CSS Minutes 1.25.16

Secretary: Lily

Members Present: Alexis, Ayke, Chase, Eliana, Brett, Lily, Jane, Julie, Quan, August, Tias, Sabina

Members Absent: Hunter, Sofiga

8:00 - Call to order (Alexis)

Announcements

● Wednesday, 1/27 @ 7:00 pm in Fireside -- Movie: Girl Rising
● Saturday, 1/30 -- C/M Family Day
● Tuesday, 2/2 -- New Orleans College Night

Internal Business

● Motion to approve previous meetings minutes (Alexis) approved by Julie, seconded by Sabina
● Motion to approve agenda (Alexis) approved by Julie, seconded by Brett

Presentation:

● CLASS Survey
  ○ It is an annual survey to learn more about the current situation on enrollment, any issues people have with it and any ways to fix that
  ○ Last year there were 1,486 participants
  ○ This year’s CLASS survey comes out tomorrow, 1/26 at 8 pm
  ○ This year’s goal is to reach 2000 participants to learn more about the
  ○ Sub-optimal enrollment
    ■ 1 in 3 students are enrolled in classes they are planning on dropping
    ■ 69% of students try to crash in classes they desire but did not get enrolled in
    ■ 59.6% of students are in all of the classes they desire
    ■ 14% of all students are unable to enter at least one class they require to graduate
      ● Only 1.9% of these students choose to take no class at all
  ○ Why are so many students stuck in a waitlist system?
    ■ Students waitlisted for a class may enroll in another class that they are less interested in, taking a spot from a student who may desire that class more
    ■ Students only exit by dropping a class or being dropped, making it difficult for students to move up on the waitlist
Not enough classes for the number of students

Why is our current system not keeping up?
- Outdated technology
- Students finding the technology confusing and not knowing how to navigate the site
- System crashes many times during peak enrollment hours

Graduation
- Only 60% of students believe they are on track to graduating on time (4 years after freshmen enter, 2 years after transfer students enter)

The road forward
- Increase class availability BUT no infrastructure, money or lecturers to achieve this in a short time
- 84.6% of students believe their education has been diminished by large class sizes and overcrowding
- The survey can be found at http://tinyurl.com/ucscclass16
- Any questions can be sent to Seamus Howard at suavpa@ucsc.edu
- The grand prize is an all day ride ticket for you and 3 friends at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

Funding Request ($4371.35)

- Hack UCSC ($400)
  - HACK UCSC is Santa Cruz’ only hackathon and is in its third year. A hackathon is a coding marathon where students build apps and websites over the weekend. Anyone can participate.
  - There is a registration fee of $25
  - This year we are welcoming 600 students in the College 9 MPR, along with engineers from Google, Amazon, Pebble and more
  - The money will go toward food, t-shirts and marketing costs. The hackathon hopes to be self-sufficient and any funds not used this year will be carried over to the next.

- Black & Yellow ($300)
  - Two part event: comedy show and reception at the College 9 MPR on Friday, Feb 19
  - The Black and Yellow Comedy Show, presented by Dis/Orient/ed Comedy Productions, is an evening of African American and Asian American stand up comedy and storytelling. Stand up comics confirmed to perform are Jenny Yang, D’Lo, Danielle Radford and Damion “King Uncle Dametime” LeVlas. We are partnering with Colleges 9 & 10 Programs, AARCC and Cantu Queer Center to present the event.
Free event, expecting a full house attendance of about 400 people for the show and 150 people for the reception

Super Bowl BBQ ($250)
- Watch the Super Bowl while enjoying some tasty bbq, along with other fun activities
- Feb 7th @ 2pm in the Crown/Merrill Community Room

Funding Discussions
- Hack UCSC ($400)
  - Motion to fully fund (Julie, second by August)
    - Motion to amend to fund $200 (Jane, second by Julie)
      - 7-2 (Motion passed)
    - 9-0 (Motion passed)
- Black & Yellow ($300)
  - Motion to fully fund (Julie, second by Ayke)
    - Motion to amend to fund $150 (August, second by Julie)
      - 7-2 (Motion passed)
    - 9-0 (Motion passed)
- Super Bowl BBQ ($250)
  - Motion to fund $300 (August, second by Julie)
    - Motion to amend to fund $200 (Lily, second by Sabina)
      - 9-0 (Motion passed)
    - 9-0 (Motion passed)

Representative Reports
- SUA
  - Fully funded Hack UCSC ($3500)
  - UCSC Bone Marrow Donor Registration event ($1350)
  - College 9 & 10 Garden Club ($4000)
  - Office of the Registrar might run a one-time “transcript fee” where incoming students pay a certain amount to be able to request unlimited transcripts.
- SUGB
  - The submitted referenda were returned with suggested edits
    - Made the referendum an amendment instead of a new fee to avoid RTA
    - SLF fee and OPERS fee will be separate amendments to the SLF fee -- one failing does not affect the other
    - OPERS chose to run at $30 so if both referenda pass, students will pay a total of $36.75, an increase from the original $30
- SCOC
Many committees that still need applicants; lots of empty seats that need filling

- Academic Senate/Student Academic Senate
  - CLASS presentation
  - Meetings are being rescheduled

- SFAC
  - Crown website proposal has been brought up

- Council of Chairs
  - Cross-senate mixer

- CSAC
  - Have any event ideas? Contact August Valera at avalera

**Funding Feedback**

- Professional Development Conference
  - ~20 people went and all enjoyed themselves

- Nintendo College Night
  - Great food, fun things to take away

**Other Business**

- Vice Secretary
  - Sabina is elected as vice secretary

- SLIF committee
  - This committee works to implement permanent improvements to the college

- T-shirt orders
  - Funding request for patches

- Winter Retreat
  - 3/6 (Week 10) -- Informal chill day

10:36 pm - Call to adjournment (Alexis), approved by acclamation

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**Quote of the Night**

“I'm a math major, so I think I can count pretty well”

-- BRETT