

**Guests, Presenters, & Prospective members:** Katherine Le, Dustin Lang, Kara Snider, Michael Lee, Jeffrey Mojano

**Senate Selectpersons:** Jose Cadenas, Vicente L. Lovelace, Keshav Kumar, Bryna Haugen, Karishma Shah, Ava Mills, William Walker, Rick Takeuchi, Hailey Nava, Sarah Adler, Madison Hatfield, Natan Lao, Francis Cyr, Nima Agah, Bradly DeMoll

**I. Intro & Approval**

- a. **Agenda:** Sarah motions to approve this week's agenda
  - Nima motions to combine Katherine's presentation with announcements, adding 10 mins to budget, 5 mins to library, move both the gift committee report and e-co-op to the beginning of the agenda, adding 2 mins to final business to discuss event
  - Bryna seconds Nima's amendment; passes 13-0-3
- b. **Minutes:** Bryna motions to approve last week's minutes; Sarah seconds; passes by consensus

**II. Announcements**

- a. Bryna reports that Queer Prom is tomorrow night, followed by Kresge Pride on Saturday
- b. Kara reports that the picnic event is happening on May 18 from 6-8
- c. Kara reports that Get Out is being shown tomorrow night in lower quad
- d. New cowell shirts, designed by students, are available for purchase,
- e. RROTK on Saturday 12-6:30

**III. Treasury Report**

- a. \$15269.2 Prior
- b. \$172.67 General Assistance
- c. 14534.96 Senate Programming

**IV. Presentations**

- a. Brain Mind Consciousness/Higher Education: Nima reports that on May 21, in the Stevenson event center, all students are welcome to discuss the university's authority and curriculum in place at UCSC currently. Provost of Cowell and other faculty members will be present to discuss policies, academics, concerns, etc. Asking for \$100 to cover the remaining funds.
- b. AAPIRC Heritage Month: Katherine and Dustin report that the month of May is AAPI heritage month. This year's heritage month's theme at UCSC is 'unity to community'. Requesting 400 to help AAPIRC fund this event.
- c. El Centro: El Centro's Cesar Chavez Convocation event on May 16th at college 9/10 multipurpose is aimed at inspiring activists to continue striving for change. Requesting \$250

**V. Discussion**

- a. BMC/Higher Ed: Keshav motions to fund BMC \$100 from General Assistance; Rick seconds
- b. Madison mentions that we only have \$172 in gen assistance, and that we should fund them a lesser amount to benefit our financial situation
- c. Madison motions to amend the original motion from 100 to 50 out of general assistance; bradley seconds amendment; passes 8-2-3
- d. Vote for those in favor of funding BMC \$50 out of gen assistance passes 12-0-1
- e. AAPIRC: Keshav motions for straw poll starting at 400 going down in increments of 50
  - Bryna motions to fund AAPIRC \$200 out of prior; Will seconds; passes 11-0-6

- f. El Centro: Jose motions to fund El Centro \$120 out of general assistance; Bryna seconds; vote passes 13-0-5

#### **VI. Elections Candidates**

- a. Alice Malmberg: Running for Chair of Internal Affairs at SUA; wants to promote student needs being voiced and met by the university, in addition to making students not from California feel welcome
- b. Nima motions to add time to discuss endorsements later on. Passe 13-0-3
  - Madison motions to add 2 mins; Keshav seconds; passes by consensus.
- c. Keshav Kumar: Running for SUA Cowell representative
  - Natan motions to add 1.5 mins; Francis seconds; passes by consensus
- d. Katherine Le: Running for VP of Diversity and Inclusion
- e. Jane L.: Running for SUA president
  - Bryna motions to add 3mins; Natan seconds; passes by consensus
  - Natan motions to add 3 mins, Francis seconds; passes by consensus

#### **VII. Elections Candidates**

- a. AM: Bryna says we should definitely endorse Alice because of her worth ethic and knowledge in the field. Bryna motions to endorse Alice as SCOC chair; Will seconds; passes 13-0-4
- b. KK: Bryna says that we should endorse Keshav because he has a lot of helpful experience and is fit for the job. Nata mentions that since he is running unopposed, we should endorse Keshav.
  - Natan motions to endorse Keshav Kumar to run as the Cowell SUA rep; francis seconds; passed 13-0-4
- c. KL: Rick highly recommends endorsing Katherine. Bryna feels that KATHERINE is trustworthy
  - Bryna motions to add 2 mins, Madison seconds; passes by consensus
  - Bradley motions to endorse Katherine, Natan seconds; passes 14-0-4
- d. Jane L.: Bryna says that Jane is a very trustworthy and passionate candidate.
  - Bryna motions to endorse Jane, Ava seconds; vote passes

#### **VIII. Reports**

- a. Gift committee: Ava sent out the survey, feedback given on free response survey question requesting other gift option ideas
- b. E-Co-Op: Ava asks about borrowing money for the e-co-op supplies, funding request to be submitted in the weeks to come
- c. Nima motions to add 2 minutes to final business to present funding request
- d. CPC: Kara reports that there has been a upgrade to a walkway in Cowell;
  - There is still money in account that can go towards improvements in Cowell (DH, outdoor spaces, outdoor furniture, etc)
  - Sarah reports that we will be hosting Assembly on May 24th in the CS dining hall, and volunteers from senate are needed.
- e. SFAC: Alice sent report via email due to scheduling conflicts: Rick reports that a new Cowell rep is needed., applications are being accepted and Alice should be contacted for further information.
- f. SUA/SOFA: Bryna reports that a resolution to reinstate Nandini (sp?) into the math department. Review over a candidate's eligibility to run decided on after an unverifiable

signature was submitted.

- Natan motions to add 2 mins; Jose seconds; passes by consensus
- Bryna calls for a straw poll on the senate's opinion on approving/disapproving Nandini's resolution regarding her employment status
- g. SCOC: Keshav reports the committee applications for open positions are open. Sister college event did not happen due to a scheduling conflict

**IX. Committees**

- a. Historian: Madison reports that there is nothing to report this week
- b. Library: Rick reported that the Cowell Provost & assistant met with the library committee to discuss improvements suggested for the Page Smith Library. 6000 for outlets, 6000 for new lighting, 5000 for new projector. 17000 total.
  - Rick reports that cowell college is being asked to fund the lighting, which costs 6500
  - Keshav motions to add 2 mins; Natan seconds; passed by consensus
  - Jose motions to add 2 mins; Keshav seconds; passes by consensus
  - Cowell College is being asked to fund the lighting improvements in the library, which includes the fixtures and more efficient bulbs
- c. Budget: Sarah passed out the sheet that breaks down Cowell Senate's projected budget for the 2017-2018 school year

**X. Final Business**

- a. Nima presented a funding request for the Senate Assembly event; Panda express is being ordered for attendees. \$915 out of senate programming is being requested.
- b. Nima motions to fund senate assembly out of senate programming - - -11-0-3
- c. Senate awards/dinner ideas: Madison suggests holding the event at the Provost's house again.

**Keshav Motions to adjourn meeting; Madison seconds; passes by consensus. Meeting adjourned 10:29pm**