

M I N U T E S

FINANCE BOARD

January 22, 2007
Flying A Room
University Center
4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m by Nocholas Szamet.

ROLL CALL

Present: Scarlet Chan
Jaclyn Feldstein
Jared Goldschen
Kyle Hetman
Corey Huber
Raymond Meza
Harold Myer
Samantha Nevel
Cecilia Perez
Jacqueline Pham
Margaret Pike
Jose Raygoza
Joel Rodriquez-Flores
Jason "J.P." Slauenwhite
Chaz Whatley
Brent Wisener

Absent: Art Avita

Advisor: Aaron Jones
Brian O'Donnell

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES

MC Motion to excuse Art for being absent and accept Jose as a proxy. (Raymond)(Harold)
MCC Motion passed by consent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Samantha – Recruitment Fair is tomorrow, 12 –2. You should all come by to help answering people's questions.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MC Motion to accept the agenda.
MCC Motion passed by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES AND CORRECTION

MC Motion to accept the minute (Samantha) (Raymond)
MCC Motion passed by consent

OLD BUSINESS

Staff Development – 26,000

Cindy Lopez– We have a professional development committee, which is made up of Marilyn, Denise, Ted and ?. Many of AS staff have gone to some professional development programs. They have management skills and financial skills programs. People from all over the UC's will be attending this. What I'm asking from you is allocation to cover the traveling expenses. This will benefit anyone who is involved in the university's financial branch. The conference this year will be in Orlando, Florida. The cost will cover the airfares and hotel accommodations for the committee.

Scarlet – How long and where is this conference?

Cindy – The conference is in Orlando, Florida. The money we're asking for will cover air flights and hotel rooms. Everyone shares hotel rooms, except Denise. We join NASTPA so we don't have to pay as much.

Motion to allocate \$26,000 to the professional development committee to travel to NASTPA (Nick)(Samantha)
Motion passed by consent

NEW BUSINESS

Requests:

1. Independent Academic Travel Grants-

Nick – We should set aside \$25,000 for Independent Academic Travel Grants since we did not have it approved last meeting

2. Delta Sigma Theta

Busola Oltunubi – We're Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a non-profit organization. We're having our 6th annual Jabberwock Talent Showcase on January 25, 2007. It is going to be a showcase, and we give out prizes for first place, second place, and third place. We also plan to get a special guest from O.F.C.

Aaron – What is O.F.C?

Busola – It's a rap singing group.

Nick – Are u asking us for funds for your prizes?

Busola– Yes.

? – We can't fund you on that one. So we're going to take out \$600.

Chaz – Have you asked program to help you on media equipment?

? – We're looking for someone to give us a cheaper price.

Chaz – Program board gives a group \$150 on requested equipments and the group has to pay the rest of the expenses.

Cecilia – What are the posters and fliers for?

Busola– We have tryouts, and we're putting posters and fliers throughout the campus to let people know about them. The fliers will be about upcoming events that we have in the future.

3. American Students for Israel

Alan Levine - We're expecting to have a speaker to give us a lecture on the terrorism. This event will also educate us about the situation in middle east.

Raymond – About the \$2,000, was there anything in particular that you want us to fund?

Alan– We ask for the speaker's fee.

Brian – You should ask the Program Board about equipments.

Brent – Is there any admission fee on attending this event?

Alan – No.

Samantha – How will people get to attend this event?

Alan – It's first come, first serve.

4. UCSB Dance Team

Lindsey Dupriest – I'm representing UCSB Dance Team. Every year we compete nationally. Last year we brought back forth place. We constantly practice to be ready. Our group does not get funded on any costumes and expenses, which are available to other schools. This is to our disadvantage. We usually try to have fundraising every year. We're here to ask for help us to pay for our travel expenses to go to the competition this year.

Chaz: Doesn't the group get funded by Athletics?

Lindsey – We get zero funding from the school. We usually get some money from Athletics, but this year we don't get any from them.

Chaz: Isn't the group part of Athletics?

Lindsey – We're not the part of athletics because they consider us as a student group.

Raymond – Have you applied for the \$250 yet?

Lindsey – Yes.

Samantha – Are you asking for full \$3,770?

Lindsey – Yes.

Jared: How many girls on the team?

Lindsey –14 girls.

Aaron: There is a prohibition on funding costumes.

5. Chinese Students & Scholars Association

Chunkai Gao – We're going to host an event for Chinese New Year. We're going to have various Chinese traditional performances and music.

Nick – As it says here, what do you mean by "personal car"?

Chunkai – We have our own car to travel, so we're asking money for gas to travel to Los Angeles.

Scarlet: Don't you have to pay for the performers?

Chunkai: Most of the performers are students from UCSB.

6. Iarona Te Otea

Eileen Becker– We plan to have a Hub Dance on February 9, 2007. We're doing this to raise money we will use to put on a charity event in spring.

Nick – Are you organizing this event to raise funds for your own group?

Eileen – We're doing this so we will have some money to host the fundraising event in winter.

Nick – That's a grey area since we're not allowed to fund raising events for a student group to raise funds for themselves.

7. Office of Student Advocates

Natalie: Office of the Student Advocate is putting on a week long event called Hate Crime Awareness Week between February 26 to 28. We are going to have catering on Monday. We're going to have t-shirts and buttons. We're going to have a guest appearance. (People who wear the t-shirts and get into the concerts.) We're going to ask Program Board for the security and the movie shown at the event.

Samantha – Do you have a back-up plan for the location in case the weather is not favorable on any day of the event?

Natalie – I do not have a back-up plan on that. We just hope for a good weather day.

Corey – Are u going to advertise only on campus or off campus also?

Natalie – Definitely, we will be passing out fliers off campus, too.

8. Phi Sigma Kappa

? – On March 1, we are going to have our Annual Poker Tournament and the profits will go to Benefit the Special Olympics. We ask you to fund us advertising, food, drink, cards and chips.

Nick – Are you going to reuse the card/chips?

? – Yes.

Nick – That leaves it to the board to discuss.

? – Every year we are short of chips in the middle of the tournament, and we have to keep go out and buying them in the middle of the event. I think it would be nice if we prepare in the beginning of the event to have enough chips.

Cecilia – Do you remember how much you've got from other organizations?

? – Honestly, we do not know the exact amount yet.

Maggie – How was the turnout from previous year?

? – We had about 150 people show up. This year we expect around 200 people to show up.

Corey – How much do you guys donate last year?
- \$2,800

Allocations:

1. Independent Academic Travel Grants

Raymond – We should have a definition of this grant.

Nick: Definitely. These grants will be for any development program that someone wants to go to, so that person can come back and benefit our campus. I just came up with a broad name for now. We can change to a suitable name in the future.

Chaz: How are we going to make the case of Dance Team to fit in this category?

Nick: That doesn't have to fit in this category now.

MC Motion to set aside \$25,000 for Independent Academic Travel Grants (Raymond)

JP – Are there going to be subcommittees for this?

Nick – Yes.

MCC Motion passed by consent

2. Phi Sigma Kappa

MC Motion to allocate \$2600. (Samantha)(Chaz)

JP – Are they requesting for prizes?

Raymond – No.

MCC Motion passed by consent.

3. Delta Sigma Theta

MC Motion to allocate \$1550. (Chaz)(Raymond)

Samantha – I have a question on the part that Program Board might help them out on the equipments.

Chaz amends to require them to return up to \$300 if the Program Board supports them on the media equipment.

MCC Motion passed by consent

4. American Students for Israel

Samantha – We have already given them money this year.

Raymond – Though it was for a different event.

Nick – That brings up a question whether we should give money based on the number of events they put on or the amount of money we have given them.

JP – Some groups are more active than others. We should support groups to make their events happen.

Samantha – I think it depends on how big the amount they ask for. In this case, I would say yes since this is not a big amount of money.

Raymond – If we don't spend all of the money we have available, it's going to be put in a suspense account for two years.

Corey – agree with JP

MC Motion to allocate \$2000. (Joel)

MCC Motion passed by consent

5. UCSB Dance team

MC Motion to allocate the full amount and to make a one-time exception till a committee is made. (Scarlet)

Raymond – There have been several occasions that student groups ask the board to fund traveling expenses. There are exceptions we can make, but I think this should be discussed.

Chaz – How often can we make exceptions?

Aaron – once per year per organization the board can make exceptions to your policies which has to be voted on.

JP – Last quarter we did not have any money so we didn't make any exceptions.

Samantha – We should suggest people look for cheaper hotels when they ask for hotel fees.

MC Motion to grant the one-time exception to the UCSB Dance Team. (Raymond)

MCP Motion passed by a 15-0-0 vote.

MC Motion to fund in full \$3,770 (Scarlet)(JP)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

6. Chinese Students & Scholars Association

Raymond – Make sure you notice that the request for food is \$600, but our cap on food is \$500.

MC Motion to allocate \$1675 excluding travel expenses and costumes and lowering the food expense to \$500 (Samantha)(JP)

7. Iarona Te Otea

Samantha – They should use the security service from Program Board instead of from CSO since it might be cheaper

Chaz – Some events might be forced to use CSO services.

MC Motion to allocate \$1,585 returning the money that the Program Board will cover for. (Raymond)

MCC Motion passed by consent

8. Students Advocate

Nick – How many people do you expect to cater for?

Natalie – 200 people

Raymond – Earlier this year, we gave OSA \$12,200 in November. Keep that in mind as well.

Scarlet – How much money do you have in your account?

Natalie – We have only little extra money in our account.

MC Motion to allocate \$6331.35 (Samantha)(Scarlet)

Raymond object to consent

Nick – This is an AS BCC. They are part of AS. They are putting an event for us. I'd like the board to keep this in mind.

Brian – Last year that they requested our support they didn't get much money from us.

Scarlet – Are u going to have a speaker?

Natalie – Yes.

MCP Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Winder & Spring Funds Partition

Nick – We're going still have a lot of money by the end of this year. We should set aside some money for the spring quarter.

Brian – It's a good idea to set aside some money for groups coming to ask us money in spring.

Raymond – The amount of money we have on the agenda is the amount of money we have?

Brian – Yes.

Samantha – I think we should divide the money we have into 40/60. 40 is for this quarter and the rest is for the rest of this year.

MC Motion to allocate \$400,000 to spring quarter (Brent)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

2. American Students for Israel – revisited \$600.00

Harold – Why did they not get this money last time?

Nick – We didn't know if they would get funding from other organizations so we decided to set aside \$600.

JP – Did the event already happen?

Ariel – No, it will happen this Thursday.

Samantha – if we don't give them this money, the event might not happen.

MC Motion to allocate \$600 (Samantha)
MCC Motion passed by consent

3. Reinstitution of AS Honoraria

Nick – I know that money shouldn't be an incentive to make people join AS. We're not even a full committee.

Samantha – I favor the honoraria

Raymond – Before we

Aaron – I suggest you to do this for the next academic year, not this year.

Cecilia – This would be a good thing to make people join AS.

Nick – No one does their office hours.

Brian – You can get money this year, but you can't give yourself a raise for this year.

Raymond – Is honoraria an allocation or a line item?

Aaron – A line item

Brent – How many people would qualify for honoraria?

Chaz – Almost everyone in AS.

Brent – Are we not concerned about being attacked by Nexus?

Nick – Whatever is said here will be on tomorrow's newspaper.

JP yields JP Primeau – I didn't think taking this kind of action would be good if it was right after SI was passed. Now I feel this will make AS foundation stronger.

Brain – many of the BCC are not full committees.

MC Motion 100,000 for funding honoraria for the rest of this academic year (Samantha)(

Raymond since we have already one quarter passed shouldn't it be two thirds

MC Motion made friendly to allocate 66,000 (Raymond)
MCC Motion passed by consent

4. Review Budgetary Hearing schedule

Samantha – On Wednesday, there will be a Leg Council meeting.

Nick – For now, everyone, just keep the copy.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Buranee Sliff

None.

ADVISORS' REPORT – Aaron Jones, Brian O'Donnell

Aaron – Reminder about the office hours

Brian – None.

BOARD REPORTS

None.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Nicholas Szamet

Please help at the Recruitment Fair in the Arbor.

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT – Raymond Meza

Since Students' Initiatives bills have passed, some changes have been made. We will give out copies to you later.

REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MC Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Raymond)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m by Nicholas Szamet.