

Cowell Senate Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2017, 8:00pm

Cowell Conference Room

Minutes prepared by Nima Agah

Guests: Liorah Goldsmith, Christian Culton, Alex Perez, Tatiana Vazquez, Emily Carty, Kara snider, Ava Mills, Tayolr Juby, Matthew Ramirez

Selectpersons: Nima Agah, (Jose Cadenas), Nikki Santiago, (Meg Spaulding), Hannah Meyer, Bryna Haugen, (Alice Malmberg), Madison Hatfield, Keshav Kumar, Miguel Lepiz, William Walker, Bradly DeMoll, Rick Takeuchi, Sarah Adler, William Garvey, John Angeles, Vicente L. Lovelace, Trevor O’Hickey, Francis Cyr, Natan Lao, Tyler Olson

I. Introductions

a. Review and Vote on Agenda

i. Agenda:

1. Nikki moves to approve the Agenda, Rick seconds. Approval by consensus.
2. Bryna moves to amend the Agenda as follows: “Remove SFAC from the Agenda”, Will seconds. Amendment passes by consensus.
3. Nima moves to amend the Agenda as follows: “Remove the ‘Standard of Living Charter’ from the Agenda and add ‘We Delete Blood Cancer’ to presentations”, Bryna seconds. Amendment passes by consensus.
4. Both the “Donor Recognition Site” and “Cowell Courtyard” presentations and discussions will be moved to a further meeting, since their presenter was unable to make this meeting

ii. Minutes:

1. **There were no minutes from last meeting to approve. Check for those minutes to be posted later in the quarter.**

II. Announcements

a. Nikki:

- i. Event tomorrow at 8pm in the Fireside lounge about fire-safety. Next Thursday, Senate is cancelled in-place of my event on Microaggressions with Dr. Bird

b. Kara:

- i. People’s Inauguration is taking place with a week of workshops and teach-ins. There will also be a march during the presidential inauguration.
- ii. Storytelling workshops will take place in Cowell on 1/18 & 1/25 (Cowell Conference Room) + 1/24 & 1/31. (Cowell Fireside Lounge).
- iii. Photo booth on 1/13! (Tomorrow) Cowell Courtyard!

c. Bryna:

- i. Sex Drugs and Rocky-Road is going to happen in the Cowell Courtyard, Tuesday 1/17 from 10am~3pm. Get educated about violence prevention, safe-sex, and

other fun stuff. SHOP and CARE are putting this on. If you listen, you'll get I-C-E-C-R-E-A-M

- d. Hannah
 - i. Asks if we have a parliamentarian. Notices that we lack one, and offers to help keep time.

III. Treasury Report

- a. General Assistance: **\$3595.00**
- b. Senate Programming: **\$1262.26**
- c. Quarterly Report will be given next meeting!

IV. Presentations and Funding Requests

a. Platypus Affiliated Society

- i. Platypus Affiliated Society is requesting **\$239.00** for an event on 2/17 and to produce publications. They are a leftist publication with chapters in other schools around the U.S.

~~b. Donor Recognition Site~~

~~c. Cowell Courtyard Lighting~~

d. Red Wheelbarrow

- i. Red Wheelbarrow Anthology is requesting **\$300.00** for their 21st issue. This would cover printing costs and distribution. They've requested funding from student-media, the Literary Guillotine, and other student government funding (but not SOFA and SFAC yet.) They believe that their magazine is different from Matchbox and Chinquapin since they are younger than Chinquapin and specific to UCSC and not 'UC-Wide' like Matchbox.

e. We Delete Blood Cancer

- i. We Delete Blood Cancer is requesting **\$30.00** for the Bone Marrow Registration Drive. The drive would register students as Bone Marrow donors who could delete cancer and save lives! The event is on 1/27. They have already been awarded \$30.00 from Porter, Kresge, and Crown college governments.

V. Discussion

a. Platypus Affiliated Society

- i. Nikki: Platypus Affiliated Society has a far reach. I've seen them around and their event is ambitious. Even if you don't agree with the magazine ideals, it would be valuable for UCSC and Cowell.
- ii. Rick: It is good to have events like this for their educational value. Political theories and Philosophy are good for open-mindedness.
- iii. Hannah: How generous were we with funding last quarter? Sarah responds, "we're pretty much on track."
- iv. Nikki moves to fund 239.00 out of General Assistance, Rick seconds.

1. Vote passes: 10-1-8

~~b. Donor Recognition~~

~~c. Cowell Courtyard~~

d. Red Wheelbarrow

- i. Hannah: I feel like we fund many magazines. What makes this specific magazine unique enough to fund?
- ii. Bryna: They're a long-standing magazine who I've seen funded in SOFA and SUA. Why not, lets fund them?

- iii. Vicente: I feel like they weren't particularly concerning in their argument. But we shouldn't penalize their funding for a bad presentation when they're a long-standing magazine.
 - iv. Keshav: Can we take a Straw-poll?
 - 1. Straw poll beginning at 300.00 dollars descending in increments of 50.00 dollars till 0.00 takes place.
 - 2. Straw poll informs senate body.
 - v. Keshav motions to fund 100.00 out of General Assistance, Will seconds.
 - 1. Amendment proposed to fund 150.00 instead of 100.00, seconded. (Names missing from recording)
 - 2. Amendment fails: 6-7-6. Original Motion (II. 6. v.) remains on the table.
 - vi. Vote on original motion passes 11-3-6.
- e. We Delete Blood Cancer**
- i. Nikki: We can spend 30.00 to potentially save lives. I'm Down.
 - ii. Rick: Blood Cancer has been a problem in the U.S.A, so people should register.
 - iii. Bryna: They've saved 8 lives already. I don't see any objections.
 - iv. Hannah motions to fund 30.00 out of General Assistance, Bryna seconds.
 - 1. Vote to fund passes 17-0-4.

VI. Reports

a. CPC

- i. Rumors heard about Cowell Students might be planning a walk out on Inauguration day.
- ii. Micro-aggression event will take place 1-19-17
- iii. Power of Creation College Night taking place on the 1-24-17
- iv. Early details on lighting project: three options will be presented at a later meeting by Carolyn about adding lighting to the Cowell Courtyard.
- v. Next week, there will be an art exhibit at the Cézanne in Porter, called Allies for Inclusion.

~~b. SFAC~~

c. SUA

- i. Vicente re-explains the Presidential Selection process that the SUA will undertake. Bryna adds that almost all the details of the process are confidential because of fair-hiring practices.
- ii. Also, SOFA is next week.

d. SCOC

- i. New members have joined SCOC from Crown and Rachel-Carson. For the OPERS committee, there was 1 application who was selected. For the committee on Admissions and Financial Aid, there was 1 application who was not selected. There is a push to have student representation on the LRDP (Long Range Development Plan) committee. Anyone interested in applying to committees, please contact Keshav for advice and information.

e. SUGB

- i. SUGB discussed creating a banner to advertise the student union as an open space for students during the current political climate. Constitution and Bylaws were also updated.

f. Academic Senate

- i. Academic Senate discussed “Top-Hat” vs. “I-Clicker” as tools to gauge student participation. Top Hat is more expensive, but I-Clicker enabled students to fake their attendance.

g. E-Co-Op

- i. Ava volunteers with the Co-Op and explains that everything is functioning fine. Re-arrangement and re-decoration of Co-Op is desired by the Senate. More advertising would be useful too.

VII. Final Business

a. Senate Retreat

- i. Survey results were divided by the Exec committee into three options: Winchester Mystery House + Santana Row, San Francisco exploration + food, Ana Nuevo + Bowling + Local dining.
- ii. Dates to consider are 2/11, 2/25,3/4
- iii. Kara suggests gathering more info online, since many senators have left the meeting already (Quorum still maintained)
- iv. Options to be sent out to Csenate@ucsc.edu

b. Sweatshirt Design

- i. Design poll was sent out previously. No further submissions have been submitted. The design was re-forwarded during this meeting. The Senate suggests a few options for the poll: Windbreakers, Crew-necks, Zipped and Un-zipped hoodies, Quarter-Zip sweaters.
- ii. Senate also requests varying price points before granting a subsidy for the apparel purchase.

~~**c. Standards of Living Charter**~~

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Madison moves to adjourn, Natan seconds. Meeting is adjourned.