

MINUTES

FINANCE BOARD

October 17, 2005
Flying A Room
University Center
4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Aseye Allah, Kaitin Bhakta, Torrin Brooks, Adam Graff, Eva Kilamyan, Emily Lu, Asharg Molla, Samantha Nevels, Ashleigh Rucker, Robert Jacob Thorn, Chaz Whatley, Brent Wisener, Nathan Wood, Nora Kobashigawa (late 4:11pm), Howie Baker (late 4:25pm)

Absent: Moiz Ali, Jason Everitt, Claudia Garcia, Robert Blake Kelly, Maressa Mendeola

Advisor: Aaron Jones, Lilia Wilson

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES

MS Motion to accept Robert Blake Kelly and Maressa Mendeola for an excused absence, Howie will be tardy because of a class that gets out at 4:15pm, and Justin Pabian will be proxying for Emily Lu who is leaving at 4:50pm (Torrin, Emily seconds)

MSC Motion passes with out opposition

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Aseye – excited about the rain

ADVISOR'S REPORT – Aaron Jones, Lilia Wilson

-None

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MS Motion to accept the agenda (Emily)

Amendment to move action items until after new business (Adam)

MS Motion to accept agenda as amended

MSC Motion passes without opposition

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES AND CORRECTION

MS Motion to accept minutes and corrections from last week. (Torrin, Emily seconds)

MSC Motion passes without opposition

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1) India Association – Vishal Mehda

Liason- Emily Lu

Diwali Function- November 5th, New Year celebration in India. Cultural performance in Kerr Hall followed by reception dinner in the MCC. Traditional and modern Indian dances, songs, skits, and comedy will be performed. Publicity concerns: Banners and flyers on kiosks and bike paths, ad in nexus and ad in the *Santa Barbara News Press*. Expecting 200 people. Applied for funding at various places. Receiving \$200 from Vice Chancellor and Sound Equipment from AS Program Board.

Questions

- Adam Graff- Is this the latest flyer?

- Yes
- Emily Lu- What are your priorities?
 - Event props and Publicity
- Adam – Suggests going to Chancellor.

Discussion:

MS Motion to give \$600 to India Association for advertising and program events (Samantha, Emily seconds)

- Adam- What is program events?
 - Torrin- For performers and singers at the reception at Corwin Pavillion.

MSC Motion to give \$600 to India Association for advertising and program events passes 13-0-0

2) Improvability- Kolby Knickerbocker and Chris Otte

Liaison- Eva Kilamyan

Improvability has been around for the past 2 years and this is their second year of putting on the show. There is a show every Friday night at Embarcadero Hall. First 3 shows had a turnout of 150, 180, and 220 respectively. Requesting \$1191, mainly for advertisement costs. Website is a big concern for the show every Friday. Ads include Nexus ads twice a week every week. Trying to make themselves THE event. Goals: upping production value, underproduction in lighting. For the winter they want to have hot cider and a musical act outside where the audience is waiting to come in, which will be paid for by ticket sales. Money that is being requested from FB is going towards advertising and paying for Embarcadero Hall (\$330 per week) for the quarter. Received \$300 from Chancellor towards production, \$660 from IVRC which has already been used for prior shows and \$705 from IV After Dark. Have requested \$300 from Vice Chancellor, and currently requesting funds from RHA. Making their program a Friday night event for good wholesome fun to keep people off the streets.

Questions:

- Emily- Is Improvability its own organization?
 - Yes, IV Live is a different organization which is part of the Drama department.
 - IV Live supports Improvability with the money that Improvability raises on its own.
- Emily- Are the bulk emails through university announcements sent because Improvability is part of a class?
 - Every week we are allowed to let people know that the show is going on in general.
 - Halloween show- we want to up advertising because it is a big show and it failed miserably last year.
- Emily- I was informed by Tuyen. IVRC already gave Improvability \$660.
 - Already mentioned that earlier.
- Emily- Magic Lantern is also another alternative to IV partying and I want Magic Lantern to be known too
 - We want to create a fan base; not trying to compete directly with Magic Lantern. Supports Magic Lantern because they are also part of IV Arts.
- Adam- What exactly does this \$1191 include?
 - \$220 for one Nexus ad for this week and the website cost.
- Adam- What is the number on the website?
 - \$975, this is pretty cheap for web maintenance, want to look professional.
- Chaz- Is this a one time cost for the website?
 - Yes it is a one time cost.

- Emily- For the future: What are the chances that Improvability is going to come back next quarter to FB?
 - 100% chance that we will come back to FB.
 - The show is very expensive to put on and we try to keep the admission fee cheap (\$3).
 - We don't care about the money. We just want to put on a show.
- Adam- What are you requesting specifically?
 - Money for the website (\$975) and one week of Nexus ads (\$220)
- Adam- If you get enough publicity would you find it necessary to continue advertising in the Nexus and shell out the 220 bucks per week?
 - Yes, we want to remind people and get a new fan base. Also, we will be advertising special shows such as "All Tied Up". The only way to get this information out there is through the Nexus. Keepin' it fresh.
- Nora- How many events and funded by whom?
 - 2 for RHA, 1 in the Hub, 1 paid, 3 in Embarcadero Hall, funded by funds from last year.
- Nora- How much of the revenues per night covers the show?
 - Ticket sales go towards upping theatrical experience.
- Brent- How many seats does Embarcadero Hall have?
 - 254, hoping to sell out
- Brent- Next quarter when you request funds from FB will you be requesting less because the one time costs will already be covered this quarter?
 - Yes it will be less, depends on success for the rest of the quarter, hopefully we will continue getting 210 people per show. Yes one time fee to get us moving.
- Ashleigh- What is the website?
 - SBIMPROVABILITY.COM UCSB doesn't want their names in front of organizations.
- Chaz- Have you guys advertised in the RHA flush?
 - Going tomorrow.

Discussion:

- Kaitan- Likes their show but thinks that we shouldn't give them as much money because the option is there every Friday. Some events are only once a year that have a lasting impression.
- Brent- Agrees with Kaitan, having 2 ads in the nexus, what they are asking for is a 3rd of our budget, doesn't think we should fund.
- Emily- Likes that they do this every week consistently, wants to encourage organizations to do work and get money from many organizations, not just from one. College Republicans, did a good job with \$25 donation phone calls.
- Adam- They are adamant about keeping tickets at \$3. Raising prices to \$5 will not deter audience, they can come up with additional funds with minuscule changes in ticket prices. This would eliminate the necessity for funds from FB.
- Torrin- Thinks that the raise to \$5 will deter people.
- Samantha- Thinks we should give them something around \$500.
- Emily- Would it be cool if we fund the advertising for the Halloween show?
- Samantha- Website is first priority because they can do their publicity from ticket sales. Thinks money should go to website.
- Kaitan- Agrees with Emily in specifying we fund their Halloween event.

- Eva- Agrees with Samantha, thinks that website is a one time cost, if people find out they can keep going to website.
- Emily- Question for Chaz- web maintenance- how much does it cost to maintain a website?
 - Chaz- Scott Bull (Shoreline Pres. Fund Advisor) said S.P.F got website, logo and brochures for \$1000, cheap according to Scott.

MS Motion to allocate \$700 towards maintenance of website (Adam , Samantha Seconds).

- Torrin- Are we funding the Nexus ad at all?
- Adam- Thinks in terms of money we have, it would be most helpful for the website.

Unfriendly Amendment to give \$500 for the website and \$108 for one Nexus ad. (Torrin)

Unfriendly Amendment passes 10-3-0

MS \$500 towards website and \$108 towards Nexus ad for Improvability

MSC Motion to give Improvability \$608 total website \$500 and \$108 nexus. Passes 12-1-0

ACTION ITEMS

BCC Funding (Discussion around setting aside \$ for Boards & Committees) -Aseye - not changing legal code, just one time thing to try it out, if it doesn't work we can change it back or fix it.

Discussion:

- Adam- I think the point Aseye made was critical, this is not an attempt to change the By Laws, this is to adopt it as a standing policy which is only standing for the term of the current board. You can't anticipate what a board is going to do year-to-year depending on membership turn out. We know that we are going to resurrect some organizations that haven't met for 5 years. And Technology Committee has no money at all because they have not met at all. Maybe BCC fund can be only for Winter Quarter, if it doesn't work we can get rid of it. Not trying to force it on members of the Board, if it turns out to be a good thing we can institutionalize it.
- Chaz- Thinks this is a good idea because our Boards and Committees never have enough money, need to make sure that our boards and committees are fully funded before we give money to other people outside of the AS circle. Had an Exec meeting with Don, we either over fund the groups in the spring and hope they spend all the money or we do this. Believes in the BCC FUNDING.
- Torrin- Biggest concern is that we are taking money from student groups, but this money is minuscule, the money is less than 10% of our total quarterly budget.
- Nora- Agrees. By 4th week of the quarter last year FB allocated all their money so money was out last year, so when BCC came last year, there was no money to give them.
- Eva- I think it's a good idea because groups that didn't exist before don't have a budget, certain percentage is okay for BCC that is defunct or we have not thought of before.
- Justin Pabian- Committees Coordinators thinks it's a great idea. BCC won't have priority for funding if there is no funding there to give them.
- Brent- Clarification- Is this a safety net? If we do not allocate correctly we will have a balance of zero and no money for BCC.
 - Aseye- clarify- If BCC's come and money is gone not FB's fault.
 - Chaz- sometimes BCC's fall short a couple thousand, not wanting to ask FB because they think its for student groups, but our priorities lie within AS. Safety net to keep our BCC's afloat

MS Motion to allocate 10% for this quarter and \$500 for each additional quarter which is reverted if not spent by 7th week. (Torrin, Jake seconds).

Friendly Amendment 10% of budget instead of \$500. (Eva)

- Nora- no roll over?
 - Torrin- no rollover.
- Samantha- Doesn't think money should go back to general funds.
- Aseye- Rephrases Don, basically 10% this quarter rolls over and more will added to make it 10% for the next quarter.

MS **10% of remaining funds this quarter to allocate for BCC's and will be recharged to an amount that will not exceed 10% of each quarter budget and in spring quarter it will revert back to general funds at the end of the 7th week. (Torrin, Jake Second)**

- Howie- Spring quarter can only roll over to the next year...
- Justin- Bring it up in the spring and have it reverted back to the budget then.
- Chaz- Needs clarification
 - Torrin, Adam, Howie- recharge funds
 - Aaron- not to exceed 10% per quarter
- Howie- Does 7th week sound okay?
 - Torrin- this is just for spring
- Ashleigh- Spring is big. Can we have the money revert back earlier?
 - Aseye- spring quarter we have more money then usual. I don't think we should worry about student groups that will come and not have money because we will have more money.
- Howie- Do you think there will be an issue with having too much money for BCC's?
 - Aseye- we can always change the BCC FUNDING, we have no guarantee, at that time we can decide to put aside a different amount.
- Adam- Spring is influx anyway, we may do something else with the money from Summer fees, this can be amended or appealed at anytime and we can change it at anytime.
 - Aaron- next week
 - Aseye- this is not set in stone

MSC **Motion passes 10-2-1 Howie Baker (Y), Kaitan Bhakta (A), Torrin Brooks (Y), Nora (Y), Adam Graff (Y), Eva Kilamyan (Y), Emily Lu (N), Asharg Molla (P/Y), Smantha nevels (Y), Ashleigh Rucker (P/A), Robert Jqacob Thorn (Y), Chaz Whatley (P/Y), Brent Wisener (Y), Nathan Wood (Y)**

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Nina Hoang

None

BOARD REPORTS

None.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Aseye Allah

- Auditors report changed to Nov 2nd at Leg Council at 5pm. 2 weeks from Wednesday.
- You have to go to 3 LC meetings, not many have shown up.

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT – Torrin Brooks

Keep it up you're doing good

REMARKS

Justin- Glad this motion passed, but I have to vote the way the member wants me to vote.

Adam- Thank you!!!!

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.