

M I N U T E S

F I N A N C E B O A R D

October 10, 2005
Flying A Room
University Center
4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Aseye Allah ,Howie Baker (acknowledged 4:25pm), Kaitan Bhakta , Torrin Brooks ,Jason Everitt , Adam Graff , Robert Blake Kelly, Emily Lu, Asharg Molla , Samantha Nevels, Ashleigh Rucker, Robert Jacob thorn , Brent Wisener, Nathan Wood

Absent: Moiz Ali, Claudia Garcia, Chaz Whatley

Advisor: Aaron Jones (absent), Lilia Wilson

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

MS Motion to accept Justin Pabian as proxy for Moiz Ali, Courtney Bowden as proxy for Maressa Mendeola until 4:30pm, Howie Baker, (late) is excused, and Josh Freeman as proxy for Eva Kilamyman. (Torrin, Adam seconds)

MSC Motion passes without opposition

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kaitan Bhakta - Red Cross Club – Panel discussion on Oct 13 in Helen Theater from 6-8pm. Panel members consists of people who were deployed to Hurricane Katrina site and will talk about their experience. Educational for everyone
- Ashleigh Rucker- Akanke- Ice Cream at Coldstone for fundraising.

ADVISOR'S REPORT – Aaron Jones, Lilia Wilson

- Aaron is ill

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MS Motion to add to action items, boards and committee funding (Aseye)

MSC Motion passes without opposition

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES AND CORRECTION

MS Motion to accept last weeks minutes (Torin, Adam seconds)

MSC motion passes without opposition

ACTION ITEMS

Finance Board Member Standing – Robert Blake Kelly

- Didn't realized that he was on FB until he noticed many AS emails in his inbox.
- Has 2 unexcused absences already.

Aseye – Money set aside from funds for AS Boards and Committees

- Adam, Aaron, and Aseye discussed putting money aside through AS funds for AS Boards and Committees so that they would have that money in case they needed it. Suggested to put 20% put aside every quarter.
- (Ashleigh Rucker- so would???)
 - Aseye- Boards and Committees have to come to FB and ask for funding even though they should have priority
- Emily Lu- Do we have to decide during this meeting? Would like a week to think about it and vote next week.

- Aseye- We don't have to, but we want money aside that might not be there next week and we want to make sure that this money will be set aside. The amount is negotiable.
- Jason Everitt- Boards and Committees are already suppose to have priority and that is taken into account at the beginning when budgeting is done. This money seems like it will just be for Boards and Committees that screw up their own budgets.
- Justin Pabian- Thinks it is a good idea. There's always a chance that different leaders who take office in fall will have different goals and different funding needs. They might need more because last year they weren't there to ask for specific funds.
- Adam Graff- There are boards that are not active in certain years, and they get capped in their funding. For example there are a number of boards that have 50 dollars in their operating budget for the entire year. If the board all of sudden has more members and more activity, they will not have money just because previous years were not active and therefore did not get that extra funding. If the money is not allocated then the money can be put back. In favor, because boards and committees are our first priority.
- Ashleigh- How many boards and committees come and ask for funding?
 - Aseye- Last year not a large number
 - Jason- a few
 - Emily- only Felicia asked last year
- Ashleigh- Doesn't feel its necessary because the groups that are coming from AS Boards and Committees are already getting priority
- Jason- Money on the side seems too up in the air, solving a problem that might not even appear with conditions that might not ever exists.
- Adam- Part of the problem is that boards and committees are not aware that they can come to FB. In the past FB allocated to student groups and that's it. FB should let them know that they do have priority and these funds are available to them. We can allocate these funds as we see fit. Every business has money unallocated to be allocated as needed, this way may allow for this possibility. This will save from a situation where boards and committees come and don't get money cause FB has run out.
- Justin- Suggests that money be set aside but the money can go back into the regular funds if it runs out.
- Maressa- Big deal made out of nothing. Does not understand why or how AS Boards and Committee don't know that they are allowed this money. Does not think it is necessary.
- Ashleigh- We should just tell AS Boards and Committees that they could come to FB, money that isn't used would go back to FB to allocate to other orgs.
- Justin- Queer Comm is an example of a group that might benefit from money set aside.
- Asharg- How much we allocate to other groups will be effected by a smaller fund. Disagrees with proposal
- Torrin- A low amount should be set aside and AS needs to inform groups that they can come to FB
- Jason- The foreseeing of this type of risks is unnecessary
- Blake- As long as we're aware that AS Boards and Committees have priority then we shouldn't have to set aside extra money.
- Emily- The budget process is extremely long especially in winter quarter, each board and committee has the chance to request the amount of money they need and is finalized through Chaz. This is already a projection of the active and inactive members. They can always come to the first meeting and request more money. AS has all these resources to request funds. This can be problematic because those funds won't be available in case some fundable events come up just because it is set aside and not ready to be allocated to student orgs.

- Nathan- Allocating small amount is good way to prepare for budget problems, small amount will not limit other groups, money set aside will have a deadline and will be put back after deadline.
- Justin- Student Lobby put in wrong budget request. Reason: their membership doesn't start until beginning of fall. Most committees work that way. Once they get up and running it may not be for another 3 weeks before they are ready to request more funds. They're going to want a budget and request from FB who might not have anymore funds to allocate at the time.
- Nora- Are AS Boards and Committees listed as a priority in the legal code?
 - Adam- Yes
- Jake- Agrees with Nathan, it would be great if there was a mechanism to put that money back. This is a way to make a commitment to the boards and committees.
- Aseye- Thinks we are reiterating. There needs to be a Motion

MS Motion to set aside \$500 each quarter for Boards and Committees which will revert back to unallocated funds in the 6th week if not used by then. (Torrin, Adam Seconds) Adam withdraws second. Jake seconds.

Unfriendly Amendment revert funds in 5th week instead of 6th, we encourage planning, you can only request money for the quarter that the event is in. (Emily)

MS Motion to change reverting money back to funds in week 5 instead of week 6

MSF Motion fails 0-12-4

- Don the Executive Director- suggest that money set aside each quarter that is not allocated will roll over to the next quarter and whatever is taken out of the fund will be replenished by current quarter funds..
- Adam- likes Don's suggestion

Unfriendly Amendment money will roll over to the next quarter (Justin Pabian)

- Don- Allows boards and committees to come in later and FB will not have to set more money aside if money is not used. Roll over to the next quarter
- Ashleigh- Clarification: if it rolls over only boards and committees can use these funds?
 - Don- same \$500 will roll over. If the money doesn't get used then there will only be the \$500, no additional \$500 will be allocated for that quarter.
- Jason- Clarifies what Don just said to Ashleigh, fill it back up to take less out of the next quarter.

Unfriendly Amendment Fails 5-11-1

MSF motion to allocate \$500 for Boards and Committees which will revert back to unallocated funds in the 6th week if not used by then fails 7-10-0

MS Motion to table (Jason, Blake Seconds)

MSC Motion to table passes 10-5-2

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority Inc. – Tauny Palm

Liaison- Nathan Wood

Annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 17. Providing free dinner to students who don't have a Thanksgiving, please donate food to the food bank. Requesting \$1150 for decorations and advertising. Asked for funding from other groups, other than that they've just been doing fundraising

QUESTIONS:

- Emily- Is the event held every year?
 - Yes
- Samantha- Do you come to FB every year?
 - Yes
- Emily- Since this is your sorority putting on the event and you're asking us to fund everything but the food what else are you doing to get these funds?
 - We know you guys don't fund food
- Ashleigh- What is the most important thing on the budget that you need?
 - Advertising, location, and decorations
- Samantha- Have you tried getting decorations free?
 - Yes Michael said they would donate, but what they give us will not be enough.
- Samantha- Is there a rule for money for performers? What on the budget can we not do?
 - Adam- we need contracts at least 2 weeks in advance and they're suppose to talk to program board first
- Blake- Everything but food? Are you asking for funds from other organizations? What performer are you thinking about?
 - DJ Dash, Double Helix
- Jason- When did you approach the businesses in relation to this meeting?
 - Friday
- Josh- Are you going to other orgs?
 - Still going to other organizations.
- Nora- Location is \$50?
 - There is a 50 dollar deposit and you get it back.
- Torrin- Where have you asked in terms of businesses and what are you asking them to donate?
 - Albertsons and others for money, food supplies. Open to whatever they want to give, did not ask for specifics
- Kaitan- What is the capacity of the GSA room?
 - People are in and out not everyone comes at 8
- Torrin- What are the tickets on advertising?
 - People can pick up tickets so that they can regulate how many people come.
- Nora- Do you guys make tickets?
 - Yes we make tickets and print turkeys on them.
- Brent- Is there a max capacity?
 - Depends on how much food there is and caterers are paid in advance
- Nora- How are you advertising?
 - Flyers, emails, word of mouth, posters, nexus
- Torrin- When is thanksgiving break?
 - 24th but people are leaving on Thursday that is why it is done a week early.

DISCUSSION:

- Adam- I went to the Thanksgiving dinner last year and thought it was a very enjoyable event and really good cause. However, we did just fund their Delta week, and traditionally FB has not funded the same group multiple times in a quarter.
- Maressa- It was a nice experience with friends, they are putting good events on and since we still have money we should pick something to fund for them.
- Ashleigh- Agrees with Maressa, suggest everyone go, fund one thing off their budget just to show that we care.
- Samantha- since they already came for money, we should pay for something except for decorations which they can get it donated. Just pay for nexus and flyers and something small, just something.

MS Motion to give \$150 for Nexus ad for Delta Sigma Theta (Sam, Josh seconds)

MSC Motion passes 9-3-5

2) Akanke- Chelsea Moore

Liaison- Asharg Molla

Trying to bring Shihan the poet out to UCSB. He's on Def Comedy Jams. Wants to bring him out because he discusses things that everyone can relate to: love relationships, etc. Fee to attend is \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Giving a discount so that he is more accessible to students.

QUESTIONS:

- Maressa- Charging for fundraising?
 - Yes because we put on different events throughout the year
- Emily- Facility rental is free but labor is not. You might want to consider
 - Not aware of such charges
- Justin- How many sources have you already been funded by and which are you going ?
 - None yet FB is the first stop
- Ashleigh- Clarification list of orgs that have already been contacted.
- Howie- Do you have a contract?
 - Yes
- Emily- You need security. Budgets are going to go up.
 - Trying to create a positive atmosphere thank you for suggestion.
- Jason- You can fund without contract you just need to get it in prior to requisition.

MS Motion to give \$500 for Shihan the poet (Maressa, Samantha seconds)

Unfriendly Amendment- Justin wants \$500 for Nexus ad.

- Ashleigh- Clarification, can do without the Nexus ad, no point without performer.
- Jason- Why Nexus instead of performer?
 - Justin- hasn't been able to look over contract
- Jason- Is there a contract provided by the school and is this time sensitive?
 - Yes, to pay the performer.
- Asharg- Clarification- there is more info about the performer on handout.

Unfriendly Amendment Fails 2-11-3

Unfriendly Amendment change amount to \$300 towards performer (Howie)

- Jason- FB shouldn't be put in the position of first priority
 - Ashleigh- Clarification this is not the first meeting, this is the \$500 for the total.
- Howie has apprehensions about funding performers therefore the fund was reduced to \$300

Unfriendly Amendment Fails 1/8/8

- Brent- What is Akanke?
 - Black women's support group
- Adam calls the question.

MSC motion to allocate \$500 to Akanke for Shihan the poet passes 10-0-7

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Nina Hoang

- Speak one at a time

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

BOARD REPORTS

None.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Aseye Allah

- Auditor's report at LC this Wednesday Oct 12th, everyone needs to come and let Aseye know if you cannot come. 5pm
- Read emails thoroughly, if you have a proxy you need to let Aseye know way before meeting.
- Emily- question for Adam- estimates time?
 - 45 minutes.
- Claudia says its not boring.

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT – Torrin Brooks

- Everybody is going to get an email and everyone is going to get more liaison duties because he gave himself too many.
- Serve your office hours.

REMARKS

- Adam- make sure office hours are posted on outside of door.
- Justin- reminds everyone that we hold ourselves to a higher degree of respect to each other and to the speaker, there was a lot of strong personal opinion at this meeting. Remember training: respecting speaker and don't take things personally. Set example to audience. Keep up image of FB as a respectable organization.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.