

**United Student Association  
Meeting Minute  
Tuesday May 29, 2012  
2:45pm-4:15pm (1.5hr)  
JMB 128**

Mission statement:

The United Student Association, USA, is the official student government of SSCC. This body consists of elected officers who represent student concerns to the college administration. As members of the United Student Association, we are committed to nurturing our community. We work together to create supportive environments on our campus that facilitate the fulfillment of student academic goals and encourage both self-development and community involvement.

Agenda Items:

1. **Call to Order:**

- a. President: Dante Obcena (Present)
- b. Vice President: Tysen Hillquist (Absent)
- c. Officers:
  - i. Community Services Officer – Jenny Nguyen (Present)
  - ii. Communication Officer – Vivian Nguyen (Present)
  - iii. Marketing Officer – Mawada Hamam (Present)
  - iv. Social Activities Officer – Po-Han Chen (Present)
  - v. Issues and Concern Officer – Kosal Sieng (Present)
  - vi. Treasurer – My Linh Hoang (Present)
- d. Advisor: Monica Lundberg (Present)
- e. Guests: the in-coming USA team

2. **Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes:**

\_ Jenny made the motion to approve the last week meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

\_ Jenny made the motion to approve this week meeting agenda as corrected. Tony seconded it. Agenda approved.

3. **Reminders:**

i. **Upcoming events:**

- \_ Student Life Staff Recognition Day, Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm
- \_ All Hourly Staff Luncheon, Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>
- \_ Higher One Forum Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 1-2pm CC120

4. **Discussion Items:**

- i. **Higher One Forum: Tactics to help marketing for the event: marketing schedule, putting up flyers, sandwich boards, double check on the email blast, class announcements,**
- ii. **Marketing Day: My Linh: 10am-12pm, Kosal: 1-2pm, Oshjseane: 12-1pm, Jenny: 1-2pm, Nhung: 10-10:30am, Mai: 1-2pm,**

iii. **Outing with the new team: ask for shelter,**

5. **Verbal Reports:**

**a. President – Dante Obcena:**

- i. Friday Outing/Shadowing: location of the shadowing dinner: Tysen's house.

**b. Vice President and Legislative Liaison: Tysen Hillquist**

- i. (Blank)

**a. Issues and Concern Officer – Kosal Sieng**

- i. College Council Report: the committee wants to push the smoke free campus issue through– collect data to proceed further. Kosal wants to conduct a survey on the whole campus, and asks for the USA team to help. Other issues discussed include: full time tenure, key return, etc.
- ii. Meeting postponed: Tony,

**d. Treasurer – My Linh Hoang:**

- i. Budget Appeal: The USA team voted not to appeal to S&A Fee Board regarding budget allocation.

**e. Marketing Officer – Mawada Hamam:**

- i. Collecting the photos and flyers of USA events:

**f. Communications Officer – Vivian Nguyen:**

- i. Election Report: send the election report to Monica.

**g. Social Activities Officer – Po-Han Chen:**

- i.

**h. Community Service Officer – Jenny Nguyen:**

- i. The USA Recognition Day: list of students who would present the trophies to the faculty tomorrow.
- ii. S&A: Tony is going to serve in the S&A with another student from USA

**i. Advisor Monica Lundberg:**

- vii. Group pictures
- viii. Updated Roster
- ix. Agenda for Friday meeting

1. **New Business:**

Meeting adjourned at:

Submitted By USA Communications Officer – Vivian Nguyen

**Committees Assignments:**

- \_ Dante Obcena (President) – College Council
- \_ Tysen Hillquist (Vice President) – College Dismissal Hearing Committee
- \_ Jenny Nguyen (Community Services Officer) – Global District Council & Homeless Student Committee
- \_ Vivian Nguyen (Communications Officer) – Global District Council
- \_ Mawada Hamam (Marketing Officer) – Safety Committee
- \_ Po-Han Chen (Social Activities Officer) –  
& Bias Incident Response and Support Team
- \_ My Linh Hoang (Treasurer) – UT Fee Committee

**United Student Association 2011-12 Goals**

1. To continue advocating for students with basic needs through:

-EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer Card Program – public assistance for food) for campus use

**Setup meeting with VP Kurt Butleman – Dante**

-Student transportation issues (King County Bus service & student bus pass); parking lot issues

**Petition online:**

**\_ With Jason G.**

**\_ Flood of emails to KC (Tysen)**

**Orca bus pass**

**\_ Broadcast to students**

**\_ Why 200\$/quarter**

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2. To foster a college climate of academic success by advocating for:

- **The new Cafeteria study space**

**Check the hours for the Cafeteria**

**Gather data on what can be improved (printer?)**

- **Student-to-student peer mentoring program (peer navigator)**

**Check what is available on campus**

- **Materials which describe student support assistance (computer lab, tutor hours)**

**Monica has the template, find out winter schedule, etc. from different departments, Tysen volunteers to create the handouts**

3. To increase student engagement with campus events and civic duties

-**Monitor and increase class attendance at SL & DR campus events with faculty partnerships & recognize faculty participation (EduAction)**

**Class announcement**

- **Recognize volunteer service (initiate President's Volunteer Service Award)**

**Medals, etc.**

**Recognition date in spring quarter**

-**Increase participation in student government activities, including student Government elections**

**Start early in winter quarter, offer at least two mandatory orientations**

-**Increase participation in legislative and civic causes (voter registration, local and national election)**

**College Civic Summit Workshop (Jan. 27)**

**Feb.1st Rally**

4. To assure the inclusion of all student populations in data gathering & USA programming efforts

- **Advocate for data collection for LGBTQ students on state-wide cc application**

**Feb. Appeal to WSSSC**

-**Outreach to underserved student groups (evening, weekend, online student, high school)**

**Mawada– High school (SOAR)**

**Dante – Evening**

## Tysen – Weekends

5. To create a self-supportive, student-led sustainability fund to promote green projects at the college

Need updates

## COMMITTEE TIMELINE

<b>Winter Quarter</b>	<b>January 3 – March 21, 2012</b>
January 3	First USA Meeting
January 4, 5, 6	Committee Meetings (Constitution/By-laws, Budget, Election)
January 6, 7	Team Building and Meetings
<b>January 4 – February 28</b>	<b>Weekly Committee Meetings</b>
January 17	Draft Constitution Review by USA
January 24	<b>Constitution Finalized by USA</b>
January 31	By-laws Review by USA (promote to student body to attend)
February 7	<b>Bylaws Finalized by USA</b> ; Budget Review by USA (promote to student body to attend)
February 14	<b>Budget Finalized by USA</b>
February 28	<b>Election Packet Finalized</b>
Feb	S&A Annual Budget Allocation Process Paperwork Available
February 28	S& A Fee Board Annual Budget Allocation Process Paperwork Due Electronically to <a href="mailto:chjohnson@sccd.ctc.edu">chjohnson@sccd.ctc.edu</a>
<b>Spring Quarter 2012</b>	<b>April 2 – June 15, 2012</b>
April 2 – April 20	USA Applications Available (Candidate Information Meetings TBD)
TBD	S& A Fee Board Budget Hearings (Open to the Campus Community)

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April 19 – April 20	Students of Color Conference
TBD	USA Campaigning
TBD	USA Elections
TBD	Elections Finalized
TBD	Shadowing with new members

