

# ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD MINUTES

January 5th , 2009

Flying A Room

University Center

4:00 p.m.

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

Present: Dan Plotkin

Tina Samson  
Pratish Patel  
David Preciado  
Gloria Schindler  
Hassan Naveed  
Jackie Lee  
Serena Wang  
Sinead Kennedy  
Donald Byers  
Darshan Grover  
Josue Aparicio  
Stephanie Fitch  
Kelsey Fischer

Absent: Sarah Dasko

Bee Sliff  
Paige Blatt  
Desi Fairly  
Steven Wolfson

Advisor: Brian O'Donnell

## ACCEPTANCE OF EXCUSED ABSENCES AND TARDIES:

Dan: Bee and Steven will not be in attendance, Serena needs to leave at 4:30 and Jackie needs to leave at 6:45.

MC Motion to excuse absences and people being tardy (Hassan)(Stephanie)

MCC Motion passed by consent

## ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES:

Dan: Megha will be proxying for Kevin all quarter, tonight Doug Wagoner is proxy for Gloria, and Brittini Tannenbaum is proxy for David.

MC Motion to accept all proxies (Hassan)(Pratish)

MCC Motion passes by consent

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dan: I would like to explain that for personal reasons, Sarah will not be returning as Chair of Finance Board. I will be taking over the duties of the chair temporarily, and also be doing the speakers list.

Brian: I would recommend that someone else do the speakers list.

Serena: I'll do it.

Hassan: Don't we need to make it official? As per the by-laws.

MC Motion for Serena to temporarily take up duties of the FB Vice Chair (Dan)(Hassan)

MCC Motion passed by consent

Dan: There will be an open search for Vice Chair.

Darshan: As Chair of Com on Com, I would like to announce that given the recent resignation of Sarah Dasko, we're looking for a new Chair, or Vice Chair, depending on the legal code. Being on FB is a good prerequisite, and the position is not listed on the CoC website yet, so if anyone is interested in the position please get in contact with me or Bee as soon as possible.

Dan: That would also mean that if one of these positions is filled with a FB member, there would also be an opening on FB.

Brian: Technically there's already a waiting list from the last time there was a search for a position in FB.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

ADVISOR'S REPORT:

Brian: The budget process is coming up pretty soon, and applications for budget requests are due Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Also you all need to set up office hours for this quarter. Make sure that your groups have filled out the requisitions for their funding from last quarter.

Cindy: I'd like to ask everyone to reread the legal code, pp. 23-25 to refresh you on how the budget request process goes, and know exactly what it states so that we can all follow it exactly.

Brain: Good to know what specific boards and committees are supposed to do as well.

Cindy: We will get the final language for the budget requests finished next week, and then post a blank request application on the website for groups like last year.

Tina: What is the status for the tax on the AS budget?

Cindy: I haven't heard anything further on that. I heard that there were other groups being assessed 4 percent, but we haven't been told anything officially on that. The tax increase would be for this year, because the budget gets assessed at the end of the fiscal year, it would be a large impact on us, about \$200,000, which is ten times what we pay now.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

Dan: We have Project Eye to Eye, and Laughology, we do not have you on here.

Speaker: It should be. I turned in the request during Winter Break.

Dan: To be on the agenda today, I think you had to turn in your requests on the last week of school before break.

Speaker: We would like to have another performance this next Saturday.

MC Motion to add Laughology to the agenda under new business(Pratish)(Hassan)

MCC Motion passed by consent, added under New Business #2

MC Motion to approve the agenda (Hassan)(Tina)

MCC Motion passed by consent

#### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MC Motion to accept the Finance Board minutes from November 17th, 2008

(Tina)(Hassan)

MCC Motion passed by consent

#### OLD BUSINESS:

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### 1. Project Eye to Eye:

Speaker: (Melinda Hoffman, co-coordinator) We are requesting \$6,806 for an art room exhibit, a parent conference and a guest speaker at the local elementary school, IV Elementary. We're an organization for students who have learning disabilities, and we volunteer to mentor IV Elementary students who have learning disabilities, in order to show these kids that there are university students just like them, and helps break the stereotype that people with learning disabilities or ADD can't achieve. Last year we had this event for the first time, to reach out to the parents of these children and break the stigma that it is a bad thing to have a learning disability or ADD, and it was a great success. The speaker for our event is David Flynn, who has learning disabilities and has been a great success in his life. We're also requesting \$756 for T-shirts to advertise the event and the organization, and show that this is a great organization and we're helping students, since there's not many things that have a positive association with having a learning disability. We're also requesting \$50 for flyers to advertise. We're getting the room at the Student Resource Building, the national branch is paying for the food and training, and we're not requesting funds from any other organizations because we've already asked for funding for art supplies that we use weekly with the students.

Tina: How many people are in your organization?

Speaker: This year we have about 19 university students.

Tina: Who are going to be getting the 60 shirts?

Speaker: The t-shirts would be for the kids we mentor, our members, and anyone else who comes to the event.

Tina: It seems like the t-shirts you're ordering are fairly expensive, there's a place in Goleta called Trivalley, where you can t-shirts for much less money.

Darshan: Could you tell the Board more about the guest speaker, about his background?

Speaker: He's a man who is dyslexic and has ADD, who has graduated from Brown and then went on to get his masters, he is one of the original mentors when this organization was founded, and he has had a very successful life, now mostly he does guest lecturing.

Pratish: When will this event be?

Speaker: On June 5<sup>th</sup>. Also I forgot to talk about the art exhibition portion- we meet every week as a group and paint with the kids at the elementary. We'll have an art exhibit with all the art we've accumulated, people will come and see the art and the kids will talk about what they created, and get the parents more involved with what they're kids are doing.

## 2. Laughology

Speaker: Apologies about turning the request in late. As you've heard before, we're in our third year, and have had over forty shows. I understand that there is a strict budget this year, so we've reduced the pay for our comedians, have eliminated advertising costs, our total budget is about 1500, also requesting funding from IVCRC and After Dark. We're not just asking for funding for this weeks- this will be for the rest of the nine shows during this quarter. Hopefully these serve as an alternative to the IV party scene, the shows are at 8pm and we have CSOs. We've also been expanding, looking for new talent to maintain our high end comedy.

Darshan: How many people have been attending?

Speaker: Our max has been about 210, usually between 180 and 200 students show up.

Tina: How much did we give you last quarter?

Speaker: About \$1,000 the first time we came, and then \$2,400 the next time we came.

## ALLOCATIONS:

### 1.

MCC Motion to fund in full, with the stipulation that they look at Trivalley company for another estimate for the t-shirts (Tina)(Hassan)

Darshan: Does this qualify as an off campus event?

Brian: It's in IV, so it counts for being eligible for funding, there's no need for special exceptions.

Darshan: Would like to see if it is a friendly amendment to table until next week until after the other quote for the t-shirts

Hassan: The only issue I would have is how soon they have to book the speaker.

Cindy: I would like to remind them too that AS Publications can do their flyers for very cheaply, because \$50 is a lot to spend on advertising.

Tina/Hassan: That amendment is friendly.

MC Motion to table until next week is passed by consent.

Dan: Make sure that their liaison Gloria notifies them and helps them out with contacting Trivalley.

### 2.

MCC Motion to fund the full amount of \$4,000 (Josue)(Pratish)

MC Motion passed by consent

## ACTION ITEMS:

None.

#### BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

#### CHAIR REPORT:

Dan: Sarah has three requests from things she was working on: Email me your office hours. Get me a hard copy from GOLD of your weekly class schedule with other time conflicts written in, so that we can look ahead for the schedule for the budgeting process. And don't email Sarah anymore if you need an excused absence.

#### VICE CHAIR REPORT:

None.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT:

None.

#### ENDING REMARKS:

Cindy: I would like to comment that Sarah always contacted the groups with specifically how much money they had just been allocated, and I would get those too, and it was very helpful, so whoever is Chair, and Dan right now, I'd like to ask that that is continued, because we really need it and the groups really need it.

JP: I'd like to put it on the record that Sarah gave her heart and soul to FB, and I would like to give her a round of applause (vehement applause). I know I will write her a long letter of thanks for her work. If there are any ideas about everyone giving a few dollars to get Sarah something, I'll pass around an envelope next week. She was fantastic.

Brian: I'd like to ask that you send your office hours to Dan and also to [mailer@as.ucsb.edu](mailto:mailer@as.ucsb.edu), so the admin assistants in the office can get the schedule for the quarter put together.

Cindy: I'd like to thank FB for letting us use your office space while our offices were getting recarpeted over Winter Break, so we had a place to work.

Pratish: So when are the budget hearings going to be?

Dan: Ideally they will be by week 7, the budget requests are due the 28<sup>th</sup>, and hopefully we'll get it done the following week. I'd like to stress the importance of his budget hearing- we are the first wave of the 9 million plus of our funding, and it's vital to do well.

Hassan: Wasn't our office supposed to be redone?

Brian: That got pushed back, some other people wanted input.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

MC Motion to adjourn (Hassan)(Tina)

MCC Motion passes by consent

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38p.m.

