

## Kresge Parliament – 11/3/11

Meeting Start: 6:32 Quorum: 14 Ice Breaker: Why are you proud to be a UCSC student?

**Guests** SUA - Amanda (Chair) DT (Diversity Commissioner) Shazam (Chief of Staff)

Amanda updated Parliament on the budget situation with SUA this year. Last summer, Amanda met with their fiscal staff member and was informed that the approved budget for this year was incorrect – over by \$60,000. She also learned there were no bylaws governing mid year amendments to the approved budget. She has been busy hiring a SUA Treasurer until this week but now she is onto this issue. In addition, Amanda wants to add a position - SUA Business Manager (this position is currently in the bylaws but hasn't been in effect for the last few years) She will request a line item in the budget for this additional expense. Officers have crafted a budget amendment with input from our own Justin R. and after visiting college student governments, an official budget will be approved and posted.

Q. What about cuts that haven't been made?

A. I feel that we have cut every line item that we can to maintain efficiency of SUA.

Q. What about parking permits? How does this relate to SUA efficiency?

A. SUA officers get a B permit, which allows them to run SUA errands. Only 4 officers received parking permits this year for a total of \$3500.

Q. Are these University vehicles or personal cars?

A. These are personal cars. The rental of University vehicles would add up to more \$.

Q. Other students are completely successful without parking permits. We spend so much on bus systems, many students ride bikes, many students walk- this might be an expenditure that could be cut.

A. This mobility adds to the efficiency of SUA, not only for errands but also for transportation of other people.

Amanda – This is not the right time for this discussion!

Q. Would you be interested in getting your own parking permit, instead of using SUA funds?

A. After four months in the job, I didn't account for such an expense. It would be more realistic with notice. We can talk about this during spring budget planning for next year.

Q. What about a C or even an R permit?

A. We can look into this.

Q. What is the situation with SCOC? What is its relation to the SUA budget?

A. SCOC has their own budget. SCOC is aided with the jobs/work of several members of SUA, so SUA is going to ask SCOC for partial funding for these staff expenses.

Amanda: Fiscal management and fiscal responsibility is very important to me. I have experience with budgets and was on finance-related committees last year. I want all of you to know this about me and be able to trust me. I will research how this budget mess happened last year.

Q. Where is the money for a SUA Business Manager coming from?

A. The budget needs to be re-tweaked for this and after conversations with Student Government groups, I will make my suggestions.

Q. Will this help with issues like the \$60,000 of overspending in the future?

A. The Business Manager will be important to make sure overspending is prevented and they can act as a political position (fundraising, etc) unlike the Treasurer.

Q. I would like to see an internal investigation for SUA.

A. I'm working on it. I want these questions to be answered as well.

Q. Instead of jumping with a new Business manager, Can we give the Treasurer time to see what can be done and his capabilities before spending more money?

A. Possibly but I envision the Business Manager doing fundraising for SUA – very important

Q. The changes being made to the current budget, how long will they be in effect?

A. Until spring, but the cuts could be kept depending on how the discussions go in spring for the next year.

Email questions to Amanda at: [chair.sua@gmail.com](mailto:chair.sua@gmail.com)

### **Budget Requests for next week**

USEU (Salvadoran Student Union) - \$300 – approved

## **Parliament Updates**

Franklin Williams, the Kresge Service Learning instructor is coming next week to talk about Community Service opportunities including the 1.5 Project.

CAO Mike Yamauchi Gleason wants to know our feedback regarding the meadow lighting. All the floods have been replaced

- Problem still with dark basketball court and it's dark by the triplets.

Last week Juan asked us about our ideas for making the meadow a more sociable location.

Ideas: human sized sundial in meadow, spinnable tic tac toe, an adult swing set incorporating the trees, tetherball, teeter totter, bocci ball, benches in a circle

\*Pam/Anna will do some research and Anna offered to write a letter to Mike and Juan for funding.

## **Outreach** Second Annual Sock drive for the St. Francis Soup Kitchen

- We will table Nov. 15 – 17 from 11-1 and 3-5 p.m. on Upper Stree.
- Sign up times will be sent out for members Request for phone numbers too
- K.C. the Owl and Foot stand requested to attract attention
- Lucas volunteered to create a new sock logo – last year – Got Socks?

## **Approval of minutes** Oct. 27th Justin motions, Anna 2nds 9 hoots, 5 abstentions - Approved

## **Report Backs**

**SCOC-** Lisa - met for the first time. They will be having a retreat on Saturday for 7 hours. Format has been changed for committee applications. People who apply may have to be interviewed SCOC is planning C-4 (quarterly banquet). Event is the evening of Nov 18<sup>th</sup>; everyone is invited – good food from Terra Fresca. SCOC will choose interim appointments to interview this Friday.

**Student Fee Advisory Committee-** Edward - meeting was cancelled morning after 10/31.

**SUGB-** Misha – SOAR Advisor Leo discussed whether or not they should close the SOAR building during Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Occupy Education event. The vote did not pass because members did not believe they would occupy buildings. SUGB will be holding event for Student Body; ideas from Parliament members are encouraged. Misha's idea was a campus wide capture-the-flag.

Parliament suggestions included: campus wide dodgeball tournament, West vs. East relay race, a college scavenger hunt, campus wide jousting event, online video competition

**Core Council-** Anna - still has not met yet. A meeting has being planned for mid November?

**SUA-** Justin, Doug, Reid - emergency session was held on Tuesday to confirm Treasurer and approval of SOFA bylaws. Proposal for SUA van instead of B permits for officers, SUA Operations Manager doesn't give 10% of her job to SCOC despite SUA's claims, Budget discussions ongoing including – new Business Manager position -Justin approves- Elections Commissioners positions should stay

**Lobby Core** - Doug - postcards were created for people to sign and turn in. One is for the federal budget that needs to be trimmed down. Another is for the state level that is being sent to Sacramento. Lobby Core is still visiting classes to announce this. To make sure cards aren't wasted, people are being told to turn them in signed or not signed so they can be redistributed. There are contests going on for whoever gets the most card signs. There is a prize \$50 will go to the college with the most signatures. Currently there are no other strategies other than the cards.

## **Announcements:**

Wednesday Nov 9, 7pm-8pm for Coffee and Conversation in the Owl's Nest – free coffee

Boardwalk Bowl, Saturday, Nov. 5 12-3p.m.. Money goes towards Breast Cancer Awareness.

Comedy Joust Friday Nov. 4 8-10 in the Town Hall – free

CoCKS – Sundays 6-8 p.m. in the Student Lounge

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.