

Cowell Senate 4/13/17
Cowell Conference Room
Minutes recorded by Hailey Nava

Guests, prospective members, and presenters: Karishma Shah, Priya Bhattacharjee, Steph Hernandez, Naomi Tesfuzigta, Kara Snider

Senate Select persons: Nima Agah, William Garvey, Alice Malmberg, Miguel Lepiz, Meg Spaulding, Natan Lao, Gavin Shaw, Francis Cyr, Madison Hatfield, Hailey Nava, Sarah Alder, Jose Cadenas, Bryna Haugen, Keshav Kumar

I. Intro & Approval

- a. Agenda: Gavin motions to approve the agenda; Alice seconds; passes by consensus
- Nima motions to amend agenda to reflect what is written on the whiteboard opposed to what was written in the email; Will seconds; passes 11-0-5
- b. Minutes: Jose motions to approve the agenda; Gavin seconds; passes by consensus

II. Announcements

- a. Gavin reports that Holi festival is postponed due to weather complications
- b. Kara reports that #DearUCSC is happening tomorrow in the Quarry Plaza, storytelling event is in the multipurpose room at 8pm
- c. Alice reports that the SFAC is searching for a Merrill affiliate to represent Merrill for SCOC

III. Treasury Report

- a. Prior: \$15,269.20
- b. General Assistance: \$461.54
- Sarah mentions that the cowell banner project that senate previously funded cost less than expected, so we received some funding back.
- c. Senate programming: \$1404.96

IV. Presentations

- a. African Student Union Culture Show:
 - Naomi reports that the ASU is asking for funding for their culture show. This event displays different cultures from Africa through dances and other visual events. ASKing for \$300 for the outfits. Total cost is about \$1000 for the event. Event is on May 11 in the Stevenson event center from 8-9pm
- b. Queer and Trans People of Color Conference:
 - 1st event in 10+ years on UCSC campus, 12th annual conference for Queer and Trans POC to discuss issues, feelings, and to recognize the feelings of all members. Event budget includes guest speakers, supplies, etc. Requesting \$300
 - 3 day conference, May 5th-7th, with guest speakers from LGBTQ+ community from other universities/areas, workshops for attendees.
 - Asking attendees for donations

V. Discussion

- a. ASU Culture Show
 - Alice motions to fund the ASU culture show \$150 out of general assistance; Miguel seconds; passes 6-1-9
 - A discussion happens regarding how proxy votes are done, and whether or not funding

this event is smart considering the senate's current general assistance balance.

- Madison motions to add 3 minutes; Bryna seconds; passes by consensus
- Jose says that since we already voted, we should just move on and respect the fact that the vote passed.
- b. Queer and Trans People of Color Conference
 - Meg says that we should fully fund this event because it's important
 - Jose says that we should fund this event because both of the groups being represented by this event are oppressed, and it's important that they get recognition and have a place here on campus.
 - Madison agrees, but she feels that it's unfair that we didn't fully fund the last group, but are considering this one. It's important to keep our financial stance in mind and that there will be other oppressed groups asking for funding in the coming months.
 - Bryna motions to fund \$200 out of general assistance; Alice seconds; Vote passes 11-0-8

VI. **Internal Senate Business**

- a. Elections commissioner: Nima mentions that cowell senate has to elect an elections commissioner soon, takes volunteers of interest
- b. Sarah asks to add a collective 6 mins to final business
- c. Natan motions to add 6 mins; Will seconds; passes 11-1-5

VII. **Reports**

- a. CPC: Kara reports that 27 welcome leader applications were turned in, interviews take place next week. Dear Worlds is happening from 10am-6pm. Tour season is upon us. Earth week is next week, and several March for Science events are happening.
- b. SFAC: \$300,000 to allocate; proposals keep coming in; next week is the SFAC conference in Oakland to discuss UC student fees; Merrill rep needed, preferably 1st or 2nd year affiliate interested in student government/student fees. ALice reports that her term in SFAC is up after this spring, and she encourages everyone to apply. UC committees have openings, positions available regarding title IX, mental health, etc
- c. SUA/SOFA: Bryna reports that SOFA is happening tomorrow. SUA: SUA meeting had to relocate after 10pm; asked about undergrads being involved with title IX; No, they cannot be directly involved in cases, but they can be part of the program and know about the department. Bryna also mentions that Title IX does not determine punishments for individual cases, but instead decide whether or not a title ix policy has been broken. Job opportunities available under the Alumni office. Bryna and Alice can both answer questions and give more information to anyone interested. CALPIRG asked for funding for movement to make UCSC 100% renewable by 2050. Relay for life referendum, WellCheck app, OPERS referendum. Bryna motions to add 5 mins, Sarah seconds. Psses by consensus. Vote needed on CALPIRG sponsorship on resolution to move towards 100% renewable energy. Passes 13-0-7
- d. SCOC: Keshav reports that the title IX advisory council position is appointed by SCOC. Sister college event planned for after week 5 at Cowell. One application submitted for one committee. SCOC is in dire need of a Merrill representative.
- e. E-Co-Op: representatives not present

VIII. **Committees**

- a. Historian: Madison reports the the historians took photos at the senate retreat last week
- b. Library: representative not present

- c. Budget: \$700 from volunteering to be allocated. Meeting next week, new members welcomed.
- d. Gift Committee: representative not present

IX. **Final Business**

- a. Senate position membership: discussion about representatives not coming to senate meetings, struggle to meet quorum.
 - Keshav reports that elected positions should be committed to their position and should be showing up to meetings in order to make sure that the senate meetings run smoothly.
 - Sarah motions to add 2 mins; Madison seconds; passes by consensus.
 - Bryna mentions that any representative who knows they will not be present at meetings should let senate know ahead of time so accommodations can be made.
 - Alice motions to add 3 mins; Natan seconds; passes by consensus.
 - Natan motions to add 90 seconds; Sarah seconds; passes by consensus.
 - Bryna mentions that Cowell Senate should endorse someone to run for SUA rep who will be dedicated to committing.
 - Keshav reports that since he was an alternate for SUA rep, he will become an SUA member.
- b. Spring mixer: Nima reports that the chairs have planned another mixer at the OPERS pool sometime this quarter.
- c. Sarah motions to adjourn meeting; Will seconds; meeting adjourned 9:45