

## **M I N U T E S**

### **F I N A N C E   B O A R D**

October 13, 2008  
Flying A Room  
University Center  
4:00 p.m.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Sarah Dasko  
Dan Plotkin  
Gloria Schnidler  
Paige Blatt  
Jackie Lee  
Serena Wang  
Hassan Naveed  
Darshan Grover  
Stephanie Fitch  
Tina Samson  
Pratish Patel  
Steven Wolfsen

Absent: David Preciado  
Bee Sliff  
Sinead Kennedy  
Desi Fairly  
Josue Aparicio

Advisor: Aaron Jones, Brian O'Donnell

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES**

Sarah: Bee told me she would be out, Pratish needs to leave at 6:45, David will be late and will be here at 5 rest of quarter.

MC Motion to excuse absences and people being tardy. (Gloria)(Hassan)  
MCC Motion passed by consent.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

JP- I want to spend \$800 for travel to Cal Poly this weekend and would like to be added to action items.

Cindy: Budget report. UC's were cut very drastically. 9 million dollar was cut at UCSB. Student Affairs must cut it's share of the budget. The University charges AS to pay computer networking, admin overhead, and other overhead. Never have student fees been taxed. This year because of shortages, all fees might be taxed including student lock in fees. Each campus must decide how they want to handle the budget cuts. You should know since you are the financial arm of Associated Students.

JP: One thing that's been discussed is a rumored tax on campus based student fees. Is this the same issue?

Cindy: Yes. They want to tax all campus fees, including student fees.

JP: This wouldn't be to cover any costs, but to cover the budget deficit?

Cindy: Yes

Gloria: I'm confused. There's fees that come into AS and they are going to take from them?

Cindy: All the student fees get collected by the University, which are then deposited onto our general ledger and held there until we take them out.

Hassan: Is there a board that oversees these fees?

Cindy: The decision would have to be made by senior management, such as the chancellor, and handed down to Budget and Planning to carry out.

JP: There's a committee that is charged with assessing. The issue of the tax had been brought forward by many individuals and I brought it up at our meetings and I was rebuffed. They told me it wasn't going through. The best strategy that I think we should take is to tell the chancellors and vice chancellors right now that if it was ever to go through, the students would fight it.

Dan: When would this be implemented?

Cindy: I don't know

Dan: What kind of action can be taken to protect these accounts?

Cindy: I've been told that we would be told beforehand, but in practice they don't have a good record of forewarning us of money being taken

Dan: What is the history of AS having those university accounts?

Cindy: The money is collected by BARC and then is distributed to our general ledger from there.

Dan: Is there any way to get our accounts off the University general ledger?

Cindy: I don't think so.

Marisela: No. It would be against policy. Keep in mind that when these things get mentioned again and again there is good indication that this could go through. This could be a good point to let student groups know when they are planning their events.

Dan: Even long term what could we do?

Marisela: The university has been tasked with collecting and distributing the fees, so it couldn't change.

Pratish: What rate is the tax?

Cindy: No numbers have been confirmed.

JP: I'm gonna give a budget workshop tomorrow. I will send out an email. Outside of Nicolettis tomorrow.

Desi: What is this going to mean for each student?

Cindy: Each student must pay the fees as they are outlined in the legal code. This would be extra money coming out of the fees before they get to AS.

Marisela: during the summer, there was a lot of work done by AS members and there is a shortfall of money in the internship fund. I have asked the interns to write a report to outline the expenditures and to provide back up to allow the transfer of funds to make up the difference. I will meet with each intern to confirm the amount of work done, GPA and other info.

Sarah: Do we still need to approve the transfer this meeting?

Marisela: I will make an advisement after reviewing the interships.

Megan: If the funds aren't approved, what would happen to the interns?

Marisela: I will not to commit to any expenditures, and will need to ask for the funds to be expended from somewhere else.

Gloria: Is there a timeline for the payments?

Marisela: I will make as much time available this week and then next week. Hopefully within two weeks.

Zekee: Summer internship needs to be revised. Steps are being taken to revamp the legislation. One intern created an evaluation. Bylaws are being rewritten if needed and the application process is being improved to help prevent these kinds of problems. I know that there was some concern with executive officers and we will be meeting with Marisela to define how we went above and beyond our job description to deserve the internships.

### **ADVISORS REPORT**

Brian: Please make sure to tell student groups that we need itemized receipts for restaurants and hotels.

Desi: There is no contact info for RCO's on the OSL website. What should we do?

Aaron: Call OSL. The website probably just hasn't been updated.

Dan: I have been waiting to hear back from Richard Jenkins to get more info on this.

Aaron: About Cindy's report. Campus based student fees only exist because of student voting on them. Any changes should be made through a vote as well. You should really start working now, so it is not after the fact and isn't reactionary. Be proactive.

Aaron: Contracts must get in sooner. There are procedures that they must go through so more time is needed.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Sarah- David said Hermanas Unidas received all their funding, so they can be removed. Action items- need to add \$850 for President for travel as item 1, item 2- Coastal Fund needs approval for awards, item 3- EVPSA EVPLA summer internship reallocations.

Gloria- Item 4- Queer Commission wants to spend \$74 for a gift.

MC So moved. (Steven)(Pratish)

MCC Motion passes by consent

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES AND CORRECTION**

Nothing

### **OLD BUSINESS**

MC motion to suspend orders and move to absences. (Megan)(Paige)

Desi must leave at 7:15.

MC motion to reinstate orders of the day. (Dan)(Megan)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 1. Students Stopping Rape

Patricia- We work every year to stop sexual violence on campus. The "I want a truce" campaign comes from the belief that rape is war waged on a women's body. We want t-shirts to advertise the campaign. We are having a concert that has been funded by different groups on campus including the Women's center, and women's comm. The party shows that we can have a good time and people can enjoy one another's company without sexual violence and with respect to each other. The shirts will go to anyone that comes to the events. It won't be members getting the shirts. We hope to have a similar effect as the "It affects me" campaign.

Hassan- Is this your biggest event of the year?

Pat- Yes.

Desi- I commend this group on looking for other funding sources.

#### 2. Alpha Phi Alpha- Chinedu& Timali

Timali- This is a campaigns started to give African Americans info about voting. We aim to help educate students about the issues of both parties. Budget is pretty straight forward. Some publicity and we are also aware of food cap.

Megan- What is labor and equipment?

Tim- We reserved Girvetz and we wanted to have extra funds in case anything wasn't covered in the rental.

Tim- For shirts, we are paying for them out of pocket, would it be possible for us to be reimbursed?

Pratish- Were the shirts ordered?

Tim- No.

Sarah- They could be added to the budget then.

#### 3. Alpha Phi Alpha

Chinedu- We are holding a comedy event. \$5 per person to attend and we got the comics for free. Fundraiser for our chapter

Desi- We can't finance any fundraisers so you would need to change your event or we can't fund it.

Chinedu- Then please don't consider this event, only the Vote event.

MC motion to exhaust the speakers list. (Dan)(Steve)

#### 4. Raagmala-

Malavika- Sorry if our efforts seem tardy. We are trying to get this going. We have gotten a lot of funds this week and we still need a little more. We have also been saving money for ten years in our OSL account and will be using all of those funds. We also have found a donor that will match any contribution up to \$4500. We are requesting \$6000 from ASFB \$5500 for contract and \$500 for food. We also have made this a fundraiser for ASHA. ASHA is a student group that raises money to send to India to help educate under privileged people. Some professors have also made it part of the curriculum for their classes. Starting tomorrow we will be doing a huge publicity campaign.

Hassan: Have you asked KCSB?

Malavika- We have approached them and they said they were in a bad position but one DJ will be helping with publicity.

Dan: Where will the funds that you raise be going?

Malavika- We will be donating all money that is made to ASHA.

Sarah: Explains philanthropic clause.

Pratish- Under food it says dinner and samosas. What is the dinner?

Malavika- We will be having a get together for the artists and people to come speak with them.

Pratish: What is your preference; to have a fundraiser or the event?

Other- We would prefer to get the event funded than to have the fundraiser.

#### 5. Muslim Student Association

Husayn- We are having our annual get together. We are having our Eid dinner late because Ramadan ended so early this year so we needed time to plan this. We will be fundraising through RHA in an attempt to get more freshman. We really need food for this event because it is symbolic of ending the fast of Ramadan. We also want to add \$50 for the nexus ad because we didn't know the rate when we wrote the budget. We would like to have our one time exception for the food because of how important it is to the event. We would take a cut to the speaker to get the food costs covered.

Pratish- What is Misc in food?

Husayn- Cups.

Pratish- Is this exact or a ballpark?

Husayn- Ballpark estimate.

Dan- You said this is the biggest event for this year, do you understand you will not be able to get food all year?

Husayn- we understand

6. STAR

CRISTINA- We try to promote responsible use of drugs and alcohol and support those students who choose to abstain.

Marilyn - We want to give out info in a fun and different way.

Cristina - The tunnel will have different facts, tips, and other things. We wanted to get lube, condoms, glowsticks.

Brian- Is this just you or all the student health interns groups?

Cristina - It is all of us. Sex and Relationship give out lube and condoms. We are working together.

Desi- If you get funded from the chancellor, would you still need more from us?

Marilyn - We have more items that aren't on our budget. Those items would be covered by the chancellor while these would be covered by AS.

7. Student veterans at UCSB

Speaker- We want \$500 for food to cover out meetings.

Dan- Will this cover every meeting for the year?

Speaker- We have one a week so we plan to have one meeting a month where we have food paid for. That way we can stretch out the money for the whole year.

Hassan- How do advertise to the greater community?

Speaker- When a vet registers for school they register with vet affairs and they give us the email addresses?

Desi- Can anyone go?

Speaker- Yes. We would welcome anyone to the meeting. They are at Gio's everyweek.

Serena- How many active members?

Speaker- We usually have around ten active members.

Gloria- Would these funds be taken out of their account every quarter?

Brian- It is not automatic so I could leave the funds in there.

## Allocations

1. MC Motion to fund in full. (Desi)(Gloria)

JP- I think that these kinds of awareness shirts are very important because they get word out. And they are very important to campus because of the prevalence.

Darshan- I don't think we have come to a firm T-Shirt policy so I don't know if we should fund anything yet.

Dan- Very pertinent to our campus. This club did a lot to get other funding. I would be fine with this allocation.

David calls the question.

Dan objects to consent

MCC motion passes 14-1-1

2. Gloria - Don't know what needs to be funded out of labor and equipment.

Sarah- They might need to use a projector or mic and that isn't covered in the rental fees.

Hassan- Do they have other funding sources?

Darshan- The laminated posters seem expensive. I would support reducing that.

Aaron- You could fund a set amount that could only be spent on x y or z.

MC motion to allocate \$1159 with \$350 for publicity and everything else in full (Paige)(Desi)

MC motion to amend to lower to \$850 with no T-Shirts and less for laminated posters.

Paige- That is not friendly.

JP- I think the laminated posters are ok. That's not too high I've had to pay for them before

David- I think there is a reason for the laminated posters. They must have done it for a purpose. I don't think we should cut out items without asking the event planners. We shouldn't trivialize items in their budget.

Sarah- These prices are for Kinkos. I told them about AS pubs so the prices might be lower aside from the laminated posters, which can't be done there.

Dan- The reason behind slashing budgets is because we are low on cash and have been trying to get other funding sources.

Megan calls the question.

MCC Motion fails 1-15

MC motion to fund in full. (Paige)(Desi )

Hassan- We are funding promo t-shirts, so I want to amend to not fund the shirts.

MC Motion to amend to remove t-shirts (Hassan)(Megan)

Paige- I think this isn't much money so we should fund. Not friendly

Pratish- I don't think these are promotional because they are raising voter awareness.

Megan- Agree with Hassan, even though \$300 isn't much we haven't been funding these kinds of shirts.

Dan- They will not be handed out until the event. Call question.

MCC motion passes by consent.

Dan- Call question on new motion. \$1015.88 with no T-Shirts and only media equipment allowed for \$225.

MCC motion passes 11-5-0

3. MC motion to fund zero dollars. (Hassan)(Megan)  
MCC motion passes by consent .

4. David- I thought that since last week they have done a lot of good fundraising and outreach and they cut their budget as well. I think it was great that they brought ASHA in as well to help students.

MC motions to fund \$4999. (Jackie)(Hassan)

MCC Motion passes 15-1-0

5. MC motion to fund \$850 with \$500 for food \$50 for cups, misc \$250 nexus and \$50 printing (Dan)(Desi)

Pratish- I think we should fund all food because this is very important and cut the nexus by ten dollars.

MC motion to amend to fund \$1280 - \$900 for food, \$230 nexus and the rest the same with one time exception (Darshan)(Megan)

Paige- Call to question

MCC motion passes 11-4

Sarah- We have money for Culture Weeks.

Megan- We took out "day" when we rewrote the culture week lock in so I think it shouldn't be funded from that account.

Dan- I don't think we should use an exception to fund this.

David- I think it's important to note that these events are based around food and so food is necessary to a successful event.

Hassan- The food is very important because it's the end of Ramadan and the food is essential to breaking the fast.

Jackie- I don't know when the onetime exception is appropriate if not for this event. This event has food as an integral part of the meaning and success.

Dan- I think we have heard a good amount from both sides and I want to call the question.

MCC Motion passes 10-5-1

Sarah- What is the reason for the one time exception?

Dan- I think that should go to Darshan since it was his motion.

Darshan- I don't think I should be held accountable to give the reason. I think that religiously and culturally this event is more significant than the policies. Steven seconds.



Megan- The policy for food didn't foresee an event that was based around food. This event is food so we should fund it fully.

Hassan- This event is an awareness event to counter the anti-islamic campaigns of David Horowitz and others like him.

6. MC motion to fund in full. (Darshan)(Paige)  
MCC motion passes by consent.

7. MC motion to fund in full. (Gloria)(Hassan)

Dan- I don't support funding general meetings.

Desi- We haven't been funding general meetings so far and I don't think we should start.

Jackie- I think that we have, such as the Business Economics group, so I think we should consider that.

Darshan- I think this is an important event, but for 4 active members they need to outreach. I think we shouldn't fund the entire year now. Maybe fund some now, some later.

MC Motion to amend to \$100 for food and \$100 for advertising. (Darshan) Friendly.

Hassan- We've done this twice now and I think it needs to be addressed. We are adding items to people's events and making them do things that aren't part of their request. Call to question.

MCC Motion passes 11-4-1

8. MC Motion to table for one week. (Dan)(Stephanie.)

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. JP- One is also a travel request because I am taking students outside of the org.

Aaron- How are you advertising?

JP- We are extensively advertising on Facebook, flyers, and nexus.

Hassan- Why is this coming out of your account instead of rally comm.?

JP- They have not had their first meeting yet. I am organizing this since they can't, and they will be meeting soon.

Josue- How many students fit on the bus?

JP- 47.

Josue- How are the spots selected?

JP- It will be a first come first serve basis. I will have cards and will hand them out to people.

Desi- When?

JP- We will have one bus in front of Embarcadero hall.

Darshan- Would it be more economical to rent UCSB vans?

JP- I think that they are difficult to obtain and there are driving problems such as getting drivers.

Darshan- With the same amount of money you could get a lot more people in UCSB vans.

JP- It is less sustainable and traditionally we have taken a bus so I'm attached to the bus.

Sarah- There is liability issues with multiple vans and drivers.

Megan- Is this the only away game that you could go to?

JP- I think that this game is good because it is Cal Poly.

Megan- We gave a lot of money to rally comm. And they should be funding these types of events.

JP- Rally comm. Would still need to get FB permission and this is a traditional event.

Paige- We have funded this event for two years and I think we should keep up. And this will just allow rally comm. To be able to take people to more games throughout the year.

Hassan- I think we should give this to rally comm. Instead of the president.

MC Motion to approve. (Dan)(Paige).

MCC Motion passes 12-3-1

2. MCMotion to table one week to hear from a rep from Coastal Fund. (Dan)(Paige)

MCC motion passes by consent.

3. MC motion to reallocate the funds to the Executive Director's account for her distribution. (Desi)(Paige).

MCC Motion passes 10-2-3

4. MC Motion to approve (Paige)(Desi)

MCC motion passes by consent

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT – Brian O'Donnell**

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Desi- LRC is having a Halloween workshop and costume competition. Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.7:00 in Embarcadero  
Discuss legal aspects and sexual harassment.

David- Voter registration numbers are 6933. IVTU met and they set goals and planned retreat. Tuesday at 4 if you want to attend meetings.

Tina- I am an AS Recycling intern and we are competing in Recyclemania for the first time. We will be ranked against other campuses around the country. Trying to raise awareness and hoping to get a concert planned with ASPB. We are growing a lot and had to move into a bigger space that we have to rent from the University. We will need to request money from FB to help fund the rest of the year. Ryan will be presenting at Leg Council on Wednesday to report about the project.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT – Sarah Dasko**

Sarah- This is the bookkeeping I do during meetings. (Gives demo on excel sheets. Shows allocations, food amounts, \$250 funding, etc.) If you are ever wondering about your group, ask me or Brian. When you take paperwork up to Admin, please make sure receipts are taped down on piece of paper. Check in for your office hours at the front desk.

### **VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT – Dan Plotkin**

Dan- I emailed all of you. Please get your FB feedback sheets in to me every week. You have a digital copy so you can email a copy to me or turn it in to my box.

Tina- To clarify, you just need to contact them, ask for their info and turn it in to you?

Dan- Yes.

Hassan- Is this for workshops

Dan- No, this is for allocations at meetings.

### **REMARKS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.