

FINANCE BOARD

October 15, 2007
Flying A Room
University Center
4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jennie Beeson
Paige Blatt
Rafael Bobadilla
Sam Cisneros
Desi Fairly
Kevin Higuchi
Harold Myer
Hassan Naved
Tuyen Nguyen
Pratish Patel
JP Primeau
Jose Raygoza
Stephan Tang

Absent: Stephanie Brower
Matt Jackson
Megan Klein
Jeremy Pemberton
Lex Hamilton (Dan Plotkin)
Gloria Schindler

Advisor: Aaron Jones, Brian O'Donnel

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES

Kevin – Dan asked that Cassidy Barington be his proxy for the night.

MC So moved. (Pratish)(Rafael)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to excuse Jennie at 7:30pm till 7:45pm, and to excuse Sam at 7:30pm. (Harold)(Tuyen)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin – Sean wants to get your pictures for the main office, please stop by his office some time this week.

Kevin – I have Rong's resignation in my hand. We will get the next person in line to be on Finance Board for next weeks meeting.

Kevin – In the bylaws, if you miss two meetings you are up for dismissal. I feel that Jeremy meets this dismissal requirement. If you would like to discuss it, we can put it on the agenda. If not, then I will speak to Legislative Council about it.

Stephanie is recognized at 4:10pm.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

none

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Kevin – I would like to recommend that we add to New Business an allotment to Committee on Committees, and to strike from Old Business Project Eye-to -Eye and NORML.

MC Motion to amend as stated. (Jose)(Pratish)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to accept as amended. (Jose)(Harold)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES AND CORRECTION

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MC Motion to accept minutes. (Jose)(Harold)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Real Life

John Billings – I am here to ask for funding for our weekly meetings that are held in IV Theater, on Thursdays. Due to our growing numbers we have been having issues finding a room large enough to hold us, but IV Theater is the perfect fit for right now. At our first meeting this year, we had about 400-450 students. Now we are consistently meeting with about 350 students. We need money to rent IV Theater. This budget is the bare minimum for these costs, and this funding will help our staff as well as our student members.

Jose – Have we funded group meetings before?
Aaron – I know that we did last year.

Gloria is recognized at 4:16pm.

Jennie – Is there anywhere else in IV that could accommodate you, like a church?

John – Most of the churches are in Goleta, and a good portion of our students are freshman without cars. Moving to a location like that would cause most of our members to not be able to come to our meetings.

MC Motion to allocate \$1016 to Real Life. (Harold)(Pratish)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

2. Kappa Sigma

Jordan – We are planning to throw a philanthropy event this year. This charity is for people with diabetes, infant diabetes and children's type-2 diabetes. The funding that we are requesting is for everything from our venue to the shirts. This is our first time putting on this event. It is currently open to only Greek students, but in future years we would like to open it up to all students.

Pratish – We can only fund events that are open to all students.

Jordan – Then we will make it open to all students.

Paige – What is the donation to the Recreation Center?

Jordan – This is how we pay them. It is called a donation even though it is a payment.

Jose – Where are you keeping the sporting equipment?

Brian – Have you talked to the Recreation Center to see if you can rent their equipment?

Jordan – I will be meeting with them tomorrow, to discuss the donation and to see if we can rent their equipment.

John – We would like to buy the equipment so that we can use it in future years.

Jose – Are you renting the sound equipment?

Jordan – Yes.

Megan is recognized at 4:24pm.

Megan – How are you planning on getting people to the event?

Jordan – We are going to talk to other Greeks to get ideas from how they did it. We are planning on Nexus adds, fliers, and tabling in the arbor.

Desi – If you are opening this up are you going to raise the budget?

Jordan – Yes we will. Right now as a new fraternity we don't have a lot of money. We just need this money to get the ball rolling.

Harold – How do you choose who gets the uniforms?

Jordan – We will be giving them to the teams.

Rafael – How many teams are you expecting?

Jordan – We are expecting around 25-30.

Jennie – How long have you been around?

Jordan – We have been a fraternity for 2 years.

Pratish – If you go to Program Board they can help you out with music and security.

Jordan – Ok, thanks.

Hassan – This is a good idea, but this violates a lot of the legal code. Can you bring this back next week?

Jordan – Ok, I can do that.

Sam – What time does this event start and when does it stop?

Jordan – It goes from 10am-3pm.

MC Motion to table for a week. (Hassan)(Jennie)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee on Committees

Jessi – I am a Legislative Council representative here to speak with you about the Committee on Committees. We are having an AS Recruitment Fair next week and we need money to make this a success.

JP – On a scale of 1 to 10 how great is this fair?

Jessi – It will be an 11, you all should come.

Hassan – Is this only for this quarter?

Jessi – Yes, just fall. We will be back for the Spring AS Recruitment Fair.

Gloria – Where are the descriptions of the boards and committees coming from?

Jessi – I sent out emails to all committees for a description. These will be put into the 4-page layout that was used last year.

2. Wellness Club

Zeki – We are a group on campus promoting physical and mental well-being. We need funding for our Friday Field Trip that is coming up next Friday. It is a sailing trip. This is open to the entire student body, and the participants will be learning about sailing. We are also bringing a naturalist on board so that everyone can learn about the environment.

Tuyen – Is this your first event?

Zeki – This is the second time we've done the sailing trip, and you funded us when we held this event last year.

3. H.E.A.L.

Ruben – This event is for Love Your Body Day. We thought that we should remove the sumo suits from the budget, because we did not want to be seen as making fun of larger people. We are handing out shirts and backpacks to all who participate. Both of these will say "Sponsored by AS". Also we are planning on holding more events like this through out the year. The other equipment is for an obstacle course.

Tuyen – Where is this held?

Ruben – This will be on the lawn in front of the old Women's Center.

4. S.T.A.R.

Kara – I am from S.T.A.R., Students Teaching Alcohol and Drug Responsibility. National Alcohol Awareness Week is coming up and we want to put on an event to raise awareness. We are also asking for funding for our great American Smoke Out, which is where we ask people to stop smoking for a day.

Jose – I am impressed that you went to other groups.

Jose – Why do you have a letter from the Chancellor?

Kara – We just ask for his support, and the letter is how he chooses to show it.

5. College Republicans

Jared – We are hosting Dennis Prager, a radio host from LA, as a speaker on campus. We have made a few changes to the budget.

Jose – I am curious where your mission statement is?

Jared – I'm sorry but we didn't know that we needed one. This is to add to the intellectual diversity to the campus.

Hassan – Why do you need security?

Jared – It was recommended to us by our advisor.

Jared – Dennis will be here to talk about how we can fight terrorism.

Hassan – Is this open to everyone?

Jared – Yes.

Hassan – Many Muslim students feel uncomfortable and unsafe about this speaker coming to campus.

Jared – This is an anti-terrorism not anti-Muslim talk.

6. Delta Sigma Theta

MC Motion to table for a week. (Hassan)(Paige)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

7. Delta Sigma Theta

MC Motion to table for a week. (Jose)(Jennie)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

8. M.E.R.C.

Halla – I am a representative for the Middle Eastern Resource Center. We are trying to set up an alternative Halloween activity. This is open to UCSB students and non-UCSB students. We are expecting about 250-300 people. This event will be held on October 26th. It will be on the first floor of the Student Resource Building. We will be showing a movie, having a pumpkin carving contest, face painting, and much more. We would just like to serve candy and drinks. We are asking for funding from OSL and After Dark. We are in the process of talking to other groups as well, to try and get more funding. Also if you have any suggestions for a DJ, we could use the help. This person will sit on the second floor landing and the first floor will be the dance floor.

Tuyen – How are you facilitating the ‘organization incentives’?

Halla – We want to do this like SPF. We want to pay them for helping set up and clean up. This could be a fundraiser for them.

Aaron – The pumpkins shouldn’t be under food.

Sam – The Queer Student Union would love to help.

JP – What is the cost of for the costume contest?

Halla – The money is for the prizes.

Paige – Why is the movie \$500?

Halla – We have to pay for the rights to show the movie.

9. Kappa Kappa Gamma

Paula – We are here asking for funding for our Kappa Dash. This event is a 5k run/walk. The proceeds will go to breast cancer and ovarian cancer research. We have recently added the ovarian cancer research because we had a sister recently die from it. We would like to give all of our proceeds (which is why we need your help) to these groups. We invite the campus, community, and the county to this event. Last year we raised \$14,000. This year our goal is \$20,000, and it is coming along.

Aaron – How much are you asking for?

Paula – We would like to use our exception for the food, because we have a lot of people who need to be kept hydrated.

Jose – How are the registrations sold?

Paula – We set up tables on campus, on sight registration and also they can email me too.

Stephanie – Would you prefer to have us fund \$4,999, because it would take too much for everyone to get this set up with the AS Ticket Window.

Paula – Yes, that would make this event easier due to its upcoming date.

10. Chicano/Latino Cultural Resource Center

Ulysses – We are the EOP interns for this year. We are organizing a Dios De Los Muertos celebration for the campus. This is a separate celebration from Halloween in Mexico, and it is to pay respects to the dead. We want this as an alternative for Halloween, for cultural diversity and for the respect for the elders. One of our speakers is a Chumash elder, who will be here to bless our ground because the school was built on a burial ground. The other speaker is a professor on campus who is doing a paper on Dios De Los Muertos.

11. Engineers without Borders

Jim Anderson – I am a Masters student in Environmental Science. I was an officer for Engineers without Borders last year, and our advisor thought that we should come to you after your help with different organizations on campus. We are here to

partner with disadvantaged communities, to help them better their lives. We are not only for engineering majors; we have a lot of members who are not engineers. We are a student chapter, of a national organization, and we are an award-winning chapter, with last years project listed as the best project in the organization. Each of our members learn about different cultures, languages and climates. We want to make this a yearly project because many of our events are during the summer, and many people leave Santa Barbara during that time. The Baja Home Building Project will build a small house that can be built in about a week by 15-20 people. This house will be for a family who does not have a house currently. This will be built without power tools and will make the project more sustainable. Habitat for Humanity will be there to help as well, because they have done this before. We are trying to get more undergraduate students involved with this process. For this project we can only bring 20 people, but next year we should be able to take on more than one house and this would allow more students to take part. We have started our recruitment process for this year and we are getting a great feedback. I asked for funds for the 20 people in our budget, so that is why our budget is \$5000. We want to charge each participant a fee, so that they are invested in the project.

Tuyen – Our funds are paid for by undergraduate fees. How many undergraduates are taking part in this?

Jim – Most who are interested are undergraduates. We are not going to give priority to our existing members. I want this to be first come first served. I am sure that many undergraduates will be taking part in this.

Hassan – Have you asked for funds from other groups?

Jim – We have not. Sadly, we all got busy, but we have not as of now.

Hassan – I am worried about how you will choose who will go on this trip.

Jim – Everyone will be able to sign up. We are going to a lot of classes and fliering with OSL. I believe that we will have to have a meeting so that people can sign up to go.

Sam – Does your group cater to graduate students?

Jim – No, we don't; but because we are mostly graduate students right now it has a tendency to perpetuate itself. We are not trying to be preferential to any group.

Hassan – Are you willing to use your exception?

Jim – Yes, I think that that is ok.

MC Motion to end discussion. (Hassan)(Jose)

MCC Motion it passed by consent.

MC Motion to reopen New Business Delta Sigma Theta. (Tuyen)(Gloria)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

12. Delta Sigma Theta

Denise – We are asking for funds for our Soul Food Dinner. There are a lot of people who are tired of IV food and the dinning commons, and we are trying to give them an alternative. This event will happen on the Thursday before Halloween. We are also asking for funding for a Candy Apple Day, which will be in the Arbor next week.

MC Motion to recess for 5 minutes. (Jose)(Gloria)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Finance Board is called back to order at 5:47pm.

Roll Call

Present: Jennie Beeson
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Absent: Matt Jackson
Jeremy Pemberton

ALLOCATIONS

1. Committee on Committees

MC Motion to allocate \$5,095.40. (Harold)(Gloria)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

2. Wellness Club

Harold – This club does a lot of great things for our campus. We should fund them because they help the students.

MC Motion to allocate \$490.00. (Harold)(Gloria)

Stephanie – This is a division of Student Health, and not a part of AS. This would require an exception.

Harold withdraws motion.

Desi – This club does a lot for UCSB. We shouldn't give them an exception because it is such a small amount of money.

MC Motion to table until the end of Allocations. (Tuyen)(Harold)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

3. H.E.A.L.

Gloria – The equipment is under question, what were they going to do with it?

Paige – They said that they would keep it in their office.

Hassan – I think that we should not fund equipment.

Paige – I know that the mirrors cannot be rented, which is why they need to buy them. I think that this is a great idea for this event.

Harold – I believe last year, we funded sex toys for the Sexual Health Interns because they were for educational purposes.

Gloria – Seeing the past allotments, I consider the carnival mirrors as supplies.

MC Motion to allocate \$1905.00 for everything except for the sports equipment. (Gloria)(Hassan)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

4. S.T.A.R.

MC Motion to allocate \$1765.40. (Jose)(Rafael)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

5. College Republicans

MC Motion to allocate \$1100.00. (Hassan)(Rafael)

Cassidy – I don't feel comfortable with having Dennis Prager on campus, because he is homophobic.

JP – This board is apolitical in nature, and we only fund things based on the legal code. We don't look at the political implications of these events.

Harold – I don't think that Cassidy objects to his funding, but wants her objection to his tendencies noted.

Faris – Bringing Dennis Prager would compromise the safety of Muslims on campus. Dennis Prager stated that a Muslim congressman should not be allowed to be sworn into office on the Koran, because it doesn't mean anything, yet does not object to congressmen being sworn in on the Torah. He is against freedom of religion, and does not believe in freedom of speech. He also opposes same-sex marriage. This event should be funded based on free speech, but this man promotes hate speech. He promotes Judeo-American values, and nothing else.

Hassan – Finance Board is not a political body, and we need to maintain this stance.

Jose – It doesn't matter who asks for funds, we will fund them.

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

6. Delta Sigma Theta

MC Motion to allocate \$1555.00 for both events with the exception. (Harold)(Gloria)

JP – I love funding all these events. The exceptions should be taken with more heart.

Desi – I do not see why we should fund them this much for food.

Paige – I agree with the exception, but I think that we should give them it because of this being such a great event. I do not think that they will be able to feed too many with the funds that they are asking for.

Harold – I feel that we should fund them, because this is a great event. This is a group that rarely comes to us for funding, which is why I'm so willing to give them their exception. I don't give out the exceptions so easily, but I think that the food is the point of this event.

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

7. M.E.R.C.

MC Motion to allocate \$6000.00; \$150 for food, \$1150 for supplies, \$1550 for supply rentals, \$1000 for the DJ, \$1150 for publications, \$500 for CSOs, and \$500 for the movie rental. (Harold)(Hassan)

Paige – I feel that we shouldn't fund the movie, because Program Board is showing it as well earlier that week.

JP – The CSOs cost \$16 an hour, there is no way that \$500 will be used.

Brian – I used to do the film bookings for Program Board, and this is the average cost to show them.

Gloria – I know that this event is coming up, I don't know if we could give them less in time for them to get other funding or help.

Stephanie – The campus plan is to help campus organizations during Halloween. I know that RHA will fund the DJ.

Hassan – KCSB can do it for free, they would just have to get someone trained on the equipment. As to the campus plan, I do not think that we should fund more than one event per night.

Harold – I feel that we should fund more than one event on a night.

Tuyen – We never have enough programming on Halloween, let alone alternative programming. The SRB is close to IV so

that more people will be able to easily get to this event. This is a coming together of 7 different resource centers and this will bring in more people to the event.

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

8. Kappa Kappa Gamma

Gloria – This is a great event and it's coming up.

MC Motion to allocate \$4999.99. (Gloria)(Hassan)

JP – I voted for the ticket sales bill, but because this event is held back by this new rule I think that we should make it so that the ticket sales are audited by the ticket office. I don't think that it would be a stretch to make this an exception to allow for the ticket office to audit your event.

Gloria withdraws motion.

Stephanie – I think that this is an interesting idea, but the Bylaws were written for the funding of events that gave less to the charities than we gave to them.

Harold – What do you plan to do with the time clock? How do you choose who gets the shirts, bracelets and hats.

Paula – Each participant gets a shirt and bracelet. The clock is a rental.

Harold – Because the shirts can be seen as being sold, this could be seen as us funding profits.

JP – The logistics of a ticket sales amendment can be done by being very specific.

Harold – What I previously said is false. I think that the audit would be a good idea. I think that this event would be a good test.

MC Motion to allocate \$4999.99. (Stephanie)(Hassan)

Tuyen – I feel that the security of the audit would be in question. This would be too much at this time.

Hassan – I feel that JP's idea to write the bill is the best option.

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

9. Chicano/Latino Cultural Resource Center

MC Motion to allocate \$1150.00. (Jose)(Harold)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

10. Engineers without Borders

Harold – Last year I attended their meeting, they were not friendly toward undergraduates. The idea is that the graduates are trying to get more on their resumes. You have to put out a lot of money into these events to participate, and therefore more undergraduate students cannot take part.

Hassan – The individual was a graduate student, and I feel that we should only fund undergraduate student groups.

Harold – I would like to be their liaison.

Jennie – I feel weird about the financial responsibility of students by charging everyone \$100.

JP – I am not sure that there is any condition that our funds go to undergraduate student groups.

Brian – True, but this is undergraduate money.

Gloria – They said that they are working on getting a larger undergraduate participation.

Hassan – This is undergraduate money, and I don't feel that we should fund graduate students with it.

Tuyen – I am questioning if this is benefiting the greater community. The only thing that we could fund is the Home Building Workshop.

Stephanie – I agree with the discussions about where to use our funds. I do not feel that we should fund an event that is for graduate students and is out of this country.

Megan – I don't feel comfortable funding an organization that makes undergraduates uncomfortable.

MC Motion to allocate \$0.00. (Megan)(Hassan)

MC Friendly amendment to allocate \$400 for the Home Building Workshop. (Hassan)

Harold – Can we fund tools that they will take away?

Stephan – If we are not funding their trip, will they have the workshop?

Hassan – I feel uncomfortable not giving them any money.

MC Friendly amendment to add the stipulation that the workshop is held on campus. (Hassan)

Rafael – This event is not going on until November. I think that we should be able to table it until next week and find out what is happening with the undergraduate participation.

Megean withdraws motion.

MC Motion to table for a week. (Tuyen)(Harold)

JP – Even if this organization was all undergraduates, I don't think we could fund them. I feel that he should be reminded of following the legal code.

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to recess for 5 minutes. (Stephanie)(Hassan)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

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ACTION ITEMS

Kevin – Next week I was thinking of creating a group to discuss certain policies that are in constant debate during our meetings.

Brian – I recommend a closed session meeting to discuss these issues, not as a special group.

Paige – I feel that because we are moving we should have the meeting at a different time or place.

Stephanie – I feel that we should add shirts and “Funded by AS” on shirts to the discussion.

Tuyen – I feel that we should order food for the meeting. If we have a long meeting we will be more willing to stay.

Kevin – Maybe we should make this an informal meeting.

Paige – We did this last year, and we did nothing.

MC Motion to reopen New Business and move to Allocations for the Wellness Club. (Gloria)(Paige)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

11. Wellness Club

Stephanie – He said that he wants this to be his exception.

MC Motion to allocate \$490.00 with the exception. (Hassan)(Gloria)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

none

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Sarah Dasko

We are now tracking your office hours.

BOARD REPORTS

Tuyen – Turn in your Students of Color Conference applications by Monday.

JP – We are going to have a table at the AS Recruitment Fair. Please be there.

Pratish – Constitution and Bylaws meets at 8pm here.

Paige – I would like to table at the fair.

CHAIR’S REPORT – Kevin Higuchi

none

VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT – Jose Raygoza

The list is finalized; please talk to me if you want to switch groups. I will email you your organizations this week.

Making exceptions does not break policies. We have more freedom to make exceptions because we have more money. The Student Initiative money should go back to the student groups.

REMARKS

Hassan – Can you send an email with all groups to all members. I was thinking that the exceptions should be quarterly not yearly.

Stephanie – I think Kevin made a good point where we cannot address each other. I feel that this is the best policy.

JP – I agree with the exception thing, but I feel that we have made a rule to break the rules. I feel that if we keep doing this we should change the Bylaws and not make exceptions.

Jose – The rules are up for interpretation.

Sam – I think that it is happening a lot because we have not been giving workshops to the groups.

Hassan – We have a lot of good ideas.

ADJOURNMENT

MC Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Hassan)(Gloria)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.