

**Cowell Senate 4/20/17 8:02pm**  
**Cowell Conference Room**  
**Minutes recorded by Hailey Nava**

**Guests, prospective members, and presenters:** Tamra Owens, Chris Baron, Paola Lainez, Angelica Lujan, Kara Snider, Lydia Jenkins-Sleczkowski

**Senate Selectpersons:** Alice Malmeg, Miguel Lepiz, Bradley deMoll, William Walker, Vicente Lovelace, Hailey Nava, Rick Takeuchi, Nima Agah, Madison Hatfield, Bryna Haugen, Sarah Adler, Nikki Santiago, Ava Mills, Natan Lao, Gavin Shaw, Keshav Kumar

**I. Intro & Approval**

- a. Natan motions to add 2.5 mins to reports for academic senate; Bradley seconds; passes 10-0-3.
- b. Sarah motions to approve the agenda; Natan seconds; passes by consensus
- c. Gavin motions to approve last week's minutes; Alice seconds; passes by consensus.

**II. Announcements**

- a. Nicki reports that PSA event exploring mental health in the Filipino community, food, performances on this upcoming friday, saturday, and sunday
- b. Gavin reports that Holi has been rescheduled for May 19th
- c. Kara reports that there is an improv event in the fireside lounge, celebration of native american indian culture 12-4, minority report stevenson at 6:30, sculpture workshop on sunday in stevenson fireside lounge, stevenson college night next tuesday
- d. Alice reports that the lobby core team is working on sustain our students and sent out a housing survey to students

**III. Treasury Report**

- a. Prior: \$15,269
- b. General assistance: between \$800-1100
- c. Senate programming \$1404.96

**IV. Presentations**

- a. Measure 8
  - Tamara ?? owens reports that the student body currently pays 7 per quarter but the fee that is being proposed is increasing the fee by 13. This is helpful because the amount of cuts made recently is due to the 50000 deficit the assembly faced after the edge of eden event 3 years ago. More money for sua means more money for student events and money can go towards the "return-to-aid" component of the SUA (200,000+)
  - Gavin motions to extent time by 3 mins alice seconds passes
  - This extra money allows SUA to save money and do more things
  - Officer pay has also been lowered by \$100, but they also work part time.
  - Natan motions to extend by 1 min gavin sseconds passes
  - The fee increase would go towards events and be allocated appropriately, despite rumors and controversy over this fee increase. suavpsl@ucsc.edu
- b. Queer Prom
  - Chris and Paula are part of collaborating groups who are sponsoring the Queer prom, which for students who didnt have their ideal prom experience due to their gender or sexuality ?

- Total cost is \$1100
- Asking for 150
- \$3 presale tickets, tabling and selling tickets at the door. Held at Kresge town hall in May. money will go towards reimbursing groups who helped pay for the event. Possibility that leftover funds will be returned as donations to organizations ?
- Asking for money from 7 orgs total ?
- Great Gatsby theme, raffle,
- Vicente motions to add 1 min Rick seconds
- c. Bioneers Conference**
- Bioneers conference ? is conference with workshops, presentations, food, dances, etc focusing on subjects like environmental activism and sustainability. Last year was 200 students. Passed out flyers. 2800 from Kresge, need 5000 more dollars to fund event. Stevenson event center. Total cost is 8000+ . asking each senate for 200-300 ? in order to meet funding goal. Asking for 300.

#### **V. Discussion**

- a. Queer Prom (5)** - More important than a standard dance. Not asking too much. Natan motions to fully fund \$150 from General Assistance, Rick seconds. Motion passes 13-0-4
- b. Bioneers Conference (5)** - Mixed feelings about what funds will be used towards. Straw poll conducted. Ava motions to fund \$100 from General Assistance, Bradley seconded. Motion passes 8-3-4.
- c. Will motions to add Measure 8 Discussion for 2 minutes;** Sarah seconds; motion passes 9-0-6.

#### **VI. Internal Senate Business**

- a. Constitutional Changes**
- Nima suggests that the constitution gets altered to reflect changes to senate attendance policies, committee officers, formatting errors,
- Bryna motions to add 3 mins; Rick seconds; motion passes by consensus.
- b. Changes Discussion**
- Ava asks if it is possible to make attendance sheets visible to the public.
- Bryna motions to add 3 minutes; Alison seconds; passes by consensus.
- Bryna motions to approve the “brill” changes to constitutional bylaws; Madison seconds; vote passes 11-0-5.
- c. Elections Commissioner Appointment**
- Ava and Will run for the position of Elections Commissioner.
- Will is voted in as Elections Commissioner

#### **VII. Reports**

- a. CPC**
- Kara reports that because student attendance at college nights has been lower than usual, so a college night committee is being created in order to get student feedback and opinions on coordinating college nights.
- Alumni weekend starts on 4/28/2017
- b. SFAC**
- Alice reports that a Merrill Rep has been appointed.
- Quarterly student fee committee (CSF) is Friday 4/21 in Oakland
- Funding proposals are still being processed

**c. SUA/SOFA**

- Bryna reports that at SUA, there were presentations on library affairs, CALPIRG resolution, SUA projects, future of SUA.
- SOFA: Bryna reports that there were lots of funding requests presented to SOFA and funds were distributed appropriately.

**d. SCOC**

- Keshav reports that a Merrill SFAC rep was appointed.
- 2 houses on campus near the barn have been assigned to a SCOC task force to decide what needed improvements and renovations can be gone through with.
- Vicente motions to add ½ mins to final business; Will seconds; passes 9-0-4

**e. E-Co-Op**

- Ava has been appointed as the new chair for the entertainment co-op since the previous chair had to resign.

**VIII. Committees**

**a. Historian**

- Madison reports that there was a meeting this week but nothing to report.

**b. Library**

- Rick reports that costs for sewage repairs have been reported, but not estimates for the library improvements.

**c. Budget**

- Sarah reports that there was a meeting today 4/20

**d. Gift**

- Ava reports that she is going to send out a survey for suggestions on the gift ideas

**e. Academic Senate**

- Natan reports that online evaluations were discussed and feedback from students was taken into consideration
- Natan motions to add 2 minutes; Bryna seconds; passes by consensus

**IX. Final Business**

- HSI report: Vicente reports that he is planning on proposing an initiative to hire a consultant for the HSRC regarding grant money for a scholars program.

**Bryna motions to adjourn meeting; Madison seconds; passes by consensus. Meeting adjourned 10:40pm**