Present: Alice Malmberg, Aaron Manzano, Gina Tu, Sabina Wildman, Suini Torres, John Steele, Chandler Moeller, Lucy Rojas, Cathy Thomas, Ben Leeds Carson, Amanda Kazden, Kiryl Karpiuk, Mario Gonzalez.

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes/Announcements
   a. Agenda: Gina makes a motion to approve the agenda. Ben seconds the motion. Motion carries.
   b. Minutes: Gina motions to amend the minutes as follows: in the announcement section, correct the sponsor of the forum to academic senate, not Rachel Carson College. John motions to amend section 3.6.8. change “per quarter” to “per month”. Aaron seconds the motions. Motion carries.
      i. Gina motions to approve the minutes. Joint second by Sabina and John. Motion carries.
   c. Announcements
      i. Carson, Oakes, Porter and Kresge Senates are having West Fest next weekend.
      ii. John announces that the projections for the food drive are 147,000 meals raised.
      iii. Alice acknowledges Mario for setting up the SFAC Google folder.
      iv. Alice will be missing next week’s meeting; Chandler will facilitate.
      v. Alice shares that this Sunday, 12-2pm, Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery, Cowell Provost and visiting artist will be leading an activity to create paper cranes. Cranes will be taken to Japan. Please stop by.

2. Measure 8 Amendment – Increase to Student Government Fee
   a. Alice calls for a straw poll.
      i. In support: 2
      ii. Not in support: 2
      iii. SFAC abstain from supporting or not supporting: 7
   b. Alice suggests that based on the straw poll, that the committee abstain from taking an opinion. Sylvia shares she is supportive of doing this. Ben states that he would like to hear more, especially from student representatives.
   c. Aaron shares that Stevenson Council were in support of programs such as the Legacy project and the food pantry; the issue was brought up that SUA should focus on spending its entire budget and manage its funds more effective.
   d. Gina shares that in her space, similarly to Stevenson, they loved the pantry and the Legacy project. Her college government did take issues with the stipend increases. Also, it goes against a goal of the SUA which is to encourage participation. Stipends for assembly members make it an exclusive space. Will other members of the space wonder why they are not receiving stipends.
   e. Suini states that she has been part of SUA for two years and there have been ongoing conversations about the SUA needing to increase the student government fee.
   f. Sabina shares that people at Crown were worried regarding whether this is fiscally responsible. This would create a whole lot of money that may not be spent. If there was a fee increase proposed, it could be smaller and leave out the stipends and pay increase.
   g. Sylvia shares that her space was concerned about accountability for the funds.
   h. Alice reminds the group that the role of SFAC is to create a formal opinion on the ballot statement, but we are not part of the official sponsorship process.
   i. Alice asks if there is any more discussion?
   j. Alice asks what would be our opinion?
i. Lack of consensus
ii. Concern about the clarity of the budget.
iii. Gina says that we support the food pantry and Legacy project, yet we didn’t reach agreement about pay increase for the officers and stipends for the interns and representatives. Sylvia adds that there is concern about the accountability of funds.

k. The group discusses, writes and edits a statement. Final statement:
   i. While SFAC is enthusiastic about the food pantry and Legacy Project, it could not reach consensus on salary allocations and stipends for officers, interns, and representatives.
   ii. Gina motions to abstain on Measure 8 increase based on the statement above. Ben seconds the motion. Yes – 11. 0-No. 0-Abstention.

3. Funding Proposal Review
   a. Alice asks Mario to review the funding proposal evaluation scores and the zero list. The zero list reflects any proposals that either received an overall zero score by at least one committee member, and the number of committee members who said they don’t want to commit any funds to a proposal.
   b. John suggests that there are many proposals that scored well that are on the zero list, that should be reviewed.
   c. Discussion regarding strategies for prioritizing.
   d. Alice summarizes that just because something is on the zero list, doesn’t meet that it won’t be discussed and considered.
   e. Gina suggests that we look at the proposals that received the most zeros.
   f. Ben suggests that we not weight the zeros so significantly; that we look at standard deviation as a place to begin conversation.
   g. Alice suggests that we begin from the lowest scored proposal in terms of discussion. Gina suggests that if we begin at the top, the bottom scoring proposals probably won’t get any funding.
   h. John asks if the first time through, can we discuss the merits of the proposals, and a second time through we can earmark funding allocations.
   i. Proposal Discussion
      i. #47: Outdoor workout replacement equipment
         1. The equipment seems to be in good shape. Perhaps the wood chips need to be replaced?
         2. Alice adds that there didn’t seem to be a lot of thought put into the proposal. Amanda mentions that there was no mention of safety; she could see making an investment if it were a safety issue.
         3. Chandler wonders if this is an effort to address overcrowding inside the gym?
         4. Aaron asks do we consider the merit of the proposal, or the merit of the program that is being proposed. Kiryl says that we should do both.
         5. Chandler motions to not fund this proposal. Second by Aaron. Result of Vote: 10-Yes. 0-No. 1-Abstentions
      ii. #46: Fund art supplies for prisons
         1. Sylvia says that this is a small amount and we could fund.
         2. Aaron comments that this proposal is more for the community and there is no impact on the school. Ben responds that positive impact to the community is important. Cathy agrees that building good will with the community is important.
         3. John agrees with Aaron that this is not the right funding body for this project.
iii. Ben makes a procedural motion. Ben suggests that we discuss each proposal for no more than five minutes, and at the end of a short period of time, if we have not moved to strike the proposal, we keep the proposal on the list for consideration. Kiryl seconds the motion. John proposes a friendly amendment, that we do a straw poll first and then move to Ben’s proposed process. Ben accepts the amendment. Yes – 11. No-0. Abstention-0.

iv. Dear World: Straw poll opposed: 5-Yes. 0-No. 5-Abstention. Discussion: Kiryl states that when this group came to SUA and College 9, it was a unanimous vote “no.” $13,000 is too high. Sylvia states that Kresge was in agreement; we could have an internal organization do something like this. Ben motions to strike. Chandler seconds. Vote: 10-Yes. 0-No. Abstention-0.

v. Scientific Slug Magazine printing. Straw poll response: advance this proposal to discussion. Sylvia says that the two magazines on the proposal list fill different needs. Aaron agrees; he is supportive. Cathy is supportive, but would like to see something like this in an online format. Alice proposes that we maintain this on the list for review. There is consensus.

4. Adjournment
   a. Sylvia moves to adjourn. Aaron seconds the motion. Motion carries.