

MINUTES

FINANCE BOARD

January 8, 2007
Flying A Room
University Center
4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m by Nicholas Szamet.

ROLL CALL

Present: Scarlet Chan
Jaclyn Feldstein
Jared Goldschen
Kyle Hetman
Corey Huber
Raymond Meza
Harold Myer
Samantha Nevels
Cecilia Perez
Jacqueline Pham
Margaret Pike
Jose Raygoza
Joel Rodriguez-Flores
Jason "J.P." Slauenwhite
Nicholas Szamet

Absent: Art Avita
Jaclyn Feldstein
Chaz Whatley
Brent Wisener

Advisor: Aaron Jones
Brian O'Donnell

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

Nick – I would like to entertain a motion to excuse Brent and for Joel Rodriguez-Flores to proxy for Chaz.

MC Motion to excuse absences and proxies. (Raymond)(Scarlet)
MCC Motion passed by consent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nicholas– Budget packets are due on Wednesday.

ADVISORS' REPORT – Aaron Jones, Brian O'Donnell

Aaron – none.

Brian – Finance Board members are required to be liaisons to the student organizations that come to request funding. Currently, Nick is the liaison to most orgs, but should only be liaison to the BCC's.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MC Motion to accept the agenda. (Samantha)(Corey)
MCC Motion passed by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES AND CORRECTION

MC Motion to accept the minutes of January 22, 2007
MCC Motion passed by consent. (Samantha)(Raymond)

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Requests:

1. Vietnamese Student Association - \$693.50

Terry Giang – I am the advisor for the organization. Our association is having a Lunar New Year Festival in the Multicultural Center Lounge on February 15. Most of our budget focuses on the decorations. The event is much like Christmas.

2. Sigma Chi Omega - \$2,475.00

Efrain Michel – I'm the secretary of Sigma Chi Omega. We hold a multicultural event every year in Campbell Hall. We get a bunch of music groups and dance groups. We have this event mainly for on-campus residents. The money we are asking you to allocate is for flyers. We always have excellent turn out every year. We try really hard to promote multicultural awareness. Many of our requests from other organizations are still pending as you can see.

Scarlet – Have you contact Program Board for the media equipment?

Efrain – No.

3. Zeta Phi Rho - \$1,640.00

Moiz Ali – I'm here to ask for your help on the prizes that we have for our annual poker tournament. All the profit we make from this event will be donated to a charity.

Aaron – Are you aware of AS limitation on prizes?

Moiz – No.

Aaron – We can't fund you for prizes.

Moiz – We then ask for your help mainly on the publicity and tickets and ticket seller cost.

4. Students Against Genocide - \$2,000.00

Michelle Langer – We plan to hold an awareness event, which will take up the entire week of February 12. We have a movie shown on the Tuesday. The admission is free. We have traveling photo exhibit for the rest of the week. We also have a speaker to educate us on Sudan’s Civil War. On Thursday, we will have a table in the Arbor so people can come and write to Congress. What we earn from selling t-shirts will go towards our contribution.

5. Asha-SB - \$800.00

Jonathan – We’re organizing a musical event. We’ll have many artists coming to our event from San Diego, Irvine and a few other places.

Nicholas – So the cost for the artist is \$300?

Jonathan – Yes

Nicholas – And you’re asking us to help you on the performance contract, publicity, and equipment and personnel?

Jonathan - Yes

6. Armenian Student Association - \$3,000.00

? – We are having a charity concert in the hub. We will have six rock bands at the event. We plan to give all the profit to an orphanage in Armenia. We’d like to cover the hotel costs for the bands and also their gas. We also plan to ask Program Board for equipment.

7. LISO - \$6,700.00

Bahar Koymen – LISO is a graduate student organization. We’re organizing a conference with UCLA, which takes place at UCSB every other year. Though this organization is a graduate student organization, there are also many undergraduate students. We ask for your help on mostly the Saturday dinner.

Scarlet – Who are the speakers?

Bahar – One from University of Arizona, one from UCSB and two other speakers.

Samantha – Who are eligible to come to the event?

Bahar – Anyone can attend.

Samantha – Is there any admission fee?

Bahar – We hope we don’t have to charge the people admission fee. However, it depends on how much help we get.

8. BSU - \$6,318.00

Brandon Penn – BSU brings underrepresented students who plan to attend college to visit UCSB. We’ve contacted nine high school principals to choose seven students from each school to come to our campus. We have a chaperone from each school. We also give them workshops on how to write personal statements, preparing for SATs and A-G requirements. Since BSU is under a separate umbrella, we do not have much money in our account. The most expensive item on the budget list is transportation. We bring students here and bring them home.

Raymond – I think this is a great event.

Brandon – We also have the students staying in the residence halls so we can provide a safe environment for them.

Scarlet – What areas of the state are you targeting when you choose schools to participate in this program?

Brandon – Long Beach, Los Angeles, and other areas in Southern California.

9. Health Professionals Association - \$2,449.00

Sam Galle – We are organizing our annual conference this Saturday. On the day of the conference, we are bringing people from the admission office from UC Davis and medical professionals, and also medical students. We will also be catering lunch for everyone. We are trying to open this event to more UCSB students; that's why we try to make this event bigger than the ones' we have had in the past.

Kella – In the past we haven't done much of marketing, so this time we would like to bring in more students.

Scarlet – Is the money you're asking for going to speakers' cost?

Sam – No

Nicholas – Can you clarify what parts of your budget you're asking us to fund?

Sam – Facility Deposit, Food, Advertisement in the Daily Nexus and hotel for the speakers.

Allocations:

1. Vietnamese Student Association

MC Motion to allocate \$693.50 (Raymond)(Corey)

2. Sigma Chi Omega

MC Motion to allocate \$2,475 (Joel)(Samantha)

Scarlet – I think we should make sure that they ask Program Board.

MC Friendly amendment to subtract \$650 for media equipment, and, however, the group can come back and ask for an allocation if Program Board will not cover the equipment cost (Raymond)(Scarlet)
MCC Motion passed by consent

Jaclyn – The student groups should consider announcing their events on KCSB.

3. Zeta Phi Rho

Corey – We should take into account that they are getting help from the UCen for \$300.

MC Motion to allocate \$600 and the student group can return to ask for an additional funding if the UCen will not allocate \$300 to the group (Raymond)(JP)
MCC Motion passed by consent

4. Students Against Genocide

MC Motion to allocate \$2,000 (Scarlet)(Jaclyn)

Brian – We should amend to exclude t-shirts.

Jared – Are the t-shirts being sold or given out for free?

Michelle – They will be sold, and all of the profits will be donated.

MCC Motion passed by consent

5. Asha-SB

MC Motion to allocate \$1,150 for performance contract and publicity (Raymond)(Scarlet)
MCC Motion passed by consent

6. Armenian Student Association

MC Motion to allocate \$1,850 and the group can return to ask for an additional allocation (Scarlet)(Samantha)
MCC Motion passed by consent

7. LISO

MC Motion to allocate \$1,150 for publicity (Raymond)(Maggie)

Jared – Raymond, can you explain why we're giving less than they request?

Raymond – I'm not sure if we can pay for the honoraria. We cannot pay for airfare and the hotel. The request for food can only be \$500. And because of the \$500 cap on food, we cannot fund the dinner entirely either.

MC Friendly amendment to allocate \$1,600 for honoraria (JP)(Scarlet)
MCC Motion passed by consent

8. BSU

MC Motion to allocate \$6,318. (Raymond)(Jared)

MC Motion to make an exception for allocating money on the transportation and exceeding food cap.

MCP Unanimous vote
MCC Motion passed by consent

9. Health Professionals Association

MC Motion to allocate \$2,449. (Scarlet)

MC Friendly amendment to only allocate \$500 on food and not on the gifts for the speakers.
MCC Motion passed by consent

ACTION ITEMS

1. Honoraria Reallocation - \$44,000

MC Motion to remove \$17,000 from the honoraria fund back to AS fund. (Raymond)(Samantha)
MCC Motion passed by consent

2. Reevaluation of Subcommittees for SIOP

Nicholas – I have talked to Vivian of Multicultural Center about giving the money to SIOP and have a Finance Board representative at their meetings so we can still have our voice in the process. However, at the same time, what we could do is still proceed with the subcommittees we have formed and also create an internal lock-in for the coming year. The money then should go to SIOP for next year.

Raymond – The state legislature would like to know how SIOP spends its money and the outcome of the spending to make sure that SIOP is effective.

Nicholas – When is the internal lock-in starting to effect?

Raymond – This budgeting process.

Nicholas – It'll be effective next year

Jared – Are you saying that this year we will still operate the subcommittees that we created and we change our plan for next year?

Nicholas – Next year we will still have student traveling and cultural week committees. And, the money will go directly to SIOP and we will have representations on that committee.

Jared – If they already have processes set, then the subcommittee is unnecessary

Jaclyn – I agree with Jared. We could ask them to send us their minutes so we can see how they allocate money.

Joel – The committees that I have seen so far are mostly composed of faculty. I believe there should be more students on the committees since the money they are spending are from students. I think we should wait on changing.

Nicholas – I hope that this subcommittee will be composed of representatives from student groups and some finance board members.

Aaron – SIOP is in need of student representations. Just keep in mind that you just allocated over \$6,000 for outreach during this meeting. You are already doing the work.

Jared – Then we should have the subcommittees.

3. Subcommittee Documents

Nicholas – I would like to know if anyone on Finance Board would like to be a chair of any of these subcommittees. Finance Board will be checking on their minutes.

JP – Do you have times for the meetings that these subcommittees have?

Nicholas – No.

Raymond – When the internal lock-in takes affect, this is just a guarantee that the money will be there.

Nicholas – Subcommittees can always request more money if they run out of it.

Scarlet – Do you mean that when a student requests funds to cover traveling costs, they still have to come to Finance Board meeting for our approval?

Nicholas – Then it would be pointless to have subcommittees.

Jared – Today's meeting didn't take long though we have all of the three kinds of requests from the student groups.

Nicholas – Then we should put aside these subcommittees.

Raymond – I think there are so many checkpoints when a student or a group comes to request for a travel expense.

Nicholas – We will set these subcommittees aside.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Buranee Sliff

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Corey – Kevin is my roommate. He's easy to get along with.

Samantha – He's been interviewed.

Jared – I'd like to start a spirit committee. We'll have a single entity composed of cheerleaders

Raymond – We should see their performance before we constitutionalize the committee.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Nicholas Szamet

Do your office hours, if not, you will not receive honoraria.

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT – Raymond Meza

Do your office hours. I'm on the honoraria committee.

REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MC Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Corey)(JP)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m by Nicholas Szamet.