go talk to your housing office, and general overcrowding issues there's nothing we can do and its in the hands of the Regents.
- For classroom she hopes they will get renovated once we get more state money, since those are one of the things that we can get state funding for. Classroom Unit 2 got new seating over the summer.
- There probably will be more online classes, but Alison Galloway and a lot of faculty have been disappointment on how they definitely privilege instructor convince over students learning experiences and they are very expensive for the school. Doesn't save any money at all and costs more money than hiring an instructor.
- Overall, seemed that Alison Galloway did care about the students and work within the system. When asked what advice would you give the incoming EVC she responded: She would tell them to keep in mind that the university wouldn't exist without the students and overall their jobs is to give students the best possible conditions they can, even with all the condalooding bureaucracy of the UCs. It might seem like it, but people are trying out there.
- International Education Office following up on money given to them to fund a programming position for International Students. Are going to have more programming and will be asking for more money.
- Athletics Town Hall happened and shockingly a large turnout. The room was packed, with hundreds of people, mostly student athletes, mostly pissed off and not understanding why the Chancellor couldn't order an executive order to keep athletics going or why the state couldn't fund athletics. Wanted helped with writing a referendum so it could pass and was suggest finding an intersection for their program to be sustainable while still being affordable to students.
- SFAC has a facebook page, visit it for more information and like the page.
- Regents don't get paid and the only Regent who gets compensated is the Student Regent, who gets their tuition waived. Admin makes six figure salaries and Janet Napolitano makes more than the President of the U.S.

### **SUA Report**

- Diversity Commission: There is going to be something specific done within that committee that is concrete. They will creating an online analog, called diversity edu that while teach students about microaggressions, how to treat trans folks, how to treat people with trans identity, etc. Hector Navarro and QSU (Queer Student Union) representative will be on that committee.
- Grace's committee, SCOC Student Committee on Committees. The reason this committee is an appointed and not open one is because SCOC handles money for other organizations. Requires

some confidentiality since they deal with personal information of students. SCOC has one major goal, which ensures that students are present in representing students in administrative spaces. Essentially the process to get involved is very easy to get involved within SCOC, but to have be a decision maker within the committee requires to be elected

- Filipino Student Association: Gave a presentation about the their organization, which is about 250 members, will have an upcoming festival where they do traditional dances, and other cultural performances. Speak to one of the SUA representatives
- Ray and Judith will be meeting with Janet Napolitano, UCOP, and will bring up issues that were brought up in the SUA. Some issues include: how the housing crisis has engaged into a spural vs build up economy and how those options were not desirable due to the fact that spural is ecologically not sustainable and build up would make them look like an industrial warehouse park. Wanted UCOP to come up with a third option or pick the lesser of two evils. Labor on the UC, UC food workers are below poverty and cannot afford to feed their families. Students also being unable to receive full financial aid or how the financial aid administration system and the way its run is very inefficient. There are very few people working there, when there are over 18,00 students needing help.
- BDS (Boycott Divest Sanction): This topic was brought up very briefly in passing, but nothing officially has been brought up. A past chair of the SUA made a decision to overturn something that had already passed, which would divest from Israel and the Palestine group came back to appeal the decision of the Chair, since it was invalid. The reappeal passed and groups on campus were angry and someone at the meeting brought that up out of the blue during announcements. Very
- Office Hours for Bryna are on Tuesdays at Owl's Nest from 12-1pm. Vincente's office hours are on Mondays from 6:30-8:30pm at the Fireside Lounge. Rick's office hours are on Wednesdays from 3-5pm at the Fireside Lounge.

*Bryna motions to add five minutes, Alice seconds. Motion fails 4-14-3*

### **SCOC Report:**

- SCOC has not handled any funding requests and there has not been any discussion about funding groups. Representative will speak to Grace, the chair of SCOC to get more information about this topic. There are still colleges that have not permanently appointed students to the committee.
- Appointed and accepted students to the: Admission and Financial Aid Committee, Campus Sustainability Planning Committee, which is about the natural environment and infrastructure, Informational Technology and Security Committee.
- Also appoint to the CSC Committee, which is the overarching Campus Sustainability Committee, where they have multiple committees, about 5 to 6. They are putting together a plan for how UCSC will function to be naturally sustainable next year. What will we be doing to make sure our water consumption stays at where its at.
- Apply to committees. If you do decide to apply for a committee, Keshav will be happy to look over application, so contact him if you would like to get help or get a second look at your application.

*Natan motions to add 1 minute, Hannah seconds. Passes by majority.*

**Entertainment Co-op Report:** Entertainment Co-op representative was not present, so no report was given.

**Coffee Shop Advisor Committee:** Sarah is the Cowell representative who sits on this committee, Gabby is the Stevenson representative, Carolyn Golz, who is the CAO for both Cowell and Stevenson sits on this committee, two faculty members, one from Cowell and other from Stevenson, and head of dining. Dining took over the coffee shops this summer, mostly good feedback about the coffee shops. Great service, good food. Customer service has been great, but it has been said that they were closing earlier than their posted hours. They begin to shut down, half an hour before its time to close down. Sometimes they take meals and other times they don't, so need to fix that. Should not be closing earlier, and that was one reason dining took over coffee shops, so coffee shops would not work. One outlet does not work and the lights flicker. Trying to add more additions to the menu to help with the crowding happening in Cowell because of late night. Get about over 4000 swipes i the week, just for late night. Trying to add more to the kitchen, but is difficult because spaces issues and money is limited. Trying to get a turbo chef oven, which is the high power convection ovens at Starbucks, that they put sandwiches in . So they might add hot sandwiches, replaced the dishwasher in Stevenson, replaced the fridge, increase their marketing to inform more people about the 55 meal card. Long term for dining possibly expanding late night for all colleges and far in the future possibly keeping it open till 2am. People have been upset about Porter Dining Hall closing early, but is because of all the programming, they have Open Mics Nights.

*Hannah motions to add five minutes, Rick seconds. 6-6-9 Motion fails.*

*Hannah motions to amend the agenda to add five minutes for the Coffee Shop Advisor Committee, Trevor seconds. 7-9-6.*

**Publicity Chair Report:** Touch base with the historians about possibly making a committee of historians whether the Publicity Chair running those meetings or a historian themselves being the chair, or head historian. No meeting of that sort has happened. Publicity chair would like the historians to meet so they can take photos of representatives to create flyers with their office hours.

*Madison motions to form the Historian Committee, Bryna seconds. 17-0-0 Committee has been created.*

Publicity Chair is willing to be the chair of the committee or is also open to one of the historians to be the chair of the committee. Send out the committee invite to everyone, because anyone even those who are not apart of the Cowell Senate can join committees.

*John motions to add two minutes, Bryna seconds. Motion fails by consensus.*

**Vice Chair Report:** One of the roles of the vice chair is to be the liaison between the Cowell Senate and Residential Life (RAs). Met with the RAs this past Monday and able to ask them about the two questions the Senate had: How are or will RAs be talking to their residents about cultural appropriation. Responded by creating passives in the form of a flowchart describing questions about students cultural background. Also talk about if a culture gives you permission to wear their clothing. Talking to student on a one to one bias, when passing them on the halls or if they ever hear conversations about cultural appropriation. Also talking about cultural appropriation vs. appreciation. Creating a passive about if anyone ever feels like their cultural was appropriated, and how they can talk to individuals about that. If anyone ever sees flyers without disability accommodations, bring it up so it can be addressed. The RAs then had the following questions for the Senate: Is the Senate planning on putting on any programs this year? In what ways is the

Senate helping first year students adjust to college life and helping with everyday college life? Is the senate going to discuss any issues of cultural appropriation?

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

Hard to grasp cultural appropriation when its just on a flier. RAs establishing meetings when residents. About the topic and having a person talk about microaggressions. Cultural appropriation is a big deal and last year there were two sexy Anne Franks. Very important to address the issues of cultural appropriation and this issue is not unique to Halloween, so the Senate would encourage the RA body to talk about cultural appropriation throughout the entire year. Also emphasize to the RAs to help us promote events, so we can get a great turnout. If you have any questions for the RAs, contact Jose at [jgcadena@ucsc.edu](mailto:jgcadena@ucsc.edu) to get your questions answered.

### **Final Business**

- **Cowell Wishlist:** The chair of the Cowell Senate received an email from Carolyn Golz, who is the CAO (College Administrative Officer) has notified Nima based on Coffee Shop savings, that the deficit they no longer have or recurring from, due to Dining Services taking over the Coffee Shops. The Colleges save up about \$15,000, which the money can be used for minor improvements, better furniture, updates of student facilities around Cowell and ask the Senate for a wishlist of items. The Senate has recommended: some sort of device to keep the bees away from the dining halls, longer lounge sofas, Page Smith renovation, credit card machine in the Cowell Coffee Shop, printer and office supplies for Page Smith, shower heads for taller students and better water pressure, extension cords for Page Smith, environmentally friendly shower heads, water dispensers for the fountains in Cowell, lighting in the Courtyard. If you have any more suggestions, please email Nima for more suggestions. Walk around and get ideas.

*Oliver motions to add two minutes, John seconds. Motion fails by majority.*

- **SOFA Appointment:** To appoint a representative separate from the SUA officers. SOFA is the funding body for the SUA where they give funding to organizations all over campus. The meeting consists of hearing funding requests from multiple organizations, groups will do presentations, about more than 15 groups asking any where for thousands of dollars. The meeting will be next Monday, October 24th at 6pm with location pending. Whoever gets elected will be put into contact with Ray, SUA chair, for the location.

*Madison to add two minutes, rick seconds. Motion passes by consensus.*

*Keshav nominates Bryna, Hannah seconds the nomination. Bryna accepts the nomination. Bryna is elected as the SOFA representative.*

- **Poetry:** Gavin: Hungry, Trevor: Comeback

**Adjournment:** *Rick motions to adjourn the meeting, Miguel seconds. Motion passes by consensus.*