

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

- a. *Ankit Vyas, President, calls meeting to order at 6:36PM*

II. Roll Call

- a. **Voting Present:** *Ankit Vyas, Lilian Fong, Jonathan Young, Biura Markarian, Michael Pierce, Diego Saldonid, Aidan Browleit, Maedha Begur, Snehith Maddula, Ryan Luong, Sarah Ardell, Melea Thomas, Marco Monroy, Annie Yuan*
- b. **Voting Absent (Excused):** *Shivani Patel, Adrian Rubio*
- c. **Voting Absent (Unexcused):**
- d. **Members Present:** *Marissa DeFalco, Aldrich Quijano, Vivian Pham, Gabby Davidson, Alex Ma, Monica Valdez, Mark Holton, Erika Sasaki, Eddy Lin, Zahabiya Nuruddin, Cindy Zhang, Aaron Rothleder, Jessica Zhi, Riley Zhang, Jacob Rivera, Nicholas Calkins, Katherine Lee, Sarah Lin, Christian Johnson, Punit Mehta, Raeek Rahman, Michael Chuang, Megan Von Duhn, Emily Goble, Jimmy Yu, Neal Bansal*
- e. **Members Absent (Excused):** *Jessica Tawn, Koushik Tuppil, Andrew Thai, Harit Patel, Natalie Koe, Lisa Ban, Nina Lundblad*
- f. **Members Absent (Unexcused):** *Bernice Leung, Tal Roded*

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. *Move to approve: Aldrich Quijano*
- b. *Seconds: Lilian Fong*
- c. *Objections: Move to add appointment of Marissa DeFalco as Warren Elections Manager under New Business item e: Jon Young*
- d. *Seconds: Lilian Fong*

IV. Approval of Minutes from 2/16/2016

- a. *Move to approve: Aldrich Quijano*
- b. *Seconds: Maedha Begur*
- c. *No objections: PBC*

V. Moment of Rowdiness

- a. *Lilian - best friend from bay area here to visit*
- b. *Monica - got everything finalized for the petting zoo*
- c. *Diego - NBA player Demarcus Cousins is going to play for the Pelicans*

VI. Public Input

VII. Special Presentations

- a. **MOU Regarding the Food Pantry – AS President Juarez**
 - i. *Each college council has given \$1k totalling \$6k*
 - ii. *Basic needs - food and housing insecurity and how it impacts students, health, physical, academics, well being overall*
 - 1. *No exact definition of food insecurity - different for everyone*
 - iii. *UC Undergraduate experience survey - office of president uses to target students*
 - iv. *41% food insecure undergraduates, 26% graduates*
 - v. *Food availability, access, use*
 - vi. *Hunger, malnutrition, undernutrition - could be for a week or consistently*
 - vii. *Food security - state of having access to nutritious and sufficient quantity of affordable food*
 - viii. *Food insecurity - the state of not having a reliable source of food that is nutritionally*

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- ix. balanced and sufficient
- ix. Mission and objective: combat food insecurity by providing relief; reliable space for students; no questions asked policy
- x. Been giving out meal vouchers
- xi. Meal prep sessions
- xii. Food demonstrations
- xiii. Care packages - completely free, don't add up points on the system
- xiv. Non perishable goods have point system, produce don't
- xv. Basic needs resource center - centralized location where students can get their basic needs met
- xvi. With expansion, looking for various things that can be incorporated
 - 1. Food storage space
 - 2. Donation drives
- xvii. Outreach from CalFresh - basically food stamps
- xviii. Hiring someone to speak to students one on one and direct students to the right resources, help with paperwork
- xix. These services are in need of funding
- xx. UC Global Food Initiative funding it now and next year but won't be renewed since services have been established
- xxi. Fundraising
 - 1. University will be doing outreach to get funding
- xxii. *Move to extend time by 10 minutes: Jon Young*
- xxiii. *Seconds: Lilian Fong*
- xxiv. *No objections: PBC*
- xxv. Chancellor and others have been talking about pantry and willing to support it
 - 1. Haven't given money commitment yet
- xxvi. A.S. funds \$12k
 - 1. Working on financial plan
 - 2. Looking to expand \$3-4k per college council
- xxvii. SFAC also involved, looking to get their support
- xxviii. 17% of visits at pantry are grad students
 - 1. Opening up conversation to see if they can fund
- xxix. Send questions/concerns: foodpantry@ucsd.edu
- xxx. Snehiith - \$3.3 million is original commitment
- xxxi. Aidan - there seems to be a misconception among people - think it's intended for anyone to get food there but if it's targeted towards food insecure students, understand vetting process but is there any way to get a public message out there about what the pantry is for?
 - 1. Pretty good about doing this, do tabling and give out info, if student is there for the first time, give brief history of the pantry and what its purpose is, education is there, doesn't think there is a problem with students misusing the service
- xxxii. Diego - amount of food was ~\$20 per week, what else is being done for students who need more?
 - 1. Other resources - calfresh, hoping basic needs coordinator will play a large role
 - 2. Mark - produce not counted in the \$20
- xxxiii. Mark - How might you offset the loss of money, cuts in spending? How are you budgeting?
 - 1. Multi year lock in with the budget, \$25-30k to stabilize

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2. Looking for administration - chancellor and VCSA, telling her to go talk to SFAC, been a campus wide support
 3. Been using \$50k from Global Food Initiative, trying to make that up in any way possible
- xxxiv. Emily - do you have a rough estimate of when funding from college councils wouldn't be necessary in the long term? She's concerned in using student fees directly for this program - responsibility of state and not a burden to put on students
1. Ideally student fees wouldn't go to this, but we're not there yet so that's the problem, fundraising efforts and donations, adding something with alumni, get university to take an active roll, pitch the idea to alumni, donors, etc, 3-5 years establish something solid and reduce it from student fees
- xxxv. Emily - how is basic needs coordinator being paid for? Where is the funding coming from for this resource?
1. 1/3 provost, 1/3 office of pre, 1/3 VCSA
 2. Still seeing if these will be kept, VCSA will, not sure about rest
- xxxvi. Marissa - how much of the Global Food Initiative is funding the more upstream projects? Like triton food pantry is the at the bottom; prevention would be the most cost effective way of addressing food insecurity issue
1. Lots of outreach work happening, education prior to coming to UC, no funding going to that right now, hoping entities do this work, done in programming in food pantry but hasn't been developed too much, still trying to establish services
 2. Marissa - concern with focusing on upstream things, won't help the larger issues
- xxxvii. Send questions/concerns to aspresident@ucsd.edu

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. New Business

- a. Council Member of the Week
 - i. Diego and Jessica T for hosting the sold out Harry Potter trip
- b. Kudos
 - i. Snehiith - to Jon for making it to 21 years
 - ii. Ankit - to Eddy for sending him acceptance letters from his own personal college
- c. Appointments
 - i. Warren Elections Manager - Marissa DeFalco
 1. Looking for older member of council who had experience and wasn't going to run in the elections
 2. 4th year, been on council for a long time, has been on Warren elections committee before, has sufficient experience, has read through bylaws
 3. Jon - why do you want this position?
 - a. It's really important to give Warren students as much info as they can on the people they're voting for; getting to know candidates or debates, have the experience to promote visibility with the election
 4. Marco - what is your inner color and why?
 - a. The color of the sky - because it changes throughout the day; kind of a morning person, changes with mood and circumstance
 5. Lilian - voter turnout is low among all colleges; how would you increase voter turnout and increase turnout in the amphitheater for getting to know candidate/debate

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- a. No pressure with no one running against you, candidates don't feel the need to reach out to constituents, make sure they're going to make the effort, putting more pressure on candidates and publicizing more, get a diverse group of students on council
- 6. *Move to appoint: Lilian Fong*
- 7. *Seconds: Aidan Browleit*
- 8. *No objections: PBC*

X. Open Forum

- a. RA ratio and Emergency Apartment Pilot – Alex Ma
 - i. Increase RA ratio from 110:1 and average 64:1 to goal of 50:1
 - ii. Under 61 residents in dorms and 71 in apartments, will throw in another RA
 - iii. Want to add 16 more RAs
 - iv. Increase student fees 8\$.27 per student per month
 - v. Will be voting on increasing RAs and models
 - vi. Number of residents has almost doubled in the last 10 years, but number of RAs has not changed
 - vii. Jon - ratio is current residents to RAs?
 - 1. Yes
 - viii. Michael - has there been feedback from RAs on if they think they should have a smaller amount of people they're in charge of?
 - 1. Some feel like they can't know each resident personally
 - ix. Maedha - amount of residents on campus decreasing?
 - 1. Kafele - still the same but number of students coming in decreasing
 - x. Mark - role of RA should be someone to go to but just someone else that lives on the floor, doesn't think it's necessary to add more
 - xi. Aldrich - when will the increase take effect?
 - 1. Next school year
 - xii. Nick - have they put out surveys for residents?
 - 1. Asked residents, some think they don't get to know their RAs enough
 - xiii. Jimmy - how would the increase in RAs displace students? They each get singles so how would it affect residents
 - 1. Learning commons designed 50:1
 - 2. Warren adding only 4 new RAs, trying to relocate
 - 3. Kafele - doesn't displace anyone
 - xiv. Marco - moved from off campus to village - never heard from any RA, what does an RA do?
 - 1. Village will be getting more staff for sure
 - 2. Basic administrative job - SAC, plan 5 events per quarter, village - feel like students don't need that much help there
 - xv. Snehiith - for the increase in fees, is it for all students or just residents?
 - 1. Just residents
 - xvi. Emily - does not see the need for more RAs, usually RAs complain that students don't come to their events, after moving off campus, realized HDH is charging too much
 - xvii. Lilian - is there any ways RAs are assessing what residents need? Is it something that are beneficial to residents?
 - 1. Res life sends out survey, sends it to residents
 - xviii. Kafele - programming is not the only thing they do; they deal with roommate issues, controlling the environment, Warren's staff is different

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- xix. Michael P - first years utilize RAs a lot more, not as much in apartments; is it an overall ratio problem or one bears more weight?
 - 1. Relocating RAs from apartments to res halls will help res halls but not apartments
 - 2. Higher ratio for apartments than res halls
- xx. Marissa - point of clarification: you can yield time to someone to speak if you're on the list
- xxi. Jon - is there a feasible way to increase RAs without increasing fees?
 - 1. No one has looked into it
- xxii. Jon - larger scale events are great; individual events can get reduced to allow for an increase in number of RAs, don't see the need to have these small scale events when no one shows up
- xxiii. Sarah A - lives with an RA, there's 10-15 who come to all her events and have only become friends because of these events
- xxiv. Marco - was there a survey sent out to residents?
 - 1. No, but this is essentially like a classroom to student ratio, larger the number of residents, harder to interact with each resident, RAs are the first people to respond to an emergency situation, if know residents personally, can notice changes in behavior and catch an issue
- xxv. *Move to extend time by 10 minutes: Jon Young*
- xxvi. *Seconds: Lilian Fong*
- xxvii. *No objections: PBC*
- xxviii. Bernice - students want this increase?
 - 1. Applicant pool increasing
- xxix. Mark - increase in fees, will everyone's fees go up or specific to residential area?
 - 1. Everyone living on campus
- xxx. Maedha - students on campus for the first time, RAs are the first point of contact, overwhelming
- xxxi. Emily - see the necessity for first years, with the size of our university, more students prioritize affordability of on campus housing, better to focus on reducing the costs and encourage students who have issues to reach out
- xxxii. Megan - not all first years are in the res halls; not black and white, need to keep balance
- xxxiii. Jon - doesn't seem that this is sustainable here, sets weird precedent that we'll have increased fees every year
- xxxiv. Aaron - goal 50:1 UC wide? Doesn't think throwing money is going to fix all the problems
 - 1. UC wide, decided 50:1 is best option, easily reachable goal
- xxxv. Straw Poll - should we have an increase in RAs?
 - 1. Yes - 15
 - 2. No - 17
 - 3. Abstain - 2
- xxxvi. Another issue being talked about - single and double bedroom apartment with one or 2 beds in living room for emergencies
- xxxvii. Straw poll - Good idea?
 - 1. Yes - 18
 - 2. No - 11
 - 3. Abstain- 6

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- a. Dean of Student Affairs: **Kafele Khalfani**
 - i. Free ticket for Saturday 10:30-1 Black History Month event, email him to go
 - ii. The Bearls - Paula Abdul will be coming to receive humanitarian award; she has changed his life so we need this event to be successful
 - 1. Nominate people! Nominate yourself, even people from other colleges
 - 2. Red carpet, media, swag bags
 - 3. Surprise if we get a good turnout
- b. President: **Ankit Vyas**
 - i. Sun God Kits - different choices posted on the Facebook page
 - 1. Ordering from A.S. and then we can pass them out as Warren Council
 - 2. Straw Poll - which package should we do?
 - a. Basic stuff - 0
 - b. Water and sunscreen packets - 21
 - c. Water pouch and lip balm - 7
 - d. All of the above - 4
 - 3. Straw Poll - How many kits to hand out?
 - a. Less than 200 - 0
 - b. 200 - 20
 - c. More than 200 - 13
 - ii. Posted sign up - Bear Garden next week each college council will have their own booth; please sign up on the Google form on the Facebook page
 - iii. All-college council mixer - sign up to go! We need more people
- c. Events Board Chair: **Diego Saldonid**
 - i. Due to lack of interest, not enough speakers for Warren Talks so it was cancelled
 - ii. Semi-formal tickets are on sale!
- d. Senators: **Maedha Begur and Snehith Maddula**
 - i. AVP Figueroa working with Perks to promote reusable beverage containers
 - ii. Promoting Art Initiative scholarships for permanent items for organizations
 - iii. Triton Dine
 - iv. ASPR Lemonade stand Feb 27th
 - v. Working with clothing drive with Monarch School
 - vi. Friday, March 3rd Tabling event in Marshall
 - vii. Working with BSU and Senator Eubank for overnight program & carnival; underprivileged students can experience campus life; April 6th
 - viii. Student Lobby Conference in Sacramento
 - ix. Triton Lobby Corps
 - x. Legislative Director for office
- e. Committees
 - i. Gabby - COWS Chair
 - 1. Friday March 3rd 2-5pm Warren's Day at the Game
- f. Members of Council
 - i. Jon - VP External
 - 1. External fair - orgs tabling, taco truck, purpose of event is to get information out to first and second years about external orgs
 - a. Thursday 2-5pm
 - 2. Two scholarships given by Warren
 - a. Due April 7th
 - b. Marketing and pushing for it soon with committee
 - ii. Zahabiya - SFAB Rep

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1. Triton engineering student council
 - a. Hackathon and engineering fair, booking spaces in RIMAC is hard and not transparent
 - b. Make some rules and organize everything for sports facilities so other non-sport orgs can use them
2. Men's volleyball D1 - big win against USC
- iii. Mark - SOVAC
 1. College democrats, republicans, and libertarians debate
- iv. Marissa - Warren elections manager
 1. Need a committee if you're not planning on running in the elections
 2. If you'd like to join, jobs will include publicizing for elections, posters, planning event for meet candidate, Facebook message her if interested
- v. Biura - Secretary
 1. Brian from the Undergraduate Investment Society (UIS) reached out about the Financial Horizons Conference and wanted me spread the information
 - a. He wants to help with marketing towards Warren students
 - b. Providing networking opportunities, the chance to earn extra credit, and the opportunity to learn more about careers in finance
 - c. He can send over marketing material if we're willing to help out
 - d. Necessity and cost of hotel rooms for some of our guests, a few speakers are in limbo
- g. Announcements
 - i. Gabby - Quidditch yogurt world fundraiser tomorrow
 - ii. Erika - Theta fundraiser for CASA to give money to adults who are volunteers who help foster children
 - iii. Marissa - filing for slates beings Monday; lots of things to do which she will tell us later

XII. Final Roll Call

- a. **Voting Present:** Ankit Vyas, Lilian Fong, Jonathan Young, Biura Markarian, Michael Pierce, Diego Saldonid, Aidan Browleit, Maedha Begur, Snehith Maddula, Ryan Luong, Sarah Ardell, Melea Thomas, Marco Monroy, Annie Yuan
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- f. **Members Absent (Unexcused):** Aaron Rothleder, Riley Zhang, Punit Mehta, Tal Roded

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Move to approve: Lilian Fong
- b. Seconds: Diego Saldonid
- c. No objections: PBC
- d. Ankit Vyas, President, adjourns meeting at 8:39 PM



- Thursday, February 23rd | 6:30PM
- Student Lounge, EBU-III Building
- Meeting #7
- Winter Quarter 2017, Week 7

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